

Minutes of the meeting of Templeton Community Council

Held outside Hall, 20th August 2018

Present: Cllrs Liz Burns (Vice Chair), Elwyn Morse, Ray Greenwood and Alan Hunt - Officers of Pembrokeshire County Council.

The meeting had been called to discuss in detail proposals for the footpath outside the Hall.

The meeting began by welcoming the Officers to the site, and outlining the need for the footpath in that location. It was stated that the new Knights Court estate was leading to increased foot traffic, and would continue to do so as more houses became occupied. In addition the location of the bus stops meant that those wishing to go north had a choice of walking alongside the Green and Hall on a dangerously narrow roadside, or crossing the road, which was busy with both private cars and commercial traffic.

It was stated that the Green and Hall were both in the ownership of the Council, and so permission to make any alterations would not involve a third party. The current Hall extension plans and grant bid situation were also explained.

The height of the north-bound bus stop platform was queried – it was marginally low, and the officers stated it should be marked in some way for clarity.

The meeting then reviewed the location in detail. The officers stated that there was a pinch point where the new wall met the Hall wall and pillar. The route was too narrow past the Hall, but at the join it (just) met the minimum requirements of 1.2m to the road white line. Therefore the new wall could be kept, but any path would require the removal or repositioning of the Hall wall, and the Green hedge. This was accepted by the Councillors present, who then discussed the proposals agreed by the Council in more detail with the officers.

It was stated that there was not the money for the scheme in the current year's budget, but it would be assessed, and potentially could go forward for 2019/2020 if it met the required criteria, rated high enough in the rankings, and there was adequate funding. It was accepted that there were always many more schemes than the funding could cover. It was stated that TCC could potentially put something towards the scheme if there was money in the precept, and that alternative sources of funding would be looked at by both sides.

The next stage would therefore be assessment, then seeking funding for the design work initially, as well as safety audits to inform the decisions.

The officers were then thanked for attending, and the meeting closed at 11.00am.