

MERLINS'S BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge

Present: Cllrs P Davies (Chair), H Studley, Mrs Q Thomas, Mrs A Palmer, M Thomas, N Stamp
S Brown, J Cole, Mrs S Hughes, Mrs R Johnson (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** There were apologies from Mrs M Jakeway and Ms D Howells
2. **Additional Agenda Items:** Draft Charter – Town & Community Councils.
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - i. **Sewage Smells:** Cllr Studley reported that there were still strong smells from the sewage works, particularly on the by-pass. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the Environment Agency and the County Councillor asking if any checks could be carried out to see if smells are above limits.
 - ii. **Newsletter:** Concerns were raised that the newsletter had been circulated late and that it didn't contain enough local information. Cllr Studley felt that other groups including the Rugby Club, Football Club and Boxing Club should be asked for a submission. It was agreed that for this year requests would be sent out. It was however stressed that because the council was no longer able to circulate the newsletter with the shop's newsletter councillors would need to be prepared to engage more in the distribution to ensure all the residents received a copy.
 - iii. **Telegraph Poles:** it was reported that only one of the poles was in the wrong position.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - i. **SPPOT** – email giving information about a local voluntary dog walking service.
 - ii. **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales** – Round table discussions in various locations – noted.
 - iii. **OVW** – Pensions Regulations Legislation workshop – noted.
 - iv. **Welsh Government** – Consultation on ban of use of microbeads in cosmetics – noted.
 - v. **Welsh Government** – poster regarding upcoming elections in May 2017.
 - vi. **Secondary Education in Haverfordwest** – consultation document noted.
 - vii. **OVW** – training programme for community councils in Wales – noted.
 - viii. **Paul Davies AM** – list of upcoming surgeries for notice boards.
 - ix. **Poppy Appeal** - letters of thanks received for the donations made by the council.
 - x. **OVW** – Pembrokeshire Area Liaison Meeting 17th January 2017.
6. **Draft Charter between PCC and Town/Community Councils.**

The Chairman gave an update on the situation. No real progress being made at present. Meeting next week with OVW to discuss and other meetings due to take place with George Allingham to lay out concerns.

7. Donations: No donations for discussion.

8. Planning

Application – 14/0321/PA – Fir Tree Close – amendment to certain conditions.

9. County Councillor’s Report

Update provided on manhole repairs. No speeding reported in St Issell’s following a recent survey. Overview provided of finances in Wales.

10. Financial

R Johnson	Clerk’s Salary	£140.80
HMRC	Clerk’s NI and Income Tax	£35.20

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

Current account has £27200 plus £8000 in deposit account.

There was discussion about what could be contributed to the community. The clerk agreed to get some prices on defibrillators to bring to the next meeting for discussion.

11. Parking Issues – St Issell’s/St Margaret’s

Cllr Thomas advised that here were around 7 vehicles parking in the vicinity causing difficulties in relation to parking, visibility etc. However, unless the vehicles were on double yellow lines, not insured or taxed etc, then there was little that could be done. Any breaches of traffic regs etc should be photographed for evidence.

12. Any Other Business

- i. The Chair advised members that should a specific course be required, OVW were willing to do it in-house. Courses could be done with adjoining councils, e.g. Freystrop, Llangwm, Johnston etc to encompass as many councillors as possible.
- ii. St Mark’s School – Clerk to ask Heather Cale if she was able to attend the February meeting and also ask for a convenient date for councillors to go and inspect the new board they had donated.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2017 at the village hall.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm.

Chair:.....Signature

Date:.....