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PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of PuncHESTON Community Council
Wednesday 29th November 2023
Smyrna Vestry at 7.30pm

Clerk and Finance Officer

In attendance: Cllr Sue Collins (SC), Cllr Samantha Lewis (SL), Cllr Dewi Lewis (DL), Cllr Wyn Williams (WW) and Clerk; Bradley Challinor (BC)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Delme Harries (DH), Cllr Jamie Williams (JW) and Cllr Ann Thomas (AT)

2. Read and Sign the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (26th July 2023)

Minutes of the meeting held at 19:30 on 25th October 2023 in the Smyrna Vestry proposed and approved by PuncHESTON Community Council chair (DL) and seconded by Cllr WW.

Minutes to be scanned and electronically archived by clerk (BC). Action points from the 25th October 2023 meeting discussed and completed.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Repairs to the telephone kiosk:

Cllr AT to follow up with village contacts and update in the October Community Council meeting.

b) Tree planting:

No update from previous Community Council Meeting. Spare cherry tree will be followed up by Cllrs AT.

c) Speed and parking issues outside school: moved to agenda point 4 (Highway Matters as now an ongoing action)

4. Highway Matters

The hole in the road has been reported to PCC by clerk (still ongoing maintenance from last Community Council meeting). Cllr DH confirmed it may be related to a utility company and not be PCC highways. No further updates.

Speed and parking issues outside school: Clerk has emailed PCC regarding installation of speed bumps and parking issues. Email passed to correct school highway related department. No response. Clerk to follow up with PCC.

Cllr DH has supported the issue and feedback to the community council and members of the public:

- Call the police when the speed limit is broken
- Go Cymru / Go Safe visit – supported by a community action group (volunteers)
- PCC have started an internal investigation
- Cllr Rhys Sinnett looking into the complaint (meeting this week with Darren Thomas from PCC)

Cllr Rhys Sinnett email reply to Cllr DH:

Dear Delme

Thanks for requesting a meeting with the Highways Team to discuss the above issue and I wanted to just summarise a couple of key points we agreed to move forward with.

Firstly, I wanted to assure you that we are taking this matter seriously and that we are fully prepared to listen to the concerns you may have as elected member for the area as well as those reflected by the community council and community residents. We did discuss the fact that finding sustainable solutions to the issues raised would not however be a quick fix as there are many conflicting views as to the use or need for any infrastructure enhancements and that ultimately, decisions would need to be based on solid evidence and data as well as community acceptance of any such measures.

However, we are committed to work with you to find appropriate solutions that are endorsed by yourself and the community and to that end we would be more than willing to attend a community council or broader community meeting to discuss these in more detail and I would be grateful if you could convey this offer to the community council if they wish to take this up.

Kind Regards

Rhys

Puncheston Community Councillors would like to accept the meeting invite from Cllrs Rhys Sinnett. Clerk to arrange a suitable meeting date.

5. Planning

No new planning applications

6. Puncheston Village Green

Cllr DH updated Community Council on the Tennis Courts: *I have met PCC head of properties about the tennis court and this can be transferred to the school and then we can work with the school to try and get some grants for this area to have become an all-weather play area which will be available to the community as well.* Cllrs happy to support.

Cllrs confirmed receipt of letter and cheque (£87.00) from a member of the public. Cllrs were happy with the removal of the apple trees in the village garden and that they should not be replaced. Cllrs would like to extend a massive thanks for the support with the village garden.

7. Defibrillator in Puncheston

The go fund me page (set up outside of the Community Council) achieved the required amount of donations to purchase a new Defibrillator.

The new Defibrillator has been installed outside the village vestry (massive thanks to Tony and Gavin for supporting the installation).

Puncheston Community Council would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for setting up the go fund me page and for all of the generous donations.

8. Payments / Finance / Audit

Invoices / payments received:

- Previous clerks goodbye meal £22.90
- Royal British Legion Wreath £20.00
- Grass Cutting (Chris Hendly): £100.00

Unable to write and pay cheques as Barclays have frozen account. Clerk has arranged a meeting with Barclays to push through the change of name and unfreeze account.

Clerk has updated companies awaiting payment regarding issue with bank.

Clerk to produce budget update for January meeting.

9. General Allowance Payments

Completed for 2023/24 FY and IFRA paperwork submitted (remove from agenda until 2024/25 FY)

10. Correspondence

- Council Boundaries (feedback submitted to PCC)
- OVW Training Dates
- OVW Newsletter
- Enhancing Pembs Grant
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11. Any Other Matters

Cllr SC confirmed village Christmas tree has been purchased and will be put up on the 01.12.2023. PAT testing approved, risk assessment complete, insurance in place, electric form finalised and Cllrs SC will email documents to clerk. Any queries regarding the tree and lights please send to Huw Bevan.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 31st January 2024