

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 20th June 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge

Present: Cllrs Mary Owen (Chair), Alison Palmer, Hilliard Studley, Paul Davies, Janice Morgan, John Cole, Grant Lewis, Nick Stamp, Queenie Thomas, Jess Massey and R Johnson (Clerk).

Also present Lisa O'Sullivan.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Richard Thomas

2. Update on Amended Agenda Format

The Chair gave an overview of how the agenda will now be set up. 'Additional Agenda Items for Discussion' will no longer appear on the agenda. Any topics to be discussed must either be put forward at the end of each meeting for the following month or the clerk should be contacted before the agenda is sent out with a request to be included in the agenda. Cllr Davies asked if OVW could be put on the agenda as a permanent item so updates could be regularly brought to the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Actions Arising from Last Meeting:

- Defibrillator – No further information on this. **Action:** Cllr Cole agreed to contact Cariad and arrange for them to attend a meeting.
- Notice Boards – the clerk had forwarded on details of the boards purchased by another community council to Cllr Cole – initial prices were around £700 each. **Action:** Cllr Cole to investigate further and obtain some prices.
- Tree Branch, Freystrop Cemetery – Cllrs were advised that the tree branch had now been removed. Noted.
- Old Post Office – the post office was due to be painted. There were some queries over who owned the piece of land outside which had now been painted with parking spaces.

5. Correspondence:

- Grant for Remembrance Day Silhouettes – this was an online application to commemorate the end of World War I. Clerk to progress with making the application for the silhouettes.
- Chair/Councillor Expenses – online submission for any expenses made. The clerk had returned nil returns for 2016/2017 and 2017/2018.

6. Donations:

Cllr Massey advised members that she was personally donating items to PATCH and if anyone else wished to contribute she was happy to act as a central collection point.

7. Planning

Permission:

18/0115/PA – 34, St Issell's Avenue

Applications:

18/0171/PA – land west of Jewsons – variation to conditions. No objections.

18/0143/PA – First Milk – erection of 6 new silos. No objections.

18/0113/PA – 11 Merlins Avenue – conversion of garage. No objections.

8. County Councillor's Report

Hywel Dda meeting was well attended with a lot of local support.

There was concern over certain residents in social housing properties relating to drugs where police had been involved.

Railway bridges – the two bridges will be having remedial works carried out in 2019 which will cause some disruption to traffic flow.

9. Financial

R Johnson – Salary and expenses	£169.76
HMRC – NI & Income Tax	£37.44
Ahsmole – PAYE services	£48.00

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

Current Account Balance – £20555.54

Cllr Davies asked if the budget could be looked at to allow some training allowances etc. Agenda item for September.

10. Update on Police Hate Crime

Cllr Davies updated the council on the meeting held with PC Eve Rees. PC Rees had now informed the complainant that there was no hate crime to be answered for and that MBCC was extremely upset about the complaint made against the council. The matter was now concluded. .

11. Representative for St Mark's School

Following on from the AGM, Cllr Mrs Thomas advised that she had been the representative for 20 years and would like to continue until her current period of office came to an end. She agreed that she would be happy to continue until the Annual Meeting in May 2019 when the position could be looked at attain.

Cllr Davies proposed that Cllr Mrs Thomas remained as representative for St Mark's school and was seconded by Cllr Stamp. All in agreement.

12. Councillor Vacancy

One application was received from Lisa O'Sullivan. Cllr Grant Lewis proposed that the application be accepted and was seconded by Cllr Davies. All in agreement. Cllr Mrs O' Sullivan was welcomed onto the council.

13. Event for Mrs Sylvia Hughes

Cllr Davies advised that Mrs Hughes was now in hospital and likely to be there for some considerable time so an event was not very likely. **Action:** The clerk agreed to arrange a fruit basket to be delivered to Mrs Hughes in hospital.

14. Clerk's Contract of Employment

The clerk left the meeting at 8.15pm before the discussion took place as agreed previously with the Chair.

15. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

Signed:..... **Chair**

Dated:.....