

# St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting of the St Mary Out Liberty Community Council Held upon Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at New Hedges Village Hall

Present: Cllrs D Brace (Chairman), J Preston (County Councillor), D Mitchell and H Rawson Humphries

1. **Apologies for Absence:** D Nash,

2. **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Brace reported that the Pembrokeshire County Council collected the Christmas tree the day following our January meeting. He also reported that the manhole cover is still making a clonking noise when cars pass over it. This is very distracting when services are being held within St Anne's Church. Cllr Preston understanding was that this manhole had been replaced but he will make further enquiries with Pembrokeshire County Council stating how disturbing this 'clonking' is.

3. **Declaration of Interest**

Declaration of interests will be made by Councillors as and when necessary.

4. **To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

It was proposed by Cllr Preston that these Minutes be a true and accurate record of the meeting of St Mary Out Liberty Community Council held upon the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018; Cllr Mitchell seconded the proposal with all Council in agreement.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

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

Invoices to be paid:

The Clerks salary and home office £153.73

Cllr Brace proposed that a donation in the sum of £50 be given to the Village Hall to contribute to the cost of the electric while the Christmas Tree was in situ; Cllr Preston seconded the proposal.

Donation to the Village Hall £50.00

It was agreed to make these payments in full.

7. **Planning Application Received**

PCC 17/0985/PA Plot 18 St Anne's Drive – Proposed double garage with hobbies room within the first floor space

The Council has no objections or concerns regarding this application.

TPO 137 Tree Preservation Order - 6 various trees within the curtilage of new Hedges Village Hall Grounds

Cllrs Mitchell and Rawson Humphries declared a prejudicial interest and took no part in this heading.

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The Council have no objections or concerns regarding this application.

NP/18/0069/TPO Removal of tree boughs upon the land adjacent to the Village Hall grounds.

Cllrs Mitchell and Rawson Humphries declared a prejudicial interest and took no part in this heading.

The Council have no objections or concerns regarding this application.

## **8. Licensing Application(s) Received**

None

## **9. Consideration of Correspondence Received**

### **a) Renewal Notice of Membership – One Voice Wales**

Cllr Brace proposed that St Mary Out Liberty Community Council continue their membership with One Voice Wales, as their advice is invaluable; Cllr Preston seconded the proposal with all Council in agreement.

The Clerk to renew membership.

### **b) The Pensions Regulator – Notice of Compliance Deadline**

The Clerk advised the Council that she is not eligible for a compulsory pension and that she will not be requiring to enter into a voluntary pension scheme.

The Clerk will complete all the requisite paperwork and report back to the Council in the March meeting when the Declaration of Compliance will have been completed.

### **c) Email received from Cllr Herrick – Advising the Council that due to on-going commitments and with much sadness he will be withdrawing as a Community Councillor.**

The Clerk, following giving Notice to Pembrokeshire County Council, will place an advert in the Tenby Observer and prominent places around the Ward to advise persons of the two vacancies within St Mary Out Liberty Community Council for Community Councillors.

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

Cllr Preston – County Councillor's Report

- An open discussion regarding the proposed increase in Council Tax took place. Pembrokeshire County Council will set the budget on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2018.
- Pembrokeshire County Council is preparing to maximise the amount of funding it can receive from the European Union as we prepare for Bexit. It is my understanding that all funding streams will come to an end in 2022.
- The Swansea Bay City Deal will see investment into Milford Haven and Pembroke Docks. In addition to this a scheme known as 'Homes as Power stations ' will be rolled out. This project involves new build developments having the technology to generate their own fuel and contribute power to the National Grid.
- Pembrokeshire County Council are in discussions on how to make available revenue raised with the additional second homes Council Tax for community projects. Early indications are that this funding will be allocated via the current 106 Agreement route. In terms of the play park equipment, this could be an ideal opportunity to fund additional equipment.

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**11. Agenda Items:**

**a) Co-opting a new Councillor**

As 9c above

**b) Applying for Lottery Funding**

The Clerk reported to the Council that unfortunately Lottery Funding is not available for a 'one off' community project. Their remit is such that the money is spent on something that involves the community or part of the community on going eg play equipment, the refurnishing of a village hall etc. Therefor a St Mary Out Liberty Old Folks Christmas Dinner would not be within their remit.

Following discussions it was agreed that The Clerk would make enquiries with local business and charities to ascertain if anyone would help and revert back to Council at the March meeting.

**12. Date for next meeting**

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Meeting closed at 7.45pm**