

WISTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Monday 19th February 2018 in the Memorial Hall, Clarbeston Road at 20:00hrs.

Present:

Phil Davies (Chairman)
Yvette Bevan
Alan Vaughan
Robert Voyle

Marilyn Bevan
Peter Lewis
Thomas Bevan
David Howlett (Community Councillor)

1. **Chairman's Remarks**

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Marilyn for standing in for at the last meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence had been received.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed as a true record.
Proposed by Alan Vaughan and seconded by Peter Lewis.

4. **Matters Arising There From**

(9a) David Howlett had reported but had not received a reply regarding the Deepford Bridge.

(9c) Sewage issues in Clarbeston Road – Welsh Water had investigated this issue, and had discovered a manhole cover in the field behind Willow Tree Lodge (alongside the playground), that had overflowed, and they would be working to rectify the problem.

(9f) The manhole cover outside Ashgrove, Clarbeston had been reported but there was no update at present.

a. (9h) The rubbish dumped along the Mill Road, Walton East had been removed. The re-routing of vehicles along the local roads (when the A40 is closed) had been raised with Di Clements (County Councillor) and Ken Skates AM (Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport, and the following reply had been received: *When accidents occur, road closures may be required to ensure the safety of those involved, to allow the police to investigate and to ensure that any debris, oil etc, is cleared from the carriageway. Whilst I appreciate that delays caused by road closures can be frustrating for other road users, we endeavour to reopen roads as quickly as possible.*

If an accident occurs that requires a road closure, the police contact our Agent (SWTRA) to request that a formal diversion route is put in place. During normal working hours, this signed diversion route must be in place within 1½ hours of the request being received and within 2 hours when the request is received outside of normal working hours. However, the request could be made some time after the incident initially occurs. The police are able to divert traffic accordingly in the interim and they are aware of the agreed diversion route if drivers request any assistance.

The need to close the road and implement the formal diversion is made by the Police Officer on site who has attended the scene and unfortunately, we do not have any control over drivers choosing to select unsuitable local routes.

We are currently in the process of carrying out a three-year Speed Limit Review, looking at road safety issues at over 600 sites on all trunk roads in Wales. Your comments regarding the frequency of incidents will be taken on board as part of this process when this section of the A40 is reviewed.

5. **Finance**

a. Balances of the bank accounts as at 31st January 2018:
Community Account - £4558.47
Business Savings Account - £3099.14

6. Correspondence

- a. Welsh Government's Bee Friendly Scheme – noted.
- b. Independent Review Panel Engagement Events – the closest for this area would be St Peters Hall, Carmarthen on 13th March 2018 between 09:30 – 12:30 hrs, noted.
- c. Pembrokeshire Association of Local Councils (PALC) amalgamation with One Voice Wales (OVW) – Wiston Ward Community Council would be re-imbursed £102.29, and the clerk would inform them of the bank details for the money to be transferred.
- d. Tenovus – donation request - a donation would not be made on this occasion.
- e. UK and Welsh governments agree new Welsh taxes ready to go – tabled.
- f. Paul Satori – donation request: a donation of £100.00 was agreed by all those present.

7. Planning

- a. Knock Farm, Clarbeston Road – alteration and extension to farmhouse and conversion and alteration to outbuildings – 17/1016/PA – no objections.
- b. Barned House, Walton East – single storey extension to dwelling – 17/0855/PA – permission granted.
- c. Fenton Home Farm, Crundale – erection of a livestock building – 17/0901/PA – permission granted.
- d. Willow Wood, Clarbeston Road – replacement of oil storage tanks and construction of retaining boundary walls with associated concrete apron (in retrospect) – 17/0833/PA – conditionally approved.

8. Received After Posting

- a. Tythe Barn, Penty Parc Clarbeston Road – Erection boiler cover, vertical timber sleepers and radon protection ventilation system – 17/1090/LB – no objections.
- b. Membership One Voice Wales 2018/19 – as the amalgamation of Pembrokeshire Association of Local Councils (PALC) and One Voice Wales (OVW) had recently taken place, it was decided to join OVW for the time being as there was a 50% membership discount being offered. It was agreed by all those present to pay the membership for 2018/19 of £74.50.
- c. Playdale Invoice: for the new play ground equipment had been received. The invoice would need to be paid before the equipment would be delivered. It was agreed by everyone present to pay the invoice of £2835.83 (this was part of the grant application for Pride and would be re-imbursed once all the improvements had been completed in the playground).
- d. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) – Council Tax Base (Precept) 2018/19: acknowledgement of precept request of £4000.
- e. PCC – Sustainable Dog Control – tabled.
- f. Welsh Government – Welsh Taxes – tabled.
- g. PCC - Horse Drawn Omnibus Applications – should not apply to our ward mainly in Tenby during the summer months – tabled.

9. Any Other Business

- a. David Howlett advised the meeting that the following roads would be surfaced dressed during 2018/19 – between the 30mph signs and Longlands Road, Wiston as well as the Deeplake Road. He also reminded those present of the charity tokens in Tesco now as Spittal Playground was an option to vote for locally, and Busy Bees Nursery (based in St Aidan's School, Wiston) would be an option next month.
- b. Marilyn Bevan had checked the salt bin in Wiston, and there was salt in it - but it was also full of water. Maybe some holes would need to be drilled into it to solve this problem? She also reported the overhanging branches in the community were a hazard to lorry drivers, and the speed bumps on the highway by the school in Wiston were still an issue for some road users.
- c. Peter Lewis again mentioned the state of the road between Dollaston and Lower Hill – the pot holes are getting worse and water is still pooling in areas.
- d. Thomas Bevan again mentioned the bad state of repair road by Pentyparc.

- e. Alan Vaughan advised that the drain by the entrance to the station was still blocked by mud etc. due to cars parking alongside it. He asked if anyone knew who owned the lay by outside Clarbeston Road (Haverfordwest Road) opposite Orton Lane? As this was now full of pot holes, some of which are quite deep – David agreed to look into the ownership/responsibility for the lay by. He also advised that water was pooling on the other side of Orton Lane on the T junction above the football field.
- f. Yvette Bevan advised the meeting that the now disbanded Clarbeston Road Playgroup and Toddler group, still had not dismantled the play area behind the hall. Subsequently the area was not insured and there had been instances where children had been found to playing inside the fenced area and damage had been caused to the football club's changing rooms. David felt that this would need to be taken up with the trustees of the playgroup as it was not the responsibility of the staff that had been employed by them.
- g. Phil Davies advised that the fencing for the playground had now been completed and it was hoped that the fencing contractor, Anthony James, would present his invoice soon to enable the grant to be requested. It was also agreed that a convenient date would need to be arranged, for any issues raised in the quarterly playground inspection to be dealt with and to erect the new playground equipment. It was agreed to discuss this in the next meeting.
- h. Robert Voyle confirmed that the drain outside Ashgrove, Clarbeston was still covered in tarmac.
- i. The clerk advised that a card of thanks had been received from Tim Gardiner (the gentleman who kindly cuts the grass in the playground), for his voucher for the Cross Inn.

10. Next Meeting

The hall would not be able to accommodate the Community Council meeting on the 19th March 2018, and it was agreed that the meeting would take place on the 12th March 2018 at 20:00 hrs at the Memorial Hall, Clarbeston Road.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:35hrs.

Signed _____
Chairman to Wiston Community Council

Dated 12th March 2018

Signed _____
Clerk to Wiston Community Council

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