

# St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

## MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of the St Mary Out Liberty Community Council on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 6.30 pm at New Hedges Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs D Brace (Chairman), H Rawson Humphries (Vice Chair), D Nash, and D Mitchell

**In attendance:** County Councillor Jon Preston and The Clerk

**2019/06 16 Apologies for Absence** - D O'Hanlon

**2019/06 17 To disclose any personal interests in items of business listed below.**

None declared

**2019/06 18 Chairman's Report**

Cllr Brace had nothing to report that was not already covered in the agenda items.

**2019/06 19 To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

It was proposed by Cllr Nash that these Minutes be a true and accurate record of the meeting of St Mary Out Liberty Community Council held upon the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019; Cllr Rawson Humphries seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement

**2019/06 20 Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only**

**Registering of Councillors Interests 2019/05 7**

Cllr Nash confirmed that he had no interests to declare for 2019/20

**Consideration of Correspondence Received 2019/05 13**

The Clerk confirmed that the Returning Officer has been informed of Cllr Preston's decision and that the Notice of Electors Rights has been published on the village notice board and on the website. If an election is not requested, then the Council will Co-Opt Councillors for the two seats available.

If any persons are interested in standing for Community Councillor for St Mary Out Liberty please contact the Clerk 07525 007068 for further information.

**2019/06 21 Account(s) for Payment and consideration of the bank reconciliation**

Cllr Rawson Humphries proposed that the bank reconciliation be signed as a true record, Cllr Mitchell seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement. .

Cllr Nash proposed that the accounts presented to the Council be paid in full; Cllr Mitchell seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement. The Clerk presented the cheques to the Council for signing.

PAYE	£134.00
M Priestley Wages (May)	£193.63
A Brace (Two grass cuts)	£160.00
PDP Maintenance (Bench Repairs Labour and Materials)	£ 47.38

## **2019/06 22 Signing of the Financial Statement. Notice of Electors Rights regarding the Audit to be displayed.**

The Financial Statement was presented to the Council for their consideration. Cllr Rawson Humphries proposed that the Statement be signed by the Chair and Responsible Finance Officer as a true record of the Council's 2018/19 accounts; Cllr Nash seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

## **2019/06 23 Planning Application(s) Received**

### **19/0178/PA Park House Court, Narberth Road, Tenby**

Proposal: Variation of conditions 3 and 4 planning consent ref 15/1224/PA to allow an extension of time for the submission of Reserved Matters (relating to the extension of existing Park House Court (Class C2) healthcare premises to provide 132 mixed tenure serviced care units, with associated communal facilities and access, to form a cohesive healthcare campus). (AMENDED PROPOSAL).

The Council considered the above planning application and considered that there are no concerns regarding this application.

## **2019/06 24 Licensing Application(s) Received**

None

## **2019/06 25 Consideration of Correspondence Received**

- a) Notice received from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Planning Authority – Advising that the recent planning application had been approved.
- b) Notice received from Pembrokeshire County Council advising of the road closures for Iron Man – It was noted by Councillors that New Hedges village will be greatly disrupted over the weekend. This Item has been diarised for October, following the event, for further discussions.

## **2019/06 26 County Councillor's Report – Cllr Jon Preston**

### Welcome to Saundersfoot Sign

Progress has been made on having the 'Welcome to Saundersfoot' sign at the top of Broadfield Hill replaced. I have been working with Cllr. Phil Baker in obtaining a replacement which I hope we can have manufactured and put in place in time for the main holiday season.

### Post Office Counters

Following some reports in the national press regarding the closures of Post Offices nationwide I have been asked to share the fact that this is not the case for many local Post Office's. Due to the closure of some high street banks the Post Office has in fact seen an increase in the reliance on the services of the Post Office. As a stand-alone unit many Post Offices may not be a sustainable business model, so the continuation of Post Office services is reliant on the footfall of the accommodating business. The message is quite clear, shop locally to support your local Post Office.

### Postal Disruptions LCW Sat 6th July

I have had cause to write to PCC's chief executive Mr. Ian Wesley regarding PCC issuing a joint statement with Activity Wales stating that Postal services would 'not be disrupted' during the LCW cycling event on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>. I highlighted this matter early in the process but

unfortunately the street care team at PCC thought that it would not be an issue. After extensive engagement with the Communication Workers Union and PCC I can advise that postal delays and delivery failures will occur due to the road closures. This is due to the critical importance of the health and safety of both the Postal workers and the Long Course competitors. The full extent of this will not be clear until after the event at which time I collate the available data to present to PCC to establish the effect of, and gauge public opinion on this revised plan for the LCW.

### Local Development Plan

The period for making initial comments regarding the Local Development Plan ended on June 6<sup>th</sup>. All responses will now be considered, and the Local Authority will set out how comments will be considered for the Preferred Strategy. Consequently, a new schedule of Candidate Sites will also be published, along with the Authority's initial assessment of them as part of an updated Candidate Sites Register. Later stages will include publication of the document for public consultation by October 2019 prior to submission to the Welsh Government.

### Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grants

The impact of second home ownership in our communities can be far reaching creating a Loss of community vibrancy and neighborliness. Projects maintained throughout the year being difficult particularly in the winter with fewer people living full time in the community. Many services have proved to be hard to provide due to a reduction in residents which can affect such things as Public Transport. Other negative effects include the isolation of the elderly, inflated house prices and the need for young families to have to move away from the locality to find affordable housing. This in turn can impact local businesses by reducing trade and lead to a lack of facilities for young people. Older family members may also have to rely on social services due to immediate family members no longer living close by. Enhancing Pembrokeshire grants can be used to fund projects that create welcoming community hubs to address loneliness and isolation enabling residents to socialise and network. Projects to enhance community facilities, amenities and infrastructure, develop events and activities to increase community vibrancy and increase footfall to support local businesses. It is also important to encourage second home owners to become involved and engaged with the local community through activities and events. The criteria for such projects and the application process is available by either contacting myself or PCC.

### Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

PCC are carrying out a review of the polling districts and polling places in Pembrokeshire, as required by law. This is to ensure that all polling districts and polling places are, as far as possible, suitable and accessible to all voters. Initially PCC will give notice of the formal commencement of the review. They will then publish the comments from the Returning Officer. The public consultation period began on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 and will end on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The final recommendations will be considered by full council at the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### Ironman 2019

The annual Ironman Wales event will be held over the weekend of 14/15<sup>th</sup> September. PCC have stated that it will be necessary to introduce various traffic restrictions over the weekend to enable the set up works to take place on the Thursday & Friday and to also ensure competitor and public safety along the route over the two days. In addition to previous years this year St Brides Hill and Broadfield Hill, Saundersfoot will be totally closed for the safety of competitors and spectators. Full details will be circulated to residents and businesses by Ironman in advance of the event through press releases and mail drops.

## Village Maintenance

I reported the cracked paving slab opposite Lodge Farm via the on-line portal on May 24<sup>th</sup>. This remained outstanding on June 4<sup>th</sup>, so I have chased up with PCC's Maintenance Manager. The issue with the drain at St. Anne's church remains ongoing. Due to the delay I will arrange an on site meeting with the maintenance team to discuss a way forward.

I have asked the environmental department to investigate a report of a foul smell around the area of the by-pass. Early indications are that the odour is emitting from a sewage drainage system. A resolution is being discussed with PCC and the landowner.

## Road Sweeper

Following a concern that the road sweeper had not been seen in the village for some time I have raised the matter with the head of service. The sweeper was due to service New Hedges Village during the week commencing June 3<sup>rd</sup>. I have confirmation that this sweep took place, but I am also informed that due to a mechanical failure the estates may not have had a full sweep. I have requested that rather than that sweep be carried over that the sweeper returns to clear the estates. I have also obtained the full sweeper schedule for the village.

## **2019/06 27 Reports from Representatives**

### **Cllr Rawson Humphries – On behalf of PACT**

It was reported that:

- cockle pickers are frequenting local beaches. It is permitted for persons to remove cockles, of a certain size, for personal consumption. If anyone considers that suspicious activity is taking place, they should report it by ringing 101
- a shed in the new Hedges area had been broken into, nothing reported missing. The police are considering this as suspicious behaviour and will monitor the area.
- Saundersfoot Youth Club has reopened and is meeting on a Tuesday evening.

### **Cllr Nash – On behalf of the Village**

It was reported that

- A tree had fallen around the Bynhir area. Cllr Rawson Humphries will advise Cllr M Evans (Tenby North).
- The Blossom trees at the entrance to Hunters Park are overgrown and hitting buses using the bus stop possibly causing damage. The Clerk to contact Pembrokeshire County Council regarding this matter

*Post meeting – The Clerk has reported this matter to the Pembrokeshire County Council for their consideration.*

Discussion took place regarding the Perspex County Council owned bus shelters in the village and Councillors volunteering to clean them. Date for clean 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

*Post Meeting – Following a closer inspection by Councillors it was agreed that they do not require cleaning at present but will be inspected regularly and cleaned when deemed necessary.*

## **Agenda Items**

**2019/06 28 Village Grass Cutting** – To discuss the current arrangements (under the new contract – probation stage)

The Clerk informed the Council that she had been made aware of grass cuttings being tipped on land adjacent to the areas cut by St Mary Out Liberty Community Council.

The Council requested the Clerk to talk with the contractor and advise of the above.

*Post meeting – The grass-cutting contractor confirmed that these were not his cuttings and had no knowledge of such.*

**Date for Next Meeting – 9th July 2019**