

St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

Minutes of the General Meeting of the St Mary's Out Liberty Community Council held upon Tuesday 12th December 2017 at New Hedges Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors Des Brace (Chair), David Mitchell, David Nash and Howard Rawson Humphries

1. Apologies for Absence - Cllrs John Butland, Robert Herrick and Jon Preston (County Councillor)

2. Chairman's Report

Cllr Brace reported that the Christmas Fare and the turning on of the Village Christmas Tree lights was a great success with only 2 cups of mulled wine left over! The Council gave sincere thanks, once again this year, to Cllr Nash's two sons who provided the safety platform to enable safe erection and decoration of the tree.

3. Declaration of Interest

These, if any, will be declared as and when required.

4. To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 14th November 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Brace that these Minutes be a true and accurate record of the meeting of St Mary Out Liberty Community Council held upon the 14th November 2017; Cllr Mitchell seconded the proposal with all Council in agreement.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes - Information Only

a. Cllr Howard Rawson Humphries (10)

Cllr Rawson-Humphries reported that although some tree clearing had been carried out (evidence that chainsaws had been used in the area concerned) since the November meeting, no real progress has been made to the path area and the repair of footbridges/boardwalks with trees still causing a major hazard to users of this footpath.

The Clerk to make further enquires with the landowner.

b. The bench at the top of the village damaged by Event Wales (11b)

The Clerk will check on the progress of this heading.

c. The damaged grass verge - Repair to such

Unfortunately no progress has been made with this heading and it was agreed that St Mary Out Liberty Community Council will arrange for this verge to be restored in the spring.

6. Presentation of Accounts and Invoices for Payment

A balance sheet for November 2017 was presented to the Council for their perusal along with the following invoices for payment:-

Andrew Brace - Grass Cutting- £135.00

Cllr Brace proposed that the balance sheet is a true record of the Council's accounts; Cllr Nash seconded the proposal with all Council in agreement.

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7. **Planning Application(s) Received** - None

8. **Licensing Application(s) Received** - None

9. **Consideration of Correspondence Received**

- a. Notice of Christmas Refuse Collection changes received from Pembrokeshire County Council. – It was agreed that a Notice be placed on the boards within and outside the Village Hall.
- b. Request received from Pembrokeshire County Council for nominations for the position of Community Governor within the Tenby Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled Primary School. – No nominations to put forward at this point in time from St Mary Out Liberty Community Council.
- c. Notices received from Pembrokeshire Coast National Parks Planning Authority regarding the recent decision to grant planning permission to:
 - NP/17/0618/FUL – Lodge Gate Cottage, Lake Drive.
 - NP/17/0621/FUL – 9 Nyth Gwennol, Saundersfoot.
- d. Precept Notification 2018/19 received from Pembrokeshire County Council. The Clerk to complete this and forward to the appropriate department.

Following discussions, Cllr Mitchell proposed that the precept figure for St Mary Out Liberty Community Council should be submitted at £5,100: Cllr Nash seconded the proposal with all Council in agreement.

10. **Reports from Councillors Representing Committees**

Cllr Howard Rawson-Humphries - Saundersfoot Neighbourhood Policing Forum

PCSO Moffatt reported at the meeting that PCSO's now have the power to administer an 'on the spot fine' to anyone who is not acting appropriately if a dog they are responsible for fouls in a public place.

It was reported that there are three Dog Wardens active in Pembrokeshire albeit one is on long-term leave, one is part time and one full time. Pembrokeshire County Council are considering relinquishing the powers installed upon Dog Wardens to administer 'on the spot fines' and this will leave all the fines having to be administered by PCSOs.

The Rural Crimes Commissioner is Andrew Griffiths .

Local Police have requested that if anyone is aware of any vulnerable persons being alone over Christmas to contact them.

Also of anyone selling power tools or watchers door to door.

Local crimes have fallen by 42%

11. **Agenda Items:**

a. The Clerks Duties

It has been agreed that the minutes taken at the general meeting be circulated to all Councillors by the following Monday when they can be signed as a true record and published in the local paper within ten days of the meeting.

12. **Date for next meeting – Tuesday 9th January 2018** **Meeting ended 19.20**