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| **St Mary Out Liberty Community Council** | | |
| **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2023**  **New Hedges Village Hall – 6.30pm-8.30 pm** | | |
| **Those present**: Rachel Ruff (Clerk), Cllr Emilie Nash (Chair), Cllr David Nash, County Cllr Rhys Jordan, Cllr Simon Brace, Melissa Scarfe, Willy Scarfe, Cllr Des Brace, Vicky Lee  **1.Apologies :** None  **In attendance**: Rachel Ruff (Clerk and minute taker).  **Public Participation:** None | | |
| **No.** | **Detail** | **Action** |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  None |  |
| **3** | **Signing of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**  Minutes for March 2023 Meeting were presented and signed off by Chairperson Emilie Nash. |  |
| **4** | **Matters Arising:**  **4.1 Donation to Village Hall Association for yearly events to be signed off –** The Chair asked what events annually were the Village Hall Association putting on that a donation would be put towards. Member Vicky Lee answered the Summer Fete and Christmas Fair. The £1400 was left over from the Queens Jubilee (unspent) was promised to the village hall but never finalised, Vicky said it was getting awkward as the hall didn’t know how much money they had to spend on the Coronation event. After long discussion, it was agreed unanimously that the £1400 would be donated to the Village Hall Fund, as the Community Council wanted to contribute to the community events |  |
| **5** | **New Matters Arising:**  **5.1 – Feedback from King Coronation Event –** Vicky Lee gave feedback that the Coronation was hard work but a lovely day. Two bands were used, Samba AM and Ukulele PM. Food was available for the public to purchase from inside the village hall. All attendees were given a free ice cream in the afternoon. Roughly 300/400 people attended. Sports field was used for children’s games. Very well received by local community and a successful event.  **5.2 Members expenses and Allowances –** The Independent Remuneration panel produced a report in February 2023 which offers an allowance to Community Council members for the reimbursement of expenses, such as working from home (heating, lighting, power and broadband) plus reimbursement for any office consumables that could be used to carry out their duty. All members of St Mary Out Liberty Community Council decided to waver their right to this allowance and signed a letter to the clerk stating they did not wish to receive the allowance.  **5.3 Annual Return received for Audit 22/23 –** No date for submission of Audit has been given yet by Audit Wales  **5.4 Any Other Business -**  1 - Member Melissa Scarfe gave feedback that she thought the village looked lovely at the moment but one area was a cause for concern – the area behind the village shop, a piece of grass that is never tended or looked after. Cllr Jordan suggested Smart Gardens could do this a couple of times a month, there would be a cost though. Cllr Simon Brace suggested he would have a chat with Cllr Chris Williams from Saundersfoot South; as he was sure this is something he would do for us free of charge.  2 – Chairperson Emilie Nash felt that the village would benefit from some Defibrillator training. There is a defib outside the village shop, but she felt that a lot of people would be nervous to use it if ever needed. Member Vicky Lee said she would speak with Cllr Phil Baker to see who Saundersfoot Ward used for their defib training.  3. Chair asked for feedback on the Rowston Pre- Planning Application – Cllr Jordan said that he has spoken with David Lewis from Hean Castle Estates and he had said that he has received some responses back, most of them positive, some were negative; but he did add that he didn’t think that some people read the plans correctly. The next phase is full planning to national Parks.  4. Vicky Lee shared that the Village Hall Committee are looking into getting a website made for the village hall, to allow on-line bookings, allowing residents to see ‘whats on’ etc. She asked whether the community council would like a page on the website to display monthly agenda’s and minutes for the community to easily view. All members of the council thought this was a good idea. Vicky had some suggestions given to her for companies that could make a website, she would go away and research.  5. The donation cheque given to Melissa Scarfe for the Easter Egg hamper give away, was kindly returned to the community council unused. Melissa said that she had a kind donation from a local businessperson at the last minute, so didn’t need to use the money. The Clerk will void the cheque. | Cllr Simon Brace  Vicky Lee |
| **6** | **Local Planning in New Hedges (St Mary out Liberty ward):**   * 3 Nyth Gwennol, Saundersfoot – 6-8 mature oak trees need over hanging branches removed that are hazardous to a neighbouring property – TPO 116 |  |
| **7** | **Accounts & Finances:**  **7.1** Bank Reconciliation as at 2nd May 2023 was presented and signed off by non-signatory member.  **7.2** Invoices were passed for payment**:** two cheques for Village Hall Association - £800 for Wi-Fi connection to hall and £1400 for events donation. |  |
| **8** | **County Councillors Monthly Report:**  Cllr Jordan reported on:   * County level issue – threat of closure of some public toilets in the area – PCC want Community Councils or National Parks to take care of them, there was resistance to this – the meeting to decide has been postponed – Cllr Jordan is apposed to limiting toilets in the area. * Village Hall Coronation – he was pleasantly surprised at how many people attended the event, really great to see the local engagement, it seems in the last 12 months the village has come together so much more. * Litter Picking – Saundersfoot South, East Williamston and St Florence Wards jointly picked rubbish for a couple of hours recently, collecting 22 bags of rubbish for roadsides and verges. Thanks was given to Heatherton for providing food and drink afterwards for the pickers and thanks to the pickers themselves for donating their time. Cllr Jordan said if anyone wishes to volunteer in the future for litter picks, please get in touch with him.   **Meeting closed at 8.30pm, next meeting Tuesday 11th July 2023 @ 6.30pm New Hedges Village Hall** |  |