MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2015 AT EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr I Prout (Chair)

Cllr D Beynon Cllr C Hopkinson Cllr D McIntosh Cllr Mrs K Talbot Cllr A Ratcliffe Cllr J Williams Cllr I Wilkinson

APOLOGIES: Cllr C Hopkinson

The clerk was in attendance (Mrs J Clark)

001/15 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

None received.

002/15 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

003/15 MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised:

- a) Minute 284/14: Should a plan of the village be sent to the emergency services. Someone from the village had died over Christmas possibly because the ambulance could not find the property. It was agreed that a plan showing all properties be made a public document and displayed in village. It was also agreed that it be sent to emergency services.
- b) Minute 292/14: Cllr Don Beynon had been in touch with owners of Meadow Bank but they have not cut the hedge back and have now gone away.

004/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

14/0692/PA: Revised plot layout (19 units) designs for plots 1-6 inc site road/access and pumping station (previous consent ref 10/0447/PA at the old school, Pentlepoir. It was suggested that a play area should be provided by the developer. The clerk was asked to find out if a play park is a requirement for this type of development. It was also suggested that a pedestrian

crossing be included as part of the development, to cross the road to the shop and it was agreed that this be requested as a requirement for the planning approval. It should also be requested that the pavement be widened at the narrow point near the wall of the old original school. It was agreed to **SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION.**

14/0878/PA: Proposed Garage structure in front garden at Larkrise, Cold Inn. It was agreed to **SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION.**

005/15 PLAY AREAS

Pentlepoir: Cllr D Beynon reported that a lot of polystyrene had blown onto the play area from the old school development. He had phoned the contractor who had arranged for it to be collected up. Cllr recorded their thanks to Cllr Don Beynon and to Mr Richard Fanus for assisting with this issue. The grass was reported as not too bad and Cllr Hopkinson will carry out the grass cutting and inspections for the next month.

Broadmoor: Nothing to report. Generally looking OK.

East Williamston: All looking ok but it was getting a bit muddy along the bottom area.

006/15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was received:

- a) Natural Resources Wales Trees in Wales' Towns and Cities –noted.
- b) Neil Sefton of Community Energy in Pembs Re: Prouts Park Farm Wind Turbine Mr Sefton and two colleagues had made a presentation to Council prior to the meeting.
- c) Simon Hart MP notice of surgeries noted.
- d) Rate Relief for charities noted.
- e) CCTV Police Commissioner noted.
- f) Pembs Young Farmers request for donation No action

007/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Bank balances to the end of December were recorded as follows:

 Current Acct
 £6,678.43

 Savings Acct
 £8,454.20

 Parks Acct
 £13,031.40

A draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting which showed a total expenditure of £21,350.00 and total income of £21,454.75 which included a precept of £20,838.75. It was agreed that this should be reduced to

£16,671.00 by reducing the budget for play area maintenance to £8,000, Donations to £100 and Contingency to £500.00.

It was agreed that the Precept be set at £20 per household which equates to £16,671.00.

RESOLVED: That the Precept be set at £20.00 per

household which equates to £16,671.00.

008/15 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment and it was noted that the nationally agreed pay award of 2.2% be paid to the clerk as of January 2015.

Mrs J Clark – December salary	£185.05
PAYE for December	£46.20
Mrs J Clark reimbursement for membership of SLCC	£35.00
East Williamston Community & Hall Assoc – hire of hall	£144.00
Cllr I Wilkinson reimbursement for gate and materials	£182.35

009/15 CTY CLLR JACOB WILLIAMS REPORT

Cllr Williams had been contacted by a property developer which has experienced a number of purchasers of affordable dwellings withdraw from sales after being refused mortgages due to the county council's strict local connection policy.

To qualify to purchase affordable dwellings, the council's policy requires potential purchasers to reside within the same or an adjoining community, and the mortgage lenders recommended by Pembrokeshire County Council had refused to award many mortgages due to the restrictive re-saleability of the properties.

No such issue was known of in the neighbouring Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire authorities with their less restrictive connection policies which only require residency within the same county.

Cllr Williams enquired on behalf of the developer with the cabinet member for planning and is informed that the matter is already under review, will require consultation, and is hoped to be brought to the February or March cabinet meeting.

010/15 ITEMS FROM CLLRS

The following matters were raised by councillors:

a) The registration of tractor was progressing and a dating certificate had been obtained. We now have to apply for a form from DVLA which has to

- b) be completed and sent with cheque for £55.00 to DVLA to register tractor for road use.
- c) A tree has blown over into road near the village green which needs to be removed and tidied up. Cllr Ian Wilkinson offered to make it safe and Colin can finish it off when he returns to work.
- d) It was reported that the wooden causeway at the Jubilee Park is very slippery and needs to be made safe. It was agreed to rope it off so it can't be used until the weather improves.
- e) Concerns had been raised about dogs running loose in the village and it was agreed that if any residents have a boisterous dog that it be kept under control.
- f) The water on the Cold Inn road was raised again and Cllr Beynon offered to ask Glenville Codd of PCC to divert the water back to Cold Inn Road and put a drain in. There was also dip in Elveston Lane which needs filling by PCC.
- g) It was necessary to put the gate and gate post up at the new field set back a little so that vehicles can be parked off road whilst the gate is opened. It would also be necessary to put some stone and de-rail down at the gate approach. It was agreed to ask the Friends of Park to do this.
- h) It was reported that a lot of rubbish is being dumped in the field next door to the one we own in Cold Inn. It was agreed to monitor the situation for a month.
- i) It was suggested that an annual dinner be held this year and Cllr Donald Beynon agreed to find out the cost from Cross Inn.
- j) Once again reported that the bus shelter at Pentlepoir is full of litter and the sign at Station Road has not been fixed. There is also a hole in the road at Hill Lane opposite Santa Rose about 4 in deep. It was agreed to ask PCC to remedy these matters. Dog fouling in Hill Lane is still a huge problem and the clerk agreed to ask PCC dog wardens for advice.

011/15 ANY OTHER INFORMATION

There was no other information.

012/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on	Thursday 5 th February 2015 at 7.00pm.	
There being no further business,	the meeting closed at 9.25pm.	
Signed	ChairDat	e
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