

Uzmaston, Boulston and Slebech Community Council

Minutes from Wednesday 13th September 2023

Uzmaston Hall

Attendees: Linda Screen, Sheila Green, Cheryl Ace, Marie Williams, Beverley Thomas, William Griffiths & Susan Evans

Also in attendance: Clerk & County Councillor Di Clements

1. Chairperson's Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Geraldine Campbell.

S Green and D Clements informed the Council that they will be late arriving.

3. Declaration of Members' Interests

B Thomas has rights over the ground where there is planning for Osprey nests.

4. The Minutes

Minutes from July 2023 were read and agreed.

5. Matters Arising

- New member

New member, William Griffiths, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

- Defibrillator

To check that the defibrillator is working you need to open the door and check that there is a green flashing light.

- Building site in the Rhos to be made into green site

Building material from the construction of 2 new houses on the former garden centre in the Rhos has been left on an empty plot. There is however a planning condition that this be made into a green site now that construction has been completed and the houses/plots have been sold.

This will be investigated by a planning officer at PCNPA.

- Drainage in the Rhos leading into new car park

There is excess water draining into the new car park site by the Rhos hall.

- Fly tipping in the Rhos

Fly tipping on the Belts that was reported at the beginning of August has not yet been cleared.

There is now more fly tipping near Hill block.

This needs to be reported again on the PCC My Account website. D Clements will also raise with PCC.

- Boundary review

Currently there is 1 Councillor for every 72 electorates.

The goal of the review is to have 1 Councillor for every 80—120 electorates.

Changes will be implemented in May 2027.

- 20mph signs

Setting local speed limits in Wales and Traffic advisory leaflet presented to the Council.

Guidelines set out in these documents explain that all villages (20 or more houses and at least 600m in length) should be 30mph.

The Rhos has 24 houses. There are 3 street lamps which are less than 183m apart.

Highway authorities have a duty to erect and maintain the correct speed limit signs.

There are no 30mph signs in Uzmaston or in the Rhos.

D Clements has raised with Clair Williams, Traffic and Road safety engineering officer at PCC. PCC agreed to do a review of the speed limits in the Rhos and Uzmaston at the end of the financial year.

There is a meeting on 23rd October which Councillors can attend.

- Homelessness at the trim trail site at the end of the Floric

Concerns raised about sanitation issues and begging at the site. There have been homeless people camping there for several months.

This is in breach of planning, D Clements will request an update from PCC.

- Chicane at the top of the New Road

There are marks from vehicles braking at the site. Concerns that the site has become more dangerous. There is parking on both sides of the road making the road very narrow.

This could be raised with the Rural Crime Team next month, photos will be taken of the site prior to this.

6. Planning Applications

Applications to PCC

Application reference: 23/0461/PA

Proposal: Demolish existing flat roof kitchen extension to the rear to build a new, garden room extension, with roof-mounted solar pv / hot water panel installation

Site Address: Star Cottage, 60, Uzmaston Road, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61

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The Council supports the application.

Applications to PCNPA:

Application number: NP/23/0348/FUL

Application type: Full

Location: 8 Picton Home Farm Barns, The Rhos, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 4AS

Proposal: Proposed Garage and Home Office and replacement shed

The Council **does not** support the application.

The scale and design of the proposal is not appropriate to the conservation status of the existing property.

Application number: NP/23/0378/FUL

Application type: Full

Location: Field to North West of Boulston Home Farm, Boulston, Haverfordwest,

Pembrokeshire, SA62 4AQ

Proposal: Erection of a 30 ft Scots Pine tree trunk (of which approx 5ft will be underground) with a 1m square wooden/wire mesh platform on the top

The Council supports the application.

Application number: NP/23/0379/FUL

Application type: Full

Location: Field to west of Boulston Manor, Boulston, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 4AQ

Proposal: Erection of a 30 ft Scots Pine tree trunk (of which approx 5ft will be underground) with a 1m square wooden/wire mesh platform on the top

The Council supports the application.

7. Reports for decisions

8. Reports to note

9. Audits and Accounts

The bank reconciliation (as follows) was presented to the Council by the RFO, along with the monthly budget report, cash book and most recent bank statement.

Bank reconciliation:

	Sep-23
Bank balance (21/8/23)	8840.62
Less unpresented cheques	1611.69
Balance in the banking record	7228.93

Budget report 2023/24:

Expenditure to date: £5466.11

Annual budget remaining: £5709.89

Cashbook and detailed budget report emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

2 signatories are able to set up an instant access savings account (AER - 1.11%) at Lloyds Bank. The £4,006 paid to the Council in error by HMRC could be moved the savings account.

Beverley Thomas will visit the branch.

10. Accounts for Payment

000048	Mr G Bevan	Uzmaston village green maintenance	275
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000050	Linda H Screen	Councillor allowance	156
000051	Cheryl Ace	Councillor allowance	156
000052	Beverley Thomas	Councillor allowance	156
000053	Marie Williams	Councillor allowance	156
000054	Susan Evans	Councillor allowance	156
000055	Sheila Green	Councillor allowance	156
000056	G R Campbell	Councillor allowance	156
000057	R Williams	Postage of audit documents	7.69
000058	The Society of Local Council Clerks	Training for Clerk - ILCA to CiLCA	72

11) AOB

- Ash tree Naan's lane

S Green will remedy an overhanging Ash tree.

- Gated road

The Council notes there is a lack of communication between PCC Highways and homeowners and residents are no longer able to use the road as it is overgrown.

D Clements will speak with Highways at PCC to try to find a solution.

- Crossing on Freemans way

Di Clements reported that PCC have not heard back from Welsh Government as to whether it is possible to secure funding for pedestrian crossing across Freemans way.

- Haverfordwest high closing times

The Council noted that there are many school age children walking around Haverfordwest during the day.

- Maintenance of hedges by Clover park

Di Clements is investigating lack of maintenance.

12) Date of next meeting

Wed 11th October 7.30pm Rhos hall

Meeting closed at 9.09pm