

WISTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Monday 18th November 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	Steven Morgan
Robert Voyle	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 Steven Morgan the newest member of the community council, now the Wiston Ward Community Council has a full complement of councillors in the ward.

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2019, were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Thomas and seconded by Phil.

4. Matters Arising There From

- a. Bus Shelter – Walton East: the shelter had been erected.
- b. Christmas Tree – Clarbeston Road: this had now been planted, the councillors involved were thanked for giving their time.
- c. Trees with ash die back in the ward – some of the trees appeared to have been cut back by the property owners.
- d. Digital Pems – update: Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) representatives had visited households in Walton East to encourage them to sign up to the project to improve the broadband speeds in the area, by extending the fibre connection from the green box in the villages to the homes.

5. Finance

- a. Barclays Bank Account Balances as at 31st October 2019:
Community Account - £1965.67
Business Premium Account - £3109.99
- b. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2020/21: noted.
- c. Budget/Precept request for 2020/21: Due to the maintenance issues in the playground in Clarbeston Road, it was agreed to request an increase of £500 in the Precept for the following financial year and the breakdown would be as follows: -

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<u>BUDGET FORECAST/PRECEPT REQUEST for 2020/21</u>	
	BUDGET
<u>INCOME</u>	
Precept	£5,000
Other Income	£0
<u>TOTAL</u>	£5,000
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Clerk's Salary	£1,800
Clerk's Expenses & RTI	£160
BDO Audit Fees	£250
Insurance	£700
Memorial Hall Rent	£120
PALC Annual Membership	£150
Donations (to include Defibrillator Cabinet for Walton East)	£470
Playground Maintenance	£1,000
Notice Boards	£250
Salt for Salt Bins in Walton, Wiston, Cucumber Hill	£100
<u>TOTAL</u>	£5,000

6. Correspondence

- a. Welsh Government - Planning Consultations: -
 - (i) Revisions to the housing section of planning policy Wales and associated advice and guidance.
 - (ii) Revisions to planning policy Wales regarding the use of compulsory purchase powers and updated guidance on the compulsory purchase procedure in Wales.
 - (iii) Revised planning guidance in relation to flooding and coastal erosion.
- b. Pembrokeshire Charter – working in partnership to improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the area – tabled.
- c. Welsh government: Managing green spaces for Biodiversity, people and financial sustainability – tabled.
- d. Welsh Government: Sustainable drainage systems (SUDS) – tabled.
- e. Play Area Quarterly Report: it was noted in the report the wooden modular frame had reached the end of its life. However, the photographs to prove this point appeared to have been taken before the repairs that were actioned by Phoenix Fencing in March 2019. The councillors would like to meet the author of the inspection report at the play park to explain the reasons for the decisions. The clerk agreed to contact Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) to arrange a site visit for the discussion to go ahead. She would also check the current value of the pot held by PCC for the maintenance of the playground.

7. Planning

- a. Knock Farm, Clarboston: Part refused/part approved: Discharge of conditions 3 (method statement), 6 (visibility splay), 7 (visibility splay), 8 (access road) and 9 (photographic record) of permission 18/0089/PA (19/0458/DC).

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- b. Land at Hobbins Hill, Llawhaden: Planning application for a rural enterprise worker's dwelling (19/0759/PA) – Phil signed the declaration of members interest, as he was related to the applicant. Peter had been approached by the applicant as they would like the community council to write a letter of support for the family, the clerk would arrange this.
- c. Sun Cottage, Wiston: Conditionally approved alterations and extension (19/0650/PA).

8. Highways

- a. Letter from Robin Sheldrake:

On Wednesday 13th November at 5pm, I drove around a rock that was lying in the road outside the church. It was dark, and at first, I thought it was a bin-bag that had blown there. Luckily, I didn't hit it.

On Thursday at 10am I parked outside the church; at which time I was able to take a closer look. It was in fact a rock. I believe the rock has been thereabouts for years, probably put there to stop motorists driving on the grass. The rock is I estimate 2 feet long, by one foot, by one foot. The weight I estimate about 150 lbs. (Metric 600mm x 300mm x 300mm. Weight 70 kg.)

Well, sometime before 5pm on Wednesday, someone seems to have driven onto the grass, displacing the rock onto the tarmac of the carriageway.

The tyre marks are there, preserved in wet mud on Thursday morning. Being an elderly small chap, I didn't pick the rock up and toss it up on the bank. Instead, I levered it up on one side with my shovel, got my fingers underneath, and rolled it up onto the grass at the roadside.

I have discussed this episode with Malcolm Lewis on site, and with David Howlett by telephone. Members of Wiston Hub have seen the rock.

I would have reported it to Pembrokeshire County Council Highways department, but I don't have a direct line number, and last time I rang 01437 764551 I was 44th in the queue.

All this is part of a wider concern regarding the misuse of the area around the telephone box as a turning arc for larger vehicles.

Clearly it is suitable for the purpose. But because it isn't surfaced with tarmac it gets very messy and deeply rutted in the wet weather.

I shall be grateful if you relay this to the Community Council when next they meet.

As the land in question belongs to the church the council are restricted, as for the misuse by the large vehicles, maybe a warning sign could be erected?

- b. PCC: Temporary prohibition of Vehicular traffic (road closure) – road near Walton Est from its junction with the unclassified (U3344) road at Walton East, north west to its junction with access to the property known as Ty Newydd on Tuesday 26th November 2019.
- c. Robert reported the potholes outside Carmel Chapel, Clarboston.
- d. A car accident had been reported along the Longlands Lane, and Tafarn Bridge had been hit again.
- e. Phil reported the blocked gullies along from Newbridge to Wiston under the railway bridge, due to fallen leaves. He had taken to clearing them himself and when left uncleared his property was at risk of flooding. It was felt that PCC should be regularly clearing gullies in autumn.
- f. Collapsed drain at West Lodge.

9. Any Other Business

- a. Castle School, Bethesda – Castle School's Big Christmas Lunch: an invite to those who may be on their own on Christmas day to join members of Castle School for lunch. If anyone knew someone in the community who may wish to attend, please pass the school's details to them.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th January 2020 at 20:00hrs at the Memorial Hall, Clarboston Road. This is subject to change if a quorum of councillors is not met.

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