       PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Puncheston Community Council was held on Wednesday 26 September 2018 at Puncheston School at 8.00 pm.

Present: Mrs. Alison Evans, Messrs. Dewi Lewis, Wyn Williams, Peter Lilley, Cllr Bob Kilmister and Mrs. Eirian Forrest, Clerk.

1. Apologies: Received from Gareth Howells, Anne Thomas

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members. The minutes were agreed as being a true record and were signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

1. Sharon Wormleighton - The Clerk had received an email thanking the community council for her gift. Wyn Williams was reimbursed 20.00 for the gift voucher.
2. Wyn Williams brought in his passport, driving license and proof of address. Copies of these, along with the personal details form will be sent to Barclays Bank with the documents received from Dewi Lewis and Alison Evans.
3. The sunken area on the C3008 road just outside Puncheston has been repaired.
4. Surface water problem on C3008 near Lower Puncheston which was recently filled with concrete still persists, seems to be worse than before. The Clerk will report.
5. Speeding complaint – Cllr Kilmister invited comments from the public on this issue on Facebook but received nil response, therefore would be unable to put a case forward to Highways for a reduction in the speed limit. It was proposed and agreed to leave this matter for the time being.
6. Enhance Pembrokeshire Grant – Cllr Kilmister hasn’t received any ideas from members of the public on Facebook. A project that Rev Davies and Amanda Lawrence are working on to mark the centenary armistice of World War 1 was discussed. The project is similar to the mosaics in Wolfscastle and it was queried if this grant could be used towards this for mosaics in Little Newcastle and Puncheston. Further discussion needed on this matter.
7. Boundary Commission – acknowledgement email received for the suggestion Bro Gwaun.
8. Centenary Armistice – it was agreed that the cost of the memorial benches received from David Ogilvie Engineering were too expensive. It was suggested that it may be cheaper to have a bench made by a local Blacksmith. Wyn Williams agreed to make enquiries with Eifion Thomas in Dinas Cross.
9. Chains on the village fence – Dewi Lewis had been told that Robert Griffiths had removed them to clean and repaint.

4. Highway matters

1. Wyn Williams reported that the road from Glyn Helyg needs resurfacing but unsure if this is a PCC highway. Cllr Kilmister asked Wyn to take a photograph and send it to him, and will then make enquiries.
2. Alison Evans said that the road near Garndeifog hasn’t been resurfaced. Cllr Kilmister said that the list is being worked through and suggested to leave until the end of October and will review then.
3. A pot hole reported on the Puncheston to Little Newcastle near Martel House and one between Linton and Beulah Chapel, Little Newcastle. The Clerk agreed to report.
4. The clerk to report again the surface water problem on C3008 near Lower Puncheston.

5. Planning

18/0601/PA – Plot north of Ty Newydd, Puncheston – Erection of dwelling – It was agreed to support this application

18/0622/PA – Plum Tree House, Little Newcastle - Extension and alterations to dwelling, garden extension and erection of a garage – it was agreed to support this application

For info: NP/15/0528 – Carregwen, Tufton – conversion of 2 former agricultural buildings to holiday accommodation - approved 10.07.2018

6. Correspondence

1. Precept payment received 17.08.18 amount 733.00 pounds.
2. Pembrokeshire County Council – change in approach to tackling littering, dog fouling and other anti-social behavior
3. Clerks & Councils Direct - circulated

7. Any Other Business

1. Puncheston School has applied for funding from the National Heritage Lottery Find to study the impact World War 1 had on local families. Other projects, such as ceramic mosaic sculptures, peace symbols, poem, and a booklet made by the children will also form part of the project. The Community Council has sent a letter of support.
2. War memorial at Puncheston Cemetery – for the Centenary Armistice the original plan was to restore the war memorial but this has raised various issues one of which is who owns and is responsible for the cemetery, and secondly there is no longer a Burial Board. Rev Davies chaired a Puncheston Village meeting on 25 September 2018 and has also been researching these matters. It appears that when the Parish Council was abolished and replaced by the Community Council in 1974 the Community Council became responsible and took over the rights of the old Parish Council. It is assumed that the Community Council is responsible for half of the cemetery (church side) and is still the Burial Authority. Further investigation is needed. Cllr Kilmister has made enquiries about the war memorial with Neil McCarthy at PCC. Peter Lilly raised concerns over the state of the frontage of the cemetery which needs repairs. It was agreed that ownership needs to be established first, and if the Community Council is responsible insurance would be required.
3. Little Newcastle cemetery cleanup day on October 13th 2018 at 10.30am which will involve strimming, weeding, tidying etc. This is a community effort. The Clerk will publicise this in the County Echo.
4. Defibrillator training – when the defibrillator was installed there was a poor turnout at the training session. Another training session is being arranged.
5. Flower borders in Puncheston – Ellis Reed has weeded the borders. He asked Dewi Lewis if he could remove two buddleias which Dewi agreed to. It was suggested asking Ellis if he is willing to take responsibility for the two flower beds and be paid annually for this work. If he agrees the amount will be discussed later.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting agreed as Wednesday 24th October 2018 at 7.30 pm at Puncheston School.