

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2019

at the Village Hall, Merlins Bridge

Present: Cllrs Mary Owen (Chair), Janice Morgan, Lisa O’Sullivan, Alison Palmer, John Cole, Nick Stamp, Hilliard Studley, Queenie Thomas, Richard Thomas, Paul Davies

The Chair opened the meeting and informed Cllrs of the position with regards to the Clerks resignation. Therefore the meeting and subsequent meetings will be held without a Clerk. The Chair, Vice and Cllr. Janice Morgan Cllr Lisa O’Sullivan will manage administration being sent to MBCC in the interim period. The Clerks final financial payments will be calculated and forwarded in due course.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Jess Massey.

2. **Minutes of Last Monthly Meeting**

- The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chair. Proposed by Cllr John Cole and seconded by Cllr Alison Palmer.

3. **Matters Arising**

- Notice Boards are on their way
- Defibrillators – The Network Rail are still in communication with Cllr John Cole with regards to the defibrillator.

4. **Correspondence**

Cllr Lisa O’Sullivan briefed the Cllrs on correspondence received

- Police Commissioners Report
- National Training for Cllrs.
- Connecting Communities in Wales
- Innovations in Care Models in Community
- Training Schedule for Cllrs.
- Letter from Paul Satori with new Liaison
- Letter from Network Rail with info on Works to the Bridge
- Community Health Council Questionnaire

5. **Donations**

None requested

6. **Planning**

- There is a Workshop JUDP – Cllr Nick Stamp has declared an interest. He will not be attending the Workshop, however Cllr Alison Palmer will be attending as a member of the Planning Sub Committee.
- Two Planning applications, one retrospective for No 2 Greenhill Park Drive, second one for Persimmon Homes in Scarrowscant Lane. No action was required on either.

7. **County Councillors report**

- Xmas Lights vandalised – Revised Plans for 2019 for Tree and Lights
- Network Rail information regarding Bus Service for residents

8. Financial Accounts

- Clerks Final Salary and Holiday Pay and any other outstanding amounts which need verification before payment.

Current Account balance £16,902.02 (after precept of £3,333 received)

- Cheques were presented, agreed and signed
Travis Perkins £570.24
Notice Board £957.60
 - One Voice Wales IT Training Course – Clerk attended at a cost of £40.00
 - Poppy Wreath £100.00
 - Trumpeter £30.00
- Total £1697.84**

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

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9. Building Project update

The footing have been put in, drains going in and preparations for the slab to be laid. Works are progressing to plan.

10. Emails

Cllr Paul Davies suggested that it wasn't best practice to use private emails, so an email domain should be sourced for MBCC. Proposed by Cllr Paul Davies, seconded by Cllr Lisa O'Sullivan.

11. Precept 2019-2020

- Cllr Paul Davies suggested a increase to the precept of £0.50 per household. After discussion a vote was held which did not support the increase, there was majority vote that the precept remain the same, which was formalized by a Proposal by Cllr John Cole and seconded by Cllr Queenie Davies.

12. Matters of urgency

- There were no matters of urgency

13. Items for next Agenda

- Cllrs who represent MBCC on any committee to give feedback and updates regularly
- Update and amend Standing Orders
- Building Project Update
- Clerks Vacancy

Date of next meeting Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7pm.

Meeting ended 8.45pm

Signed.....

Dated

