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**Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on Tuesday 8th January 2019**

**Minutes No 353**

1. **Present:**

Councillors: D Rees, A Jones, D Williams, R Elston, W Oriel, E Whitby.

Clerk & Treasurer: C Williams

County Councillor: D Howlett

1. **Apologies:**

There were no apologies, all present.

1. **Minutes:**

* The minutes (352) of the meeting held on 4th December 2018 were read, approved and signed as a true record by D Rees (Chairperson).

1. **Matters Arising:**

* Old Police House – The owner of the Old Police House had responded to a letter from PCC Mr Peter Howe and offered to look at drainage issues raised. It was agreed to contact the owner and ask for a meeting. PCC Mr Peter Howe and Mr Jim Dunckley to be involved. Clerk to arrange.
* Well near Lower House Farm – It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Jenkins, Lower House Farm to discuss the issue.
* Gate across the Back Lane – the lock still does not work and it was agreed that fitting the padlock was not a solution. Cllr Howlett to report to PCC Mr Sean Tilling.
* Items from AOB at the last meeting all reported by Cllr Howlett although work not carried out to date – pavement opposite Spittal School, pothole outside Westgate Cottage. The concern expressed about parking on the yellow lines at Corner Piece had been discussed with Cllr Steve Yelland.

1. **Correspondence**

**Emails** –

* PCC Commissioning Team – Innovative Models of Care in the Community – conference to be arranged. Information only.
* Crime & Police Commissioner – letter 2019/20 Police Precept Consultation -survey for completion. Clerk to forward.
* PCC – LDP 2 Pre-deposit – The meeting was informed that an 8 week consultation had started. Cllr Howlett informed the meeting that there were no candidate sites in the area and therefore it was agreed that there was no need to attend a meeting.
* PCC – Webcasting of Standard Committee Hearings. A letter from PCC CN Jones, Monitoring Officer, was read to the meeting. It was agreed that the Community Council welcomed webcasting of Standards Committee Hearings. Clerk to respond to the consultation.
* PCC – Consultations current – (1) Council Budget 2019-20 ends 18th January 2019 (2) Draft Toilet Strategy and (3) LDP 2 (Pre-deposit). Dates for discussion are available on PCC website.
* Welsh Government – next steps in implementing its policy approach for the Community and Town Council sector. Clerk to forward the information.
* Paul Sartori Foundation – KAPOW event. It was agreed to put posters in the noticeboard. Clerk to arrange.

**Hardcopy –**

* Western Power Distribution – temporary unmetered connections for Festive Lighting Christmas 2018/2019 received. Clerk to file.
* PCC – Council Tax Base – Financial Year 2019/20 – for discussion under Finance (6).
* National Assembly for Wales – Paul Davies AM posters outlining the timetable for Advice Surgeries for 2019. Clerk to arrange.

1. **Finance**

* Lloyds Bank – statement for current account as of 6th November 2018 - £1,935.09.
* PCC Council Tax Base – Financial Year 2019/20. It was agreed to increase the precept by 10% from £2425 to £2667. The increase will be transferred to the reserve to cover possible election costs to be recharged by PCC to all Town/Community Councils from April 2018. Clerk to complete the paperwork.

1. **Planning**

* Upper Haythog – proposed single storey extension – approved.
* The Oaks, Bethlehem – extension to existing garage block – approved.
* Scolton – relocation of railway signal box – application consultation. No comment.

1. **Appeals**

* Teenage Cancer Trust – it was agreed to make a donation of £25. Clerk to arrange.

1. **Any Other Business**

* A report of blocked drains in the area was presented to the meeting. Cllr Howlett agreed to forward.
* Street lights – Cllr Howlett informed the meeting that PCC My Account on website allowed anyone to report street lights not working.
* Withyhedge – smells had been reported on numerous occasions in the past month. Cllr Howlett agreed to telephone Mr Bryan Cameron, Site Manager to find out the cause.
* Potholes – the road from Spittal Cross to Corner Piece believed to be dangerous – potholes and cones make it difficult to navigate. Cllr Howlett to report.
* Water at The Tunnel – Network Rail had inspected the recent water fall and agreed that it was not their problem. It seemed to be coming from the land behind the tunnel. Cllr Howlett to enquire of PCC Mr Paul Morgan.
* 45 Wesley Way – pole rusted. Cllr Howlett to report.
* Royal Mail Box at Wesley Way – Clerk to correspond with the owner.
* Style at the end of Wesley Way still broken – Cllr Howlett to report to PCC Mr Sean Tilling.
* Rotten tree on road below Golden Hill – Cllr Howlett to report.

1. **Date of next meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on **Tuesday 5th February 2019 – 7.45pm**

Signed……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Date………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………