

WISTON WARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Monday 18th September 2023 at the Memorial Hall, Clarboston Road.

Present:

Thomas Bevan (Chair)

Yvette Bevan

David Evans

Peter Lewis

Stephen Morgan

Alan Vaughan

David Howlett (County Councillor)

Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Robert Voyle and Marilyn Bevan.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 17th July 2023.

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2023 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Yvette and seconded by Peter.

4. Matters Arising There From

- a. Broadband Project Update: David Howlett advised there were rumours that Voneus had expressed an interest in purchasing Broadway Partners. This made sense as Voneus already had some infrastructure in the area. Residents who are due to renew contracts had expressed frustration over the delays in the works being completed as they were currently in expensive month to month contracts with internet providers, as they waited to be connected to the proposed full fibre system.
- b. Defibrillators: Thomas hoped to fit the Clarboston defibrillator soon. The clerk has not yet contacted Zurich Insurance to find out if all the defibrillators could be included in the current policy.
- c. Streetlights in Clarboston update from Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC): PCC have advised that they will not be consider replacing the streetlight to illuminate the defibrillator at Clarboston Farm and advised that maybe the community council should reconsider siting the defibrillator at another site in the village. As previously discussed, there was no other location available in Clarboston, and it was disappointing that PCC did not value the importance of having defibrillators in rural areas before making decisions on removing streetlights.
- d. Clarboston Road Railway bridge – calls to reclad the bridge. No update from Network rail at present. Complaints have been received from residents who walk along the pavement along the railway line, that it had become overgrown with brambles and need to be cut back. David Howlett agreed to contact Network Rail and inform them of the overgrown brambles.
- e. Review of Community Electoral Arrangements: David Howlett had attended the meeting regarding this proposal. The review of community council boundaries takes place every 10 years, and on this occasion, there were proposals to merge smaller community councils based on the number of electorates in each area. There was a possibility that the Wiston Ward may see the number of community councillors reduced by one.

5. Finance

- a. Estimated Barclays Bank Account Balance as at 18th September 2023:

Current Account		Savings Account	£3127.69
Opening Balance	£4071.00		
PCC 2 nd Precept Payment	£2000.00		
Sub Total	£6071.00		
Cheques presented			
100831	-£150.00		

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100832	-£399.25
100833	-90.00
Sub Total	<u>-£639.25</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£5431.75</u>
Current Account Statement 31/08/2023	<u>£5431.75</u>
Diff between Estimated and Actual Bal	<u>£0.00</u>

- b. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) – Annual Return Members Allowance return. No community councillor had requested expenses during the financial year ending 31/03/2023. Therefore, a zero return had been sent to IRPW.
- c. Budget to Actual Spend Comparison April to August 2023:

		ACTUAL	
	BUDGET	RECEIPTS/ SPEND	DIFF
<u>INCOME</u>			
Precept	£6,000	£4,000	£2,000
Other Income	£0	£7	-£7
PALC Repayment	£0	£0	£0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£6,000</u>	<u>£4,007</u>	<u>£1,993</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			<u>+ / -</u>
Clerk's Salary	£1,800	£900	£900
Clerk's Expenses (Estimated)	£50	£39	£11
BDO Audit Fees (Estimated)	£250	£0	£250
Insurance	£400	£388	£12
Memorial Hall Rent	£120	£120	£0
Annual Membership (SUBS) to OVW	£200	£0	£200
Donations	£400	£100	£300
Playground Maintenance (including new equipment/PCC Main)	£2,500	£1,003	£1,497
Notice Boards /Kiosk Wiston etc. VAT	£0	£0	£0
Salt for Salt Bins in Walton, Wiston, Cucumber Hill	£280	£0	£280
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£6,000</u>	<u>£2,550</u>	<u>£3,450</u>

6. Correspondence

- August and September 2023 Invoices totalling £300 (£75 per cut x 4) received from Paul Rees, for mowing at the Clarbeston Road Playground. It was agreed to pay the invoices by all the councillors present. Proposed by Yvette and seconded by Alan.
- Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC): Town Community Council Information – Filling community councillor vacancies. A casual vacancy notice would need to be displayed throughout the ward for the Walton East Vacancy. Alan would display the notice in Clarbeston Road, and the clerk would display in the notice board in Walton East. The notice would also be displayed on various social media platforms to ensure it reached as many residents as possible throughout the ward.
- PCC: Publication of Further Revised Delivery Agreement including the Community Involvement Scheme - tabled.
- Ironman Wales Pembrokeshire 2023 Feedback. Pembrokeshire residents are encouraged to express their opinion regarding the Ironman event.
- Hywel Dda Engagement: New Hospital Site Consultation Feedback Report – noted.

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7. Planning

- a. 1, Preseli View, Walton East SA63 4SJ: Extension of rear garden with creation of hardstanding area with landscaping (partly in retrospect) (23/0412/PA). No known objections.
- b. The Old Vicarage, Conkland Hill, Wiston SA62 4PL: Renovation and restoration of the Coach House building to provide ancillary accommodation to the main house for use as guest accommodation and holiday letting. (23/0420/PA). No known objections.
- c. Meadow Rise, Walton East, Clarbeston Road, SA63 4SU: Variation of condition 2 (occupancy condition) of planning permission D2/81/1037 (To erect a bungalow and garage at Part O.S Parcel 5056) (23/0418/PA). The clerk was asked to write to the PCC planning department and express the opinion of the councillors; should the restriction be lifted before the dwelling has been put up for sale. In the past, this removal was only considered if the dwelling had not been sold after a certain period of time.
- d. Hillcrest, Wiston SA62 4BE: Alterations and extension to the dwelling and change of use of part of the adjacent field for erection of garage / tractor shed, and incidental parking / turning areas. (23/0511/PA). David Howlett declared an interest, as he was related to the applicant. No known objections.

8. Highways

- a. David Howlett had been contacted by a member of Walton East Church to find out if there would be any objections to raised beds for the growing of vegetables, be erected on the grassed area outside the church wall. The councillors present were not certain who the land belonged to, therefore David Howlett agreed to check with PCC before a replying.
- b. There are overhanging tree branches on the road between Clover Hill to Clarbeston Road, which could be considered dangerous for large vehicles. David Howlett agreed to report this issue.
- c. "Shop Hill" Wiston – cars were parking inconsiderably along the road, which could be considered a hazard if it continued.

9. Any Other Business

- a. Update of Hillside, Clarbeston – cattle grid and the issue of flooding in the area.
Correspondence had been received from PCC highways department. *"Unfortunately, I'm unable to comment on the issue of the surface water to the road and any sort of contributing factor from the cattle grid. I'm not part of Highways and I'm acting on their concern as this is not my speciality as I'm sure you can appreciate. I have requested the Highways team clarify their remedial recommendations to which I feel should be honoured as this is their speciality (whether this is clearing the cattle grid or monitoring its performance at present). As the cattle grid is part of the maintenance responsibility of PCC and the private residents, if highways feel it's defective and contributing to issues on the highway then Building Maintenance have a responsibility to maintain as well as the private residents as the responsibility is shared. Going forward, Rhys Davies (copied in) is the project officer who will be looking into any schemes deemed necessary by the Highways team."* This issue is ongoing.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Monday 23rd October 2023 at 20:00hrs, at the Memorial Hall, Clarbeston Road.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 20:55 hrs.

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