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**Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on Tuesday 1st December 2020**

**Minutes No 371**

The meeting took place via Zoom.

1. **Present:**

Community Councillors: R Elston, W Oriel, D Williams,

County Councillor:

Clerk & Treasurer: C Williams

1. **Apologies:**

Cllr D Howlett, E Whitby, A Jones. Apologies were received from Rev D Rees who was unable to access the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd November 2020 (370) were read, approved and agreed at the meeting. To be signed by R Elston, Chairperson – Clerk to arrange.

1. **Matters arising:**

* Subsidence outside Swallow Barn – it was reported to PCC by Cllr Howlett who have referred the problem to Welsh Water. Previous issues in this area have been dealt with by Welsh Water.
* Branches overhanging at Salem Tunnel – this was reported to PCC by Cllr Howlett who have viewed the problem which is on land owned by Network Rail. Cllr Howlett to forward.
* 30mph sign at Spittal School – reported by Cllr Howlett and hedge has been cut back.
* Rotten trees below Golden Hill – PCC were unable to identify the owner of the land. Clerk to enquire.
* Blocked drains between Zions Hill and Graystone Corner – Cllr Howlett reported this problem and is awaiting an update on the situation from PCC. It was suggested in the meeting that the condition of the road at The Mill is worse. Clerk to forward to Cllr Howlett for information.
* Penrhiw – a letter had been received in response to the Community Council query about a motorbike being driven at speed through the village. The letter was very supportive. Clerk to forward.

The Community Councillors thanked Cllr Howlett for his support on each of the above.

1. **Correspondence**

Emails:

* Friends of Pembrokeshire Coast National Parks – tree planting in the area. This was discussed but no further action at this time.
* Paul Davies AM – newsletter received. Clerk to forward.
* Refill Manager for Wales – this was discussed but no further action at this time.
* PCC Local Development Plan – Rural Settlement and Resources reports were received. Clerk to forward for information.
* Road surface in Water Street – this matter had been reported to Cllr Howlett who informed the meeting that Water Street forms part of a draft programme of re-surfacing work which will take place later this year. Cllr Howlett is in contact with the local resident.
* Dyfed Powys Crime and Police Commissioner – newsletter received. Clerk to forward.
* Possible grant application to provide further play/exercise equipment near the playground. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the local group in order to agree on the site and the equipment under consideration. The meeting was reminded that there is a right-of-way behind the top goal posts and the Community Council would need a risk assessment.

1. **Finance**

* Budget update – no change to the budget since the November meeting.
* Income & Expenditure update – Clerk to forward following the meeting.
* Lloyds Bank statement received to 2nd November 2020 showing a balance of £13,222.35. The £36.76 over-payment to Swalec has been received.
* Welsh Government – A letter had been received which showed that for the financial year 2021-22, the maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) will be £8.41 per elector. Clerk to file for reference.
* Audit Wales – “The Auditor General for Wales issued Spittal Community Council an unqualified audit report. However, during our review we identified another matter what we wish to draw to the Council’s attention which does not affect our audit opinion but should be addressed by the Council.

Bank Transfer – A bank transfer of £250 between the Councils own accounts has been shown as a receipt and payment in boxes 3 and 6 of Section 2 of the Annual Return. This is incorrect. In future the Council should ensure that bank transfers between the Councils own accounts are not included within receipts and payments”.

This was duly noted by the meeting.

1. **Planning**

* Application – Scolton Manor – eco explorer woodland village. No comment.

1. **Appeals**

Nothing to date

1. **Any Other Business**

The following points were all in relation to the same stretch of road between Spittal Cross and Corner Piece -

* Potholes previously filled-in between Spittal Cross and Corner Piece are worse now than before. It was reported to the meeting that the work had been a waste of time and effort because it had not been sealed. Cars travelling close to the nearside hedge could be damaged.
* Potholes were also reported from between Railway Villas and Corner Piece but it was pointed out that this is Rudbaxton Community Council. Clerk to forward as a cause of concern.
* On the left-hand side of the road opposite Kell Park the road is breaking up on the edges.

It was felt that this is a busy stretch of road serving other villages as well as Spittal and the volume of traffic is large and includes heavy machinery as well as cars and vans.

1. **Date of next meeting –** Tuesday 5th January 2021

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