

# St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

## Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of the St Mary's Out Liberty Community Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 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 and D Nash

**In attendance:** Melanie Priestley - Clerk  
Four members of the public

- 1. Apologies for Absence** - Cllr D O'Hanlon
- 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

Under Section 10a (vi) of the Standing Orders - the order of business be altered to consider Agenda item 6

### **NP/18/0274/FUL The Sundowner Motel, New Hedges**

Reconfiguration of internal layout to provide 8 residential units (3 new units) including new fenestration, open porches and new pitched (Saddle) roof to existing porches.

Two members of the public stressed to the Council their concerns over the potential loss of the Pembrokeshire County Council adopted turning bay which could in turn cause major problems when delivery lorries are unable to turn around to exit the stopped up road.

After consideration of the application Councillors agreed that, if acceptable to the Planning Officer, a site visit be arranged to enable Councillors to make an informed decision.

The Clerk to arrange a site visit.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

The remaining two members of the public requested to share their concerns with the Council regarding the construction, which is taking place behind their homes, by Millbay Homes.

To one of the residents' present this is becoming a very upsetting situation with major concerns over the potential flooding of her property with the land levels around it being altered by the building.

It was noted by Councillors that various persons have visited this particular home including: County Councillor Jon Preston, Councillor Phil Baker, Planning Officers from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Planning Authority, St Mary Out Liberty Councillors,

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representatives from Millbay Homes, Hean Castle Estate and Pembrokeshire County Council. Also Structural Engineers and rain water drainage specialists. Numerous discussions have taken place and many possible solutions considered. The homeowner advised the Council that the adjacent landowner had carried out certain tree clearing works but had left certain offcuts to reshoot and continue growing.

The Clerk to contact the landowners and request a further tree clearing operation and also cut and maintain the boundary hedgerow.

Discussions continued regarding this property and the proposals put forward by the developers, adjacent landowners and relevant authorities. Councillors agreed to invite Mr Dominic Brown from Millbay Homes to the August meeting to enable any further questions raised to be put to him. Cllr Preston will communicate with Mr Brown.

### **3. To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

It was proposed by Cllr Mitchell that these Minutes be a true and accurate record of the meeting of St Mary Out Liberty Community Council held upon the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018; Cllr Nash seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes - Information Only**

- a) Cllr Brace was pleased to confirm, at long, long last, the drain outside St Ann's Church has been repaired following the many phone calls made by Cllr Preston.
- b) Cllr Brace reported that the hedge cutter, to his knowledge, is still to cut the hedges through the village. It was agreed that if no cut has been performed by the August meeting the Clerk will contact Pembrokeshire County Council and request confirmation of a date.

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

Accounts payable for July were presented to the Council. Copies of June's balance sheet were circulated amongst the Council for their perusal. Cllr Nash proposed that this was a true record of the accounts; Cllr Preston seconded the proposal with all the Council in full agreement.

**6. Planning Application(s) Received - As above**

**7. Licensing Application(s) Received - None received**

### **8. Consideration of Correspondence Received**

- a) Email from J Hadley - Re Planning Application and Concerns Raised By the Council**

This Email was discussed along with the Council's reply to Pembrokeshire County Council Planning Department and no further action to be taken by the Council.

- b) Email to Events Crew Re Ironman Drinks/Toilet Station at the Top of New Hedges Village**

Due to the damage occasioned last year the Council requested that this drinks/toilet station is moved into the car park of the village hall to prevent any further damage to this grass verge. The Events Crew Manager is away at present and The Clerk will advise the Council of any further correspondence.

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

### **County Cllr Jonathan Preston**

Review of Electoral Boundaries.

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales has published a draft proposal for the electoral arrangements for Pembrokeshire. In terms of what this means for the community of St. Mary Out Liberty the Commission proposes to combine the Communities of St Florence and St Mary Out Liberty to form an electoral ward with 1,197 electors (1,236 projected electors) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation that is 24% below the proposed county average. The Commission has given the proposed electoral ward the Welsh language name of St Florence a Llanfair Dinbych-y-pysgod and the English language name of St Florence and St Mary out Liberty. The Welsh Language Commissioner is in agreement with the proposed names. The Commission would welcome any suggestions for alternative names. I will not be supporting this amalgamation and will be drafting a letter outlining my objections to the Chief Executive of The Boundary Commission for Wales.

### **Manhole Covers**

After many weeks of persistence, the loose manhole covers on the by-Pass have now been repaired. I hope that Church services will no longer be disturbed by the distracting noise that has been an issue for a number of months.

### **Welcome sign**

Cllr. Phil Baker and I will be looking to have the 'Welcome to Saundersfoot' sign at the top of Broadfield Hill replaced. Despite the sign being for Saundersfoot it sits in the ward of St. Mary Out Liberty so a bit of joint working with our neighbouring ward is required. Reports that the sign is looking tired and shabby have been made to the community council so we hope we can resolve this in the not to distant future.

Following Cllr Preston's report it was agreed by the Council that a letter to Pembrokeshire County Council be drafted expressing that St Mary Out Liberty Community Council are not in support of the proposed changes and would like to think that the Ward of St Mary Out Liberty remains as it is. The Clerk will prepare a draft letter for the August meeting.  
(24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Closing date for any comments)

## **10. Reports from Committee Representatives**

### **Cllr Rawson Humphries**

Reported that he had attended a seminar regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Home Enhancement Grants at County Hall and advised the Council on this matter.

Discussion took place and the possibility of a joint application being made on behalf of the Village Hall Committee and St Mary Out Liberty Community Council towards phase three of the children's play equipment. The Clerk to make an Expression of Interest to the Pembrokeshire County Council on behalf of the Council and Village Hall Committee.

## **11. Date for Next Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> August 6pm**