

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL ON THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2018 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr T Ensom (chair)
Cllr R Day
Cllr C Hopkinson
Cllr R Morgan
Cllr A Ratcliffe
Cllr P Shread
Cllr G Soar
Cllr J Williams

APOLOGIES: None
The clerk was in attendance (Mrs J Clark)

001/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Charles Hopkinson declared an interest in the planning application as he has carried out work for the applicant.

002/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2017 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

003/19 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised:

- a) Minute 140/17 d) The Station Road signs have been replaced and members expressed their thanks to PCC.
- b) Minute 140/17h) The letter regarding Lyndhurst Ave has been sent and an acknowledgement has been received.

004/18 PLANNING APPLICATION

The following planning application was considered:

- a) **17/0960/PA: Two storey extension at Glenann, Wooden – SUPPORT**

005/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following financial information was circulated.

- a) The Bank Account Reconciliations Summary showing a balance of £27,821.90 in the Current Acct, £3,088.43 in the Deposit Acct and £16,052.56 in the Park account.
- b) The Financial Statement – Cashbook showing income of £26,794.15 (net) and expenditure of £17,067.53 (gross).
- c) The Financial Budget Comparison showing the Budget set, the actual income and expenditure figures and the balance remaining under each heading.

RESOLVED: That the above financial information be accepted.

006/18 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

a) Mrs J Clark – December salary	£194.86
b) PAYE for December	£48.60
c) CCF – Repair link and clevis slip hook.	£11.88
d) Edge IT Systems upgrade to higher income band	£68.40

The clerk was asked to ascertain who had ordered the items from CCF and what they were for before payment is made.

007/18 **PCC RECHARGE FOR ELECTIONS FOR TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

Correspondence had been received from PCC regarding proposals to recharge Town and Community Councils for the administration of their elections as of April 2018. Therefore councils are asked to make provision for these costs in their budget for 2018-19. It was agreed that due to the council being short of Members at present that any by-election costs should be taken from reserves.

RESOLVED: That the cost of any by-elections held be taken from reserves.

008/18 **SETTING OF PRECEPT FOR 2018-2019**

The draft budget as agreed at the December meeting was considered and following discussion it was agreed to set the precept at £27.00 per household which would bring in a total income of £24,530.04 plus other income and Vat refunded to £25,340.04. The expenditure budget totalled £23,990.00 which meant there would be excess of income of expenditure of £1,350.04. It was agreed to transfer the budget of £2,000 for the Jubilee Park into the spare bank account and link to the accounts so that expenditure under that heading is taken from that account and unspent funds can be carried forward. The increase is due to the on-going maintenance costs of the three play areas with no financial assistance from PCC, the Council's ongoing contribution towards the upkeep of the Community Hall and the cost of maintaining the Jubilee Park.

RESOLVED: That the precept be set at £27.00 per household bringing in an amount of £24,530.04.

009/18 **BROADBAND IN EAST WILLIAMSTON**

An email had been received from Simon Hart MP regarding the recent news that Superfast Cymru will not be providing broadband to those properties in the village that were of the understanding that they would receive a connection this time around. The reason given is that they have changed

their minds as they do not deem it financially viable. There are two options for residents which are a) Wait until WAG announce their new scheme or b) Apply for a grant to be connected to wireless or satellite.

It was agreed to write to the appropriate Welsh Govt Minister to ask when the next project will be rolled out and to copy the letter to Ed Hunt from Open Reach.

RESOLVED: **That a letter be sent to Welsh Govt enquiring when the next broadband project will be rolled out – copied to Ed Hunt of Open Reach.**

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QUARTERLY INSPECTION OF PLAYPARKS

The quarterly inspections by PCC had been received and all high risk and medium risk items noted for action. As some of the items listed had already been repaired, the Clerk was asked to meet with the inspector to clarify matters. It was reported that the grass is quite long. And will need to be cut as soon as possible. The clerk advised that she will put the Maintenance Contract notice in the local newspaper for next Friday and Cllr Tony Ensom agreed to look at the contract to make any necessary amendments.

RESOLVED: **That the clerk to meet with the playpark inspector to clarify matters for attention and that the Maintenance Contract be advertised next week.**

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) OVW Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2018 – put Cllr Ensom’s name forward.
- b) OVW Pembs Area Committee meeting agenda – noted but no-one able to attend.
- c) HSBC – changes to terms and conditions – noted.
- d) Dyfed Powys Local Resilience Forum – Home Office Guidance – noted.
- e) OVW Expert Panel on Assembly Electoral Reform – Report Publication – noted.
- f) OVW Community & Town Council Consultation Events – Next Steps – noted.
- g) Ombudsman Code of Conduct Casebook – noted.
- h) PCC Proposed Changes of Car Parking Charges – no action.
- i) Law Commission – Planning Law in Wales Consultation – noted.
- j) OVW Tackling Loneliness amongst older people – noted.
- k) OVW – Training Programme Feb to July 2018 - noted.

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REPORT OF CTY CLLR JACOB WILLIAMS

Cty Cllr Williams reported that Hill Lane main A47 road through Pentlepoir to Hill Rise has never been signposted but a sign will now be erected on the first property there.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY CLLRS

The following matters were raised:

- a) Cllr Geoff Soar had attended the PACT meeting and Defibrillators were raised. No-one knew where the nearest one is located in this area. It was agreed to put this matter on the next agenda for February.
- b) The clerk asked why we do not provide Xmas trees for Broadmoor and Pentlepoir as the Community Association provided one for East Williamston. It was agreed to discuss this at a later date.
- c) Cllr Roy Morgan was advised by someone who lives next door to the new structure at Summer Place that the structures have two axles but no wheels which is how they keep within regulations.
- d) There is a pothole on the corner of Templebar Road which needs filling.
- e) It was agreed that the Council dinner now be held on Friday 9th Feb as some could not attend on 19th January. Cllr Tony Ensom offered to invite the members of the Hall Assoc. The clerk would check with Carew Inn on the new date and cancel old date.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st Feb at 7.00pm.

Signed.....Chair.....Date

Signed.....Clerk