

# St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

## June Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of the St Mary's Out Liberty Community Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at New Hedges Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Brace (Chairman), H Rawson Humphries (Vice Chair), J Preston (County Councillor), D Mitchell, D Nash and D O'Hanlon

**In attendance:** Melanie Priestley - Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence** - None
2. **Declaration of Interest – To disclose any interests in items of business listed below. Members are requested to identify the nature of the interest and indicate whether it is personal or personal and prejudicial.**

These will be given as and when Councillors deem necessary

3. **Chair's Report**

Cllr Brace reported that it was welcoming to see the replacement bench in place and the damaged bench repaired at the top of the village but his concerns are growing regarding the Ironman Event and potential damage to the grass verges again this year. He has requested that the Clerk write to the event organisers advising them that they are not able to use the grass verges this year (due to the damage occasioned and not repaired despite numerous requests to do so), but the Village Hall Committee are prepared to assist any way they can with the continued use of the hall and car park.

4. **To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 8th May 2018**

Cllr Mitchel proposed that these minutes be a true record of the meeting; Cllr Rawson Humphries seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

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

**The Welsh Water Drain Cover outside St Ann's Church (1)**

This cover is still proving to be problematic despite numerous complaints to the Pembrokeshire County Council and Welsh Water. Cllr Preston will once again contact Welsh Water.

**Blocked Drains at Hunters Park (16)**

The Clerk advised the Council that this matter has been reported to Pembrokeshire County Council and that they would send a maintenance worker to assess the issue.

**Weed Killer Spraying Through The Village (16)**

The Clerk advised the Council that Pembrokeshire County Council have confirmed that they have commenced their spraying regime and that the verges in and around New Hedges will be sprayed within the next few weeks.

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## **Road Sweeper Along the Village Road (16)**

Pembrokeshire County Council confirmed that the road sweeper is scheduled to sweep through New Hedges Village twice a year. (April/May and September/October)

### **6. Account(s) for Payment**

Presented for signing

12.06.18	101079	Jewson	£19.14
12.06.18	101080	PDP Grounds Maintenance	£65.00
12.06.18	101078	M Priestley	<u>£153.73</u>
			<u><u>£237.87</u></u>

Cllr Nash proposed that these records are a true representation of the Council's accounts and that payment of invoices presented should be made; Cllr Rawson Humphries seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

### **7. Planning Application Received**

18/0151/PA      Knightson Lodge, NEW HEDGES      Erection of two dwellings.

Following discussion the Council considered that this application raised concerns namely:-

- Access issues – The proposed access and egress is onto a busy junction and therefor increasing the possibility of further accidents on this stretch of road. Also the proposed access road will interfere with an established Right of Way to other properties.
- Loss of light and oversteering - Consideration regarding the loss of light to existing properties is a major concern along with the fact that the existing properties will be over looked and lose Right to their established privacy.
- Overdevelopment – The proposed layout and size of the new build is considered to be much too large for the size and positioning of this plot of land.

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

None received

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

- Letter received from Pembrokeshire County Council – Local Development Plan - NFA
- Letter received from Pembrokeshire County Council Planning Department – Advising that the revised planning application for the construction of a Granny Annex at Tegside, New Hedges has been successful.

### **10. County Councillor's Report**

I have received correspondence from Millbay Homes outlining some of the additional measures that have been put in place during the initial phase of the housing

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development at the rear of Cross Park. An additional provision of vegetation prevention will be provided between the boundary of the development and a property at Hunters Park. It is however a condition that Ecological Wildlife corridors are preserved and are prohibited from disturbance. Continuing dialogue is being held with adjacent landowners regarding improvements to drainage from the site. Despite the discussions being between private land owners the PCNPA will be required to remain observant of the planning obligations of the development.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of June PCC marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RAF. The Air Officer for Wales was accompanied by a Wing Commander and two Flying officers from RAF ST. Athan who raised the RAF Ensign outside of County Hall. Pembrokeshire has a long and distinguished history with the RAF and it is fitting that we recognise this milestone in the history of our County and the RAF.

Pembrokeshire is now gearing up for this years Ironman Wales event on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. Despite being a fantastic event which puts Pembrokeshire on an international stage, the event can at times bring difficulties to some. It is important that we engage with our communities and ensure those who may become isolated due to road closures are kept in touch with the wider community. Any feedback whether positive or negative is important to the local authority when planning this incredible event.

'Enhancing Pembrokeshire' is a funding stream generated by the second homes council tax. The application process is now publicly available. Out of the 304 dwellings in St. Mary out Liberty 19 are second homes which will raise £3232.00 for community projects. I feel it is important that we take full advantage of this funding opportunity despite it being significantly less to our neighbouring wards of Saundersfoot and Tenby. To this end I would like to make an application for a grant towards the improvement work at the village hall play area. I will seek the support of New Hedges Village Hall committee members in making the application in due course.

I would like to organise another village litter pick in the next few weeks. As in previous litter picking mornings this will be on a Sunday morning (weather permitting). The Clerk has entered this as an agenda item for our July meeting to agree a suitable date.

Cllr Preston proposed that part of his report be discussed under Private and Confidential conditions: Cllr O'Hanlon seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

## **11. Reports from Committee Representatives**

### **Cllr Mitchell – On Behalf of New Hedges Village Hall**

Cllr Mitchel reported that a resident living in Hunters Park had requested that the plants overhanging their property in the border between their property and the village hall be cut. The Council agreed that although this is really a Village Hall Committee matter they could see no reason from a Community Council's point of view that if the resident would like to cut the overhanging plants then that would be quite acceptable.

Also the Welcome to New Hedges sign is becoming over grown with weeds. The Council agreed that the grounds keeper be requested to cut back and weed this area the next time he is seeing to the grass. Cllr Brace will communicate with the Grounds keeper.

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### **Cllr O'Hanlon- Matters around the Village**

Cllr O'Hanlon reported that several residents had advised him of vehicles speeding through the village. It was agreed that this matter would be monitored and if continues then it would be requested that the mobile speed camera operator monitor the village road.

### **Cllr H Rawson Humphries**

Report Requested

**12.** Date for next meeting - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Meeting closed at 20.10**