

WISTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Monday 21st October 2019 in the Memorial Hall, Clarbeston Road at 20:00hrs.

Present

Marilyn Bevan

Alan Vaughan

David Evans

Phil Davies

Yvette Bevan

Thomas Bevan

Peter Lewis

David Howlett (County Councillor)

Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a warm welcome to the David Evans, who would now represent the Wiston area.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Robert Voyle.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Yvette and seconded by Thomas.

4. Matters Arising There From

- a. Bus Shelters: Walton East - Owen Roberts of Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC), had confirmed the shelter had been received flat packed, and would be erected as soon as a team were available.
- b. Christmas Tree for Clarbeston Road – Phil had a tree and the councillors agreed to plant it as soon as possible.
- c. B T Kiosk Wiston: Marilyn signed the contract to enable the community council to take responsibility for the kiosk. The contract along with the cheque for £1 would be sent to BT.
- d. Financial Regulations: it was agreed to adopt the financial regulations recommend by One Voice Wales were adopted by the councillors' present.
- e. Railway Bridge cleaning Clarbeston Road: Network Rail had refused to contribute towards the cost of cleaning the bridge. An invoice from Atlas Cleaning has now been received, and the community councillors present agreed to settle the invoice totalling £105.00. Proposed by Peter and seconded by Alan.

5. Finance

- a. Barclays Bank Balances as at 27/09/19: -
Estimated current account - £2484.20
Business Premium Account - £3109.99

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b. Budget to actual spend comparison – year to September 2019: -

COMPARISON OF BUDGET 2019/20 TO YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL SPEND

AS AT SEPTEMBER 2019		ACTUAL	
	BUDGET	RECEIPTS/ SPEND	DIFF
<u>INCOME</u>			
Precept	£4,500	£3,000.00	£1,500.00
Other Income	£0	£1.55	-£1.55
PALC Repayment	£0	£0.00	£0.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	£4,500	£3,002	£1,498
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			+ / -
Clerk's Salary	£1,800	£900.00	£900
Clerk's Expenses (Estimated)	£100	£86.40	£14
BDO Audit Fees (Estimated)	£250	£0.00	£250
Insurance	£680	£670.01	£10
Memorial Hall Rent	£120	£120.00	£0
PALC Annual Membership (SUBS)/OVW	£65	£0.00	£65
Donations (includes Defibrillator Cabinet for Walton East)	£650	£175.00	£475
Playground Maintenance (including new equipment)	£500	£720.00	£220
Notice Boards & RTI	£335	£59.80	£275
Salt for Salt Bins in Walton, Wiston, Cucumber Hill	£0	£0.00	£0
<u>TOTAL</u>	£4,500	£2,731	£1,769

c. Clerks request for wages and expenses – July to September 2019: -

Wages - £360. HMRC (PAYE) - £90.00. Expenses - £25.00

It was agreed to pay by the councillor's present, proposed by Yvette and seconded by Peter.

6. Correspondence

- a. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC): Household Enquiry Form response rate in our area – noted.
- b. Natural Resources Wales – Pembrokeshire Forest Resource Plan – tabled.
- c. SSAFA: VE Day 75th Anniversary May 2019 – noted.

7. Planning

- a. Oak Cottage, Wiston: extension and alterations (19/0539/PA) – application and conditionally approved.
- b. Corner Farm to Llawhaden: variation of condition 3 of planning permission 13/0916/PA – to vary the operational length of the solar park – conditionally approved (19/0449/PA).

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- c. Land east of Shoals Hook Farm, Haverfordwest: variation of condition 1 of planning permission 15/0045/PA to vary the operation life of the solar farm – conditionally approved (19/0448/PA).
- d. Riverside Ranch, Crundale: New access way (19/0625/PA) – councillors questioned the need for a third entrance to the property.
- e. Land east of Gilbert’s Park, Clarbeston Road: residential development of 5 houses with new site access road and associated external works (19/0580/PA).
- f. Sun Cottage, Wiston: alterations and extension (19/0650/PA).
- g. The West, Walton East: replacement dwelling (19/0670/PA).

8. Highways

- a. Letter from Robin Sheldrake regarding Speed Control Humps in Clarbeston Road:

“In the period May to September 2019, I had the opportunity to share the play area in Clarbeston Road with some local families who meet there on fine days with their children.

The play area itself is a valued asset, fenced off from the road, and well maintained.

It is located between the residential Brooklyn’s Close, and Moorfield Avenue, with the Post Office Van and the visiting Library Van in the Lay-by on the opposite side of the road. The bus stops are in this area.

The road itself is relatively straight from the corner with Orton Lane at the South end, sloping gently down to the corner at Picton Terrace at the north end.

You will know that traffic using this road is not just the simple traffic between Wiston and Clarbeston Road. The railway bridge in Clarbeston Road is the main railway crossing point for traffic from the A40 at Slebech to all the agricultural areas of central Pembrokeshire., from Llawhaden to Spittal, to Maenclochog and the north.

Because of this, the Play Area sees Milk Tankers, Agricultural Feed Lorries, Straw bale delivery lorries, Builders Merchants, Cattle Trucks, and all the wide range of vans, lorries and specialist vehicles with which you are familiar. Many of these vehicles are articulated, and a high percentage are high sided, creating powerful air currents as they pass. Add to this the normal traffic to be expected at School leaving time. The village has a 30mph speed limit. That is all that could normally be expected. But the situation in Clarbeston Road is better than normal.

We are blessed with one of the most successful football clubs in Pembrokeshire. The popularity of pitches South of the stretch of road in question has been recognised by the provision of a car park in The Graham Roberts field. Clarbeston Road AFC are to be congratulated on creating this venue. There are so many teams representing the club, that on match days, traffic is drawn to the village from whichever teams that are playing on the day, and their parents and supporters.

At present, traffic entering the village from the South is forced to slow down because of the sharp left turn after Benlyn. The even sharper right turn at the Orton Lane junction reduces speed again, but the straightening in the road passing Highclere, together with the downhill slope enables all vehicles to gain momentum at the point where the greatest risk to pedestrians exists. Estimates of Speed are usually made by vehicle engine sound, but also by experience of gauging how long it takes a vehicle to cover a certain familiar distance. Without reliable supporting data, claims of excessive traffic speed are difficult to bring to the attention of the relevant authorities. Especially in this case, where I believe the Highway Authority is quite unaware of the volume of large vehicles with no alternative but to use this road to cross the railway on their way from the A40 at Slebech.

However, the installation of Speed Control humps, one set by Brooklyn, and another set by Willow Mill, would undoubtedly reduce the average traffic speed.

Clarbeston Road deserves the installation of Speed Control Humps. Are they referred to as Traffic Calming Measures? Whatever the name, they are routinely installed adjacent to all schools, including Spittal and Wiston.

There is precedent for the installation of Speed Control Measures unrelated to schools.

Quay Street, Haverfordwest.

Victoria Place, Haverfordwest.

Perrots Road car park.

I am sure you will be able to think of other examples.”

Signed: *Marilyn Bevan*

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The councillors agreed that there was a need for traffic calming in the area, and David Howlett agreed to forward the email to PCC, Highways Department. It was hoped to that a speed survey could be actioned in vicinity of the playground to strengthen the case for the case for this.

9. Any Other Business

- a. Digital Pembs – Fibre to the premises broadband scheme proposed by PCC: David Howlett advised that PCC have a project to encourage Broadband providers to roll out fibre to homes not just to the green cabinets in the villages. There were 80 proposed projects in Pembrokeshire with the area north of Clarbeston Road to include Walton East being one on them.
- b. Ash die back – trees affected in Wiston: PCC had identified the trees they would need to deal with by either painting them with orange paint or tagging them. The trees identified in Wiston had not been identified and therefore would need to be dealt with by the landowner on which they stood. Marilyn agreed to investigate where the trees were and may be responsible for them.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th November 2019 at 20:00hrs at the Memorial Hall, Clarbeston Road. This is subject to change is a quorum of councillors is not met.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:30hrs.