# St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

Minutes of the General Meeting of the St Mary Out Liberty Community Council held on Tuesday 8th August 2017 at New Hedges Village Hall at 6.30pm

**Present:** Councillors D Brace (Chair), J Preston (County Councillor) D Mitchell, J Butland, and H Rawson Humphries

In attendance: Melanie Priestley - Clerk

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Herrick and Nash

#### 2. Chairman's Report

Cllr Brace reported that the dinner held to thank Mr Waters (Retiring Clerk) was a success and a good time was had by all. Brian thanks everyone for the gift of an engraved tankard and stated that his time as clerk was an enjoyable time.

3. **Declaration of Interest** – To disclose any personal interests in items of business listed below. Members are requested to identify the nature of the interest and indicate whether it is personal or prejudicial.

None

# 4. To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Cllr Butland proposed that these Minutes be a true record of the meeting held by St Mary Out Liberty Community Council upon the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017: Cllr Rawson Humphries seconded the proposal with all Council in agreement.

#### 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes - Information Only

None

#### 6. Presentation of Accounts and Invoices for Payment

The following accounts were presented for payment:

M F Decorators	Repair to Seat in Village		£78
£420.00 Paid into the account.		Received from New Hedges Village Hall Committee for the	
		reimbursement of the noticeboard and mounting posts.	

All Council was in agreement that the balance sheet produced showed a true record of July's accounts.

#### 7. Planning Application Received

NP/17/0401/FUL	Ty Lan Y Mor, Swallow Tree,	Two storey extension to frontage and
	Saundersfoot	single storey extensions to both West
		and East elevations

It was noted that on previous applications made by the above, the Council had show some concerns. On this occasion the Council have no concerns or objections.

# 8. Licensing Application(s) Received

None

### 9. Consideration of Correspondence Received

- a) Notice received from McColls regarding the position of the new Defibrillator.
- b) Email received from The National Association of Local Councils regarding the LCR subscription renewal being due. **The Council declined to renew at this stage**.
- c) Letter received from Pembrokeshire Coast National Parks Planning Authority giving Notice of the Development Management Committee. **See Councillor Preston's report**.
- d) Letter received from Pembrokeshire County Council requesting nominations for the forth-coming position of a Community Governor for St Teilo's Catholic Primary School. **No further action at this time.**

# 10. Reports from Councillors Representing Committees Including County Councillor's Report

#### **County Councillor Jon Preston July Report (Not reported in the July Minutes)**

# **Loose Manhole Cover**

The loose manhole cover on the by-pass near St. Anne's Church was reported last month but was not attended to by the time of the June meeting. I chased this up with the Highway Maintenance who informed me that upon inspection it was necessary to replace the cover. This work should be carried out within a week.

# **Funding for Play Park**

I have contacted PCNPA regarding the possibility of receiving some funding towards the play park from Millbay Homes under a Section 106 Agreement. Unfortunately under the agreement it would not be possible to pursue this route for finance due to Millbay Homes having already satisfied all of their planning obligations under the agreement which have been achieved through an affordable housing provision.

#### Tree at St. Anne's Drive

I have asked the tree officer to assess the tree at St. Anne's drive. Responsibility for the tree will need to be established and any cutting work will then be carried out as required.

#### Signs

I have received numerous enquiries regarding signs that are being erected around the village and along the by-pass. It seems to be generally accepted that we operate a limited season and these signs help local businesses and people selling their homes etc. However, depending on the type and size of a sign planning permission may be required. Anyone who wishes to check on the planning consent of a sign should contact the Planning Enforcement Officer at PCC. The Planning Enforcement Officer would then contact the business regarding the sign outlining their options which may include an instruction to remove the sign.

# defibrillator Funding

I have written to the Chief Executive at McColl's Retail Group Ltd outlining our plans to be able to install a community defibrillator in the village. I have made a request for funding which I hope will be successful. I have shared a copy of my letter with councilors.

# **County Councilor Jon Preston's Report (August)**

Following the Election in May and the new administration at Pembrokeshire County Council, I have been appointed to a number of new roles as follows: Ambassador to the Armed Forces in Pembrokeshire, Local Authority Governor at the new Welsh medium school in Tenby Ysgol Hafan y Môr. I am also now PCC's representative for Tenby Museum and I sit on the Planning and Rights of Way Scrutiny Committee and the Services Overview Scrutiny Committee. In addition to these new roles I will also sit on the Senior Appointments Panel at PCC. Due to this increase in workload, may I ask that all issues that the Community Council wish me to pursue or raise are directed through the Clerk to the Council to enable me to keep track of any matters arising.

Initial discussions with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Assets regarding a possible adoption of the access routes at Swallowtree Woods have taken place and information will be passed on as and when received.

Following a request to PCNPA to consider a 106 Agreement in respect of the Millbay Homes Cross Park development, it has been reported that it will not be possible to pursue such an Agreement. )This was to secure funding for the Village Hall Play Park or at the very least receive a contribution towards play equipment.) This is due to the fact that Millbay Homes have fulfilled all of their planning obligations, which was achieved by providing three affordable homes within the development. Further information will be requested from PCNPA as to how they arrived at this decision and again passed onto the Council when received. Additionally concerns of nearby residents to the development have been passed onto the Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee and he will present them to the Development Management Committee.

The electoral boundary review is now underway and early indications are that St. Mary Out Liberty will remain within the Penally Ward. I will oppose any proposal to amalgamate St. Mary Out Liberty into the Saundersfoot or Tenby North wards as I did during the last boundary review in 2013. New Hedges is a unique village community that has its own identity that we need to preserve.

The loose manhole cover on the by-pass has now been replaced.

The overhanging tree at Saint Annes Drive has been reported and chased up but as yet to have any work carried out, I will pursue this matter with the responsible officer.

The enforcement officer is aware of signs in and around the village which may have been placed without planning permission and he will contact directly those which he deems require local authority planning consent.

#### **Cllr Rawson Humphries**

**SEPCHN meeting:** A very comprehensive Email report was forwarded to all Councillors and a copy attached to these Minutes for reference.

**One Voice Wales Pembrokeshire Committee:** A very comprehensive Email report was forwarded to all Councillors and a copy attached to these Minutes for reference.

Following discussion of the report Cllr Preston reminded the Council of Pembrokeshire County Council's Constitution regarding these matters.

# Saundersfoot Neighbourhood Policing Forum

Broadfield Hill- 3 near misses of vehicular collision reported. Cllr Rawson Humphries raised the question of whether road narrowing signs could be placed somewhere in the vicinity, Cllr Preston stated that persons do become 'sign blind' and help for the local Police would assist in this matter. Cllr Preston advised that he would contact Pembrokeshire County Council and seek their advice.

#### May crimes:

- 1 x Criminal Damage and Arson
- 1 x Violent and Sexual Offence
- 1 x Antisocial Behaviour

#### 11. Agenda Items:

#### a. Quarterly Inspection - Play Parks

The swings are still awaited for the park. Cllr Rawson Humphries advised the Council that he would find out further information and report back at the next meeting.

### b. SEPCHN meeting - Attended by Cllrs Brace and Rawson Humphries

See Cllr Rawson Humphries report above.

In addition it has been diarised for September that the questionnaire is discussed and completed.

# c. Local Democracy and Boundary Commission For Wales - Electoral Reviews Policy and Practice 2016

Cllr Rawson Humphries gave a presentation to the Council of the updated information received at the Review. (See attached report). Following discussions it was agreed that Cllr Preston would make contact with Cllr Williams to discuss matters further and report back to the Council with any further information on this matter.

#### d. Plot Adjacent to the Village Hall

The Council agreed that the building plot adjacent to the Village Hall is now becoming an eyesore. Melanie to make contact with the owner and seek further information.

# 12. Date for next meeting

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 6.30pm

Meeting ended at 20.10