Uzmaston Boulston and Slebech Community Council

Wednesday 26th August 2020

1. Chairs Welcome

The Chair welcomed all and commented how nice it was to see everyone.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from M Williams and L Screen.

1. Declarations of Interest

B Thomas declared an interest in the discussion around Home Farm Barns and left for this part of the meeting. S Evans declared an interest in the discussion around Millin Chapel.

1. Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting (March 2020) were agreed and signed.

1. Matters Arising

It was suggested that matters concerning council business should not be taken away from council by councillors - or their representatives – and become the subject of personal confrontations at councillors’ homes, and that any issues arising from the minutes should be directed to the Clerk and / or Chair if they cannot by held over until the next meeting.

Grass Cutting – the village green has been cut by PCC, but again this has been delayed and missed several times this year.

Home Farm Barns – There is concern that this area, if sold to a developer, could result in tree felling to enhance the views to the estuary. As a result, H Thomas has contacted Mike Higgins to request a tree preservation order and to Development Control in PCNPA.

Parking on New Road – The Councillors raised issues concerning the parking on New Road, and the danger it was causing traffic. County Councillor D Clements agreed to follow this up.

Maintenance on Uzmaston Church Yard – D Campbell explained the issues and the progress the Church was making. The Members also discussed the Church Hall.

Village Green Update – All the papers from PCC have been passed onto Eaton-Evans and Morris solicitors who will b acting on behalf of the Community Council.

River Cleaning – H Thomas has confirmed National Resources Wales hope to dig the reed bed on White Rock Bend back to earth. This will remove approximately a six foot depth of rubbish from the area.

New Councillor – The Members discussed the recruitment of a new councillor. They agreed to consider potential residents, and if no-one could be found the Clerk would be asked to advertise in the community.

CILCA Course – The Clerk requested permission to apply for a CILCA course. This would include 100% of funding from a Welsh Government bursary. The Council agreed, and the Chair signed the application form.

Millin Chapel – S Evans explained the background to the placing and material used for the Waldo Williams plaque. The plaque was taken down as the Waldo Williams Society did not gain planning approval. D Campbell formally apologised to S Evans for any upset caused and acknowledged S Evans was placed in an exceedingly difficult position by the Waldo Williams Society. The Council discussed and made their position clear; any future plaque must be in keeping with the surrounding area and building. The Members asked the Clerk to contact Anna Williams from the Waldo Williams Society to request all communication is through the full Council.

St Ishmaels Church, Uzmaston – The Council were concerned that the Church had not reopened and discussed the condition and upkeep of the Graves. D Campbell explained the issues with the church yard and the progress the Church was making. The Members also discussed the Church Hall. The Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the Bishop to raise their concerns.

Camping – D Campbell raised questions about the legal and support issues for people camping in the community. The Clerk was asked to pass on to the query to the relevant County Councillors.

Old Noticeboard – The Council asked for the noticeboard to be removed and agreed to reimburse A de Torres for this work.

Fly Tipping – More incidences of fly tipping on Church Hill Road have been reported to PCC.

Tree Removal – A fallen tree at Picton Point has been reported to PCNPA.

Future Meetings – The Council discussed the use of Zoom, and will conduct the next meeting online. It was agreed that the Council would not meet monthly during the pandemic, meeting only when necessary to minimise risk.

1. Planning

The new Haverfordwest High School application was discussed and supported.

1. Reports for Decisions

None received.

1. Reports to Note

Circulated via email.

1. Accounts

The Clerk presented the accounts to the Members, and the members agreed the return. In addition the internal audit was reviewed. The Clerk highlighted concerns raised including the need to use the PAYE system, have more systems in place to review payments and bank balances, and the need to review the Code of Conduct and financial regulations.

H Thomas collated the bank statement with the Clerks financial records and signed to agree. There were no outstanding cheques to be cleared.

1. Payments

The members agreed to issues cheques for the Clerks salary (Apr, May and June) for £450, a deposit for Eaton-Evans and Morris for £150, and for DD Harries (Internal Auditor) for £175.

1. Date of Next Meeting

To be discussed via email dependent on COVID restrictions.

Finished at 7.10pm.