

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Present: Cllrs Nia Phillips, Alun Williams, Robin Howells, Derek Jones, John Evans, Iain Wood, Michael Pettit, Scott Sinclair (vice-Chair), John Mathias; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C'llrs Paddy McNamara, Laurence Price.

Declarations of known interests

None.

Minutes of September 2018 monthly meeting

Accounts – The name of the Member recorded as having seconded the accounts payments was changed from John Mathias to John Evans. With this correction, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'lr Robin Howells, seconder C'lr John Evans).

Discussion of Ashdale Lane / Foxhall speed monitoring survey results.

Mrs. Pat Gallanders was present, and was invited by the Chairman to address the meeting, as she had indicated some concerns over the issues to be debated, and had been involved in discussions with P.C.C. over them. She expressed concern at some of the speed survey results, which she felt indicated significant speeding problems that she felt needed addressing. She asked if the Community Council would consider asking for signage, either repeater 30mph signs or speed-activated signage. Members explained that repeater signage was not thought to be possible under current regulations. However, Mrs. Gallanders thought there was already one repeater sign somewhere in the vicinity of Nash Farm. She also commented that she felt there was a need for more rigorous speeding enforcement throughout Hill Mountain. Some Members felt that more signage would be of limited value, and not necessarily solve the problem. Another suggestion made was to pursue informal speed monitoring via the Community Speedwatch scheme, though this was not taken up by Members. The Clerk was asked to contact P.C.C. to ask them to request increased speed monitoring and enforcement along Ashdale Lane in the light of the survey results.

Matters Arising

Main Road speed monitoring. C'lr Alun Williams raised the matter of the two surveys carried out along the main road in April / May 2018. These indicated a significant speeding problem along the main road, which was made worse by the absence of a footpath along much of the route. It was agreed for the Clerk to extend the request to P.C.C. for speeding enforcement in Ashdale Lane to include the main road as well.

Sandy Bear. C'lr Nia Phillips mentioned that there is information available online about the charity, but no further substantive information about their status had been found. Matter of possible donation held for further consideration next month.

Noticeboard repairs. Members were informed that the work was due to be put in hand imminently.

St. Marys Church. C'lr John Mathias had spoken to the Church representatives about their request for clearance work to be undertaken around the baptism pool area. He had told them we would get One Stop to clear the pond, and surrounding areas for which the Community Council has responsibility, but not the car park area. C'lr John Mathias to obtain a further quotation from One Stop, as it was felt that the previous quotation may not now be valid. This to be

circulated to Members via the Clerk. Members agreed in principle for the work to proceed if the quotation was 'reasonable'.

Plans

Applications

18/0603/PA (Extension to existing garage, 6, Cleddau Close, LLANGWM, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 4NQ) – No comments.

NP/18/0544/FUL (Attic conversion, rooflights, roof dormers and associated alterations, Hazeldown, Houghton, Milford Haven SA73 1NJ) – No comments.

18/0641/PA (Change of use of the land to garden in retrospect - Hideaway Lodge, Ashdale Lane, LLANGWM, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 4NU) – Members deferred discussion on this application, as there had been little time for them to examine the proposals, which had only been received on the day of the meeting. Clerk to seek agreement to defer a response until after the next meeting, and inform members accordingly. If this could not be agreed, consideration would be given to a possible special meeting. [NOTE – C’lfr Alun Williams informed Members that he would need to declare a personal and prejudicial interest in the application when it was discussed, as he was a close neighbour affected by the proposals outlined in the application].

Consents issued

18/0412/PA (Extensions and Alterations, 1 , Glenfield Park, Burton, Milford Haven, SA73 1PG).

Correspondence

- 1) Auditors – Notification of completion of audit – dealt with in Accounts below.
- 2) H.M.R.C. – Notification of new arrangements for reclaiming VAT – Left with Clerk for any necessary action.
- 3) P.C.C. – Thanks for letter sent regarding common land at Sardis – noted.
- 4) Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys – September newsletter – noted.
- 5) Community Health Council – 2018/19 report – noted.
- 6) Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel – Annual report – noted.
- 7) P.C.C. – New environmental enforcement scheme – Members noted some reports indicating that the new arrangement seemed to be working.
- 8) PATCH - Request for financial assistance – Members approved a £50 donation, approved in 'Accounts' below.
- 9) P.C.C. – Feedback regarding footpath between Hill Mountain and Sardis – C’lfr Alun Williams said that if weedkiller had been applied, it had not worked properly, and the path had not been cleared. He also referred to a drain cover on the path which was currently covered in mud. Clerk to respond to P.C.C. accordingly.
- 10) Mrs. Joan Williams – Complaints about through traffic using the lower road from Barnlake to Burton Ferry – Members understood the concerns, and felt that a roundabout at the northern end of the Cleddau Bridge was needed to properly address the situation. Clerk to make approaches to P.C.C. / Trunk Road Agency about this. Clerk to respond to Mrs. Williams’ email to note her comments, and inform her of actions being proposed.
- 11) Welsh Government – Information on environmental grants – noted.
- 12) Paul Davies A.M. – September newsletter – noted.
- 13) Rob Summons – Update on possible new pavement provision near Village Hall – Clerk to thank C’lfr Summons for information, and ask him to push the matter as much as possible.
- 14) P.C.C. – Notification of current consultations on toilet provision, crematorium development and Tenby pedestrianisation scheme changes – noted.
- 15) Network Rail – Notification of proposed bridge replacements, Merlin’s Bridge – noted.
- 16) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Draft 2019 report – agenda item for November.

- 17) M.& W. Wales Fire & Rescue Authority – Draft Corporate Plan - 2019-24 – noted.
- 18) P.C.C. – Feedback on highway issues outside Stornoway – C’lir Alun Williams undertook to speak to the lady in Stornoway and pass on the feedback to her. He felt that the matter had not been adequately addressed by P.C.C., as he said that they had previously undertaken to carry out drainage works along further sections of the road, but had not carried this out, with detrimental effects. C’lir Alun Williams to speak with P.C.C. engineer regarding this matter.

Accounts

Payments

St. David’s Diocesan Board of Finance (lease, Houghton Playing Field)	:	£200-00
P.A.T.C.H. (donation to Christmas Toy Appeal)	:	£ 50-00

Quarterly budget review

Members discussed the budget figures provided by the Clerk. No immediate action was felt necessary, but it was decided to examine the matter monthly until the Precept discussion in January 2019.

Audit

The Clerk informed Members that an unqualified approval of the 2017/18 accounts had been issued by the Wales Audit Office. However, an advisory letter had been issued with a number of minor recommendations, though these did not affect the audit opinion. Clerk to action changes as necessary.

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’lir John Evans, seconder C’lir John Mathias).

Discussion of issues at Ashdale Lane / Foxhall (junction road markings, drainage, telephone kiosk)

Highway issues outside Stornoway. Covered in ‘Correspondence’ item 18 above.

Elidyr Park. C’lir Alun Williams mentioned problems with vehicles exiting Elidyr Park unsafely. It was thought that the problem was made worse by the absence of road markings at the junction (it was noted that the roadway in Elidyr Park was unadopted). Clerk to contact P.C.C. to ask if anything could be done to improve the situation.

Telephone kiosk at Port Lion. C’lir Alun Williams commented on the unacceptable state of the kiosk. Clerk to contact BT regarding the matter, to ask them to either clean it up or arrange its removal.

[NOTE – at this point C’lir Alun Williams left the meeting].

Discussion of sewage discharge problems at Houghton

The Clerk had received responses from the local M.P. Stephen Crabb, N.R.W., and Welsh Water.

The officer from N.R.W. had said he was pursuing a site meeting with Welsh Water, and would provide more feedback following this. He had also recommended that any incidents occurring should be reported to their pollution hotline on 03000 653000. The Officer from Welsh Water had offered to attend a Community Council meeting. Clerk to make contact to accept this offer, provided the site visit and research had been done in advance by them.

Discussion of reinstatement of Houghton Green bollards

A further quotation had been received back from P.C.C.. They would charge a further £1200 to reinstate the topsoil areas and re-seed. Clerk to contact P.C.C. to take up their original quotation for bollard replacement with longer bollards.

Discussion of situation re. land at Barnlake

A positive response had been received from Meadow Homes which needed to be followed up. Clerk to respond to them thanking them. Joint site meeting to be arranged with B.C.C. / P.C.C. / Meadow Homes. Clerk to initiate arrangements and circulate to all, and involve C'llr Rob Summons for information / support.

The possibility of obtaining funds from the 'Enhancing Pembrokeshire' grant scheme was also mentioned, though no actions were agreed in relation to this.

Discussion of common land issues at Sardis

A site meeting had taken place with the P.C.C. Common Land Officer. A plan of the area had been prepared, and was considered by Members.

Options for protecting / utilising the site were discussed. These included possible development as a wildlife site, or tree-planting.

Members did not agree on any actions in relation to the Common, with some Members feeling that nothing should be done. It was generally agreed that any problems relating to storage of materials along the access lane were not a matter for the Community Council.

C'llr Scott Sinclair undertook to explore the possibility of obtaining grants from the Welsh Water biodiversity grant scheme.

Discussion of 'Enhancing Pembrokeshire' grant funding arrangement

Nothing further to report.

Discussion of non-replacement of postbox at Bowling's Corner

Clerk to write again to Post Office as the postbox had still not been replaced. Letter also to be sent to the local M.P. asking him to involve himself in the matter.

Discussion of draft charter between P.C.C. and community councils

Deferred for discussion in November.

Discussion of Jubilee Hall Committee plans for 2019 summer fete

Members were happy for the event to proceed, on the understanding that insurance cover would be provided via the Jubilee Hall Committee's insurance, and the Hall Committee would be wholly responsible for arranging and managing the event. C'llr John Evans to be the main point of contact for the event on behalf of the Hall Committee.

Clerk to check with B.C.C. insurers regarding any potential liability that could arise.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Any other business

Pathway behind Prince of Wales Close. Problems with the footpath to be placed on November agenda for discussion.

Defibrillators. C'llr Michael Pettit raised the matter of battery checks on the defibrillators. It was mentioned that this was done by individual Members on an ad hoc basis, when passing the cabinets.

The meeting ended at 9-10pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 7th November 2018