

St Mary Out Liberty Community Council

Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of the St Mary Out Liberty Community Council held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall, New Hedges.

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

In attendance: County Cllr Jon Preston and The Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence - None

2. The Consideration of the position for coopted Councillors

No further information at present

3. To disclose any personal interests in items of business listed below.

None

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported –

- Fly tipping has occurred down the side of the village hall. It has been confirmed that the CCTV has been altered to cover this area. Anyone who is caught tipping rubbish will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
- The Pembrokeshire County Council's road sweeper has been through the village sweeping the roads.
- There is still a major problem with the drains at St Anne's Church. Cllr Preston advised the Chair to telephone the Pembrokeshire County Council when there is an issue and they are able to witness the issue when occurring.

5. To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 14th January 2020

Cllr Nash proposed that the Minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 11th December 2019; Cllr Mitchell seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes – Information Only

Cllr O'Hanlon reported that the missed refuse has now been collected and continues to be collected at the allotted times.

7. Account(s) for Payment and consideration of the bank reconciliation

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

Cllr Rawson Humphries 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.

8. Planning Application(s) Received

None

9. Licensing Application(s) Received

None

10. Consideration of Correspondence Received

- Planning Notice received from Pembrokeshire County Council – 19/0856/PN The Galloping Major - Demolition of Public House– Application refused

11. Reports from Councillors and Committee Representatives

County Councillor Jonathan Preston

Oak Grove

The development is nearing completion but there are still some issues that need to be addressed. PCNPA have informed me that they will be meeting the contractor on site to discuss the hedge banks which in some areas have not been constructed to the agreed specification. This work is expected to be completed this March.

Budget

The consultation period for PCC's 20-21 budget closed on Monday 27th January 2020. All responses will now be compiled into a report and used to inform an integrated impact assessment. These documents will be made available to Council for consideration in its final decision making. This decision will be made at the Council meeting on Thursday 27th February 2020. Despite a welcome increase in Aggregate External Finance from Welsh Government and the increased income generated from Council Tax there remains a projected funding gap of £6.2m for the 20-21 budget net revenue expenditure. This is considerably less than the £21.4m funding gap the Council faced for the 19-20 budget. Any council tax increase will offset the efficiency savings required to meet or come close to the total budget figure. As an example; a 2.5% increase would generate £1.5 million but we would then need to achieve a £4.7 million efficiency saving across the authority. At the other end of the scale a 10% increase would generate £6.0 million reducing the efficiency saving target to £0.2 million. It is worth remembering that £70,000 of public money is used to sponsor major events. I have asked the cabinet member for finance and the director to provide a full business case to support this spend.

LDP Deposit Plan

Pembrokeshire County Council is preparing a replacement Local Development Plan. It has produced a full draft of this Plan known as the Deposit Plan. This covers the area of Pembrokeshire excluding the National Park. A consultation on the Deposit Plan is being held between 15th January and 18th March 2020, which will provide an opportunity for members of the public to support or object to the plan. The consultation will include a series of drop-in sessions around the County where officers will be available to discuss the Deposit Plan's proposals. Hard copies are also available at County Hall, Haverfordwest, in Pembrokeshire County Council Customer Service Centers and in local Libraries, during normal opening hours. If you wish to have your say on the Deposit Plan you can do so using the Representations Form. This form should be used for making comments wherever possible. Please email your representation forms to ldp@pembrokeshire.gov.uk or post to The Development Plans Team, County Hall, Freeman's Way, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP by 4.30pm on 18th March 2020. The drop-in sessions will take place at several locations around the county with the nearest being Kilgetty Community Centre, 1500-1800, Pembroke Dock Town Council Office, 1500-1800, 11th February and Pembroke Town Hall, 1500-1800, 24th February.

Water Fountain £2k Grant

A grant of £2K may be available to seaside communities to install water fountains at coastal locations. The Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain Fund is available for applicants from UK based community organizations. They welcome applications from a wide variety of groups and entities. They expect to be able to provide partial funding for water bottle fountain installation projects where other funds are also being sought or are already in place. The main criteria at present is that locations being considered are primarily coastal, however we do have beach access to Waterwynch and the grant may be extended if the scheme proves popular.

Cllr Rawson Humphries on behalf of the Village

Cllr Rawson Humphries reported that:-

- Several lights through the village are not working -Cllr Preston will advise Pembrokeshire County Council accordingly.
- The 30mph sign at the top of the village has been turned around once again..
- The meeting of the South East Pembs Community Health Network will be held on 2nd March 2020 at the New Hedges Village Hall.
- The tree on land adjacent to Rowston Drive entrance is considered to be in a possible diseased/dangerous state. The Clerk to confirm whether the tree is the responsibility of the Pembrokeshire County Council or other and advise accordingly.

(Post meeting – The Pembrokeshire County Council confirmed that the tree is privately owned).

Cllr O'Hanlon left the meeting

12. Agenda Items

- a) Local Development Plan Pembrokeshire County Council** – The Council to consider a reply (if any) to the LDP Consultation.

The Council considered the plans as submitted by the Pembrokeshire County Council and consider that no response from the St Mary Out Liberty Community Council is necessary.

- b) Close Pass** – The Council to consider the Close Pass Road Safety Scheme and the possibility of signs being placed in New Hedges village.

Cllr Nash proposed that the Clerk invite a representative from the Close Pass scheme to attend the March meeting to answer questions Councillors may have regarding Close Pass and request that New Hedges be considered to be added to the Safe Cycling Scheme: Cllr Mitchell seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

- c) External Electrical Sockets** – To consider installing an external electrical socket to the Village Hall to enable the Christmas Lights to be plugged in.

Cllr Nash proposed that St Mary Out Liberty Community Council pay up to the cost of £60 to fix a lockable electrical socket for outside use; Cllr Brace seconded the proposal with all Council in full agreement.

Date of next meeting – 10th March 2020

Meeting ended 19.45