

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2017 at the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge

Present: Cllrs Hilliard Studley (Chair), Mrs Alison Palmer, Mrs Queenie Thomas, Mrs Sylvia Hughes, John Cole, Paul Davies, Richard Thomas, Ms Janice Morgan, Grant Lewis, Allan Thomas, Nick Stamp and Mrs R Johnson (Clerk).

1. Apologies: Cllr Mrs Mary Owen sent her apologies.

2. Additional Agenda Items:

- Welfare Committee Update
- Bus Shelters
- One Voice Wales – 2nd Representative

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting – The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising:

- Planning Workshop – Cllrs Stamp and Mrs Palmer had attended the workshop but it was mainly aimed at National Parks applications. There would be another session held later in the year for usual PCC planning applications.
- Grass cutting – the clerk had reported the issues with grass cutting. A main cut was due in July with further cuts in October and regular cuts around junctions etc throughout the year. There were concerns over visibility around the junction from Greenhill Park and trees in same area in need of cutting back. Clerk to contact PCC about this matter.
- Councillor Courses – the Monitoring Officer had advised the clerk that she was happy to do Code of Conduct courses. It was also felt that a new councillor session would be useful if she could do this too. The clerk had contacted Burton/Johnston/Rosemarket clerk who thought they would be happy to do a joint venture as previously done. Clerk to contact the Monitoring Officer to see if she was able to do this extra course and also contact the other clerk about fixing a date for the Code of Conduct training.
- Defibrillator – the defibrillator and heated cabinet had arrived and was given to Cllr Cole to arrange electrical installation and fixing to the outer wall of the village hall.

5. Correspondence:

- i. PCC – review of electoral arrangements in Pembrokeshire – Town and Community Councils – event to be held at County Hall on 28th July 2017 at 5.00pm. Cllrs Davies and Mrs Palmer agreed to attend.
- ii. PCC – Road Closure, Freeman's Way – notification of road closure to commence remedial works to bypass surface etc.
- iii. PCC – Working together for Pembrokeshire – Letterston Memorial Hall on 21st July 2017, 10am-3pm.
- iv. NHS – Questionnaire on Health Services – circulated to members for completion.

6. Donations

A request was received from Kids Cancer Charity asking for a donation. It was agreed to donate £25.00.

7. Planning

There were no planning issues for consideration.

8. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Cole advised members that PCC had been buying back ex-council stock in the county to rent out as social housing once again. PCC may be allowed to build more social housing on their own land, e.g old Johnston School site and also old site of Neyland School.

Dog Fouling/Littering – there was going to be a big push in the county on issuing fixed penalty notices.

9. Financial

R Johnson – salary for May plus expenses	£169.76
HMRC – Income Tax and NI for Clerk	£37.44
Zurich Insurance – Council Insurance Policy	£741.02
Kids Cancer Charity – donation	£25.00

It was agreed that the above should be paid in full.

10. Bus Shelter

Cllr Cole advised that he had received some requests for an additional bus shelter in the village, perhaps to be located near to the school. Clerk to ask PCC about plans/possible provision/costs etc.

11. Welfare Committee Update

Cllr Mrs Palmer advised that she had attended the recent AGM with 11 committee members present. Finances were in a good position. Bingo was bringing in funds as had the Halloween, Easter, Christmas and Macmillan events. Party in the Park was scheduled for 26th August 2017. The WC had now taken over the plans for the new facilities at the football ground. Plans were in process of being finalised and costing issue was being ironed out. Defibrillator 'launch' will be incorporated into the Party in the Park day with St John's in attendance.

12. One Voice Wales 2nd Representative

There was a need for one more representative. Cllr Davies proposed Cllr Nick Stamp which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Palmer. Agreed.

13. AOB

- Cllr Mrs Q Thomas commented on the 30mph signs by the school and some confusion as there were others showing 20mph. The designated areas were clarified. It was suggested that flashing MPH signs would be useful.
- Cllr Richard Thomas advised that a resident had voiced concerns about parking on the corners of the road at Rose Avenue/St Thomas Avenue. There was concern about emergency vehicles coming through.
- Cllr Cole advised that there were proper organisers in place for the Party in the Park which would hopefully encourage more attendees.

- Cllr Mrs Hughes voiced her strong concern about the road to Carmarthen and recent closures resulting in long journey times to Carmarthen. The problems this may cause to people who are unwell or women having babies was discussed.
- Cllr Davies asked if an up to date list of councillor contact details could be circulated. Clerk agreed to send these out once completed.
- Cllr Davies commented on the manhole cover that had not yet been fixed in Pembroke Road. The clerk advised that the matter had been reported to PCC.
- Cllr Davies voiced concerns over St Issell's Avenue and the persistent parking/speed of cars. It was felt that some form of traffic calming was required or double yellow lines to be extended. Agenda item for September.
- The whiteboard bought for the school – agenda item for September.
- Cllr Studley commented on the smell of the sewage works. Apparently the Environment Agency is investigating the situation.
- Newsletter – it was suggested that the Christmas Newsletter should go out a bit earlier this year. Clerk to look into getting information from the contributors in good time.

14. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

Signed:.....

Date:.....