

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2005 at the Village Hall, Merlins Bridge

Present: Cllrs P Davies, H Studley, Mrs Q Thomas, M Thomas, Mrs A Palmer,
Mrs M Jakeway, S Brown, Mrs M Baron, J Cole, Mrs S Hughes, Mrs R Johnson
(Clerk)

Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.

1.Additional Agenda Items for Consideration:

2. - Two year term of chairman
3. - Current financial situation of council
- 4.- Letter from St Marks School

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6.Minutes of last meeting – The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chairman.

3.Matters Arising:

–Football Team – there was still no further information on this matter.

–Secondary School Changes – Cllr Mrs Hughes advised that now there was a move to send some 6th forms to college. More meetings were due to be held in the next few weeks.

–Traffic through St Issell's Avenue – Cllr Mrs Havard had responded to the clerk that the only option was to put more double yellow lines, but this may lead to the road being used as a race track. It was suggested that traffic calming was required or maybe to make the road one way. Clerk to email the County Councillor asking if this was a possibility.

–Mini Roundabout – the clerk had received an email from PCC advising that they were not going to get rid of the roundabout but were going to make changes to make the layout more safe. This would be implemented in the next few weeks. Councillors felt that one way to improve the site would be to move the telegraph pole. Clerk to ask the county councillor if this would be possible.

–Reduction in school crossing patrols – this had now been abandoned and the school crossings will continue.

4.Query over Chairman's two year term in office.

5.Cllr Brown had asked whether the two year term rule would continue. Cllr Mrs Q Thomas felt that the situation needed to be clarified. It was proposed that following two years in office, the chairman should be allowed to stand again. Proposed by Cllr S Brown and seconded by Cllr Mrs Q Thomas – all agreed.

5.Current Financial Situation

6.The clerk gave a brief synopsis of the current financial state of the council. It was anticipated that approximately £20500.00 would be carried over into the new financial year. Full financial accounts would be presented to the council at the AGM in May.

6.Letter from St Marks School

7.The school had sent a letter to the council asking for a donation towards the new school roof and also advising that the school was needing to update its computers. They advised that they were able to purchase 20 laptops for a price of £5000.00. The chairman advised that he may be able to acquire reconditioned laptops and would investigate the price. Cllr Cole proposed that a sum of £2500 be

allocated towards purchasing new laptops for the school. Cllr Brown also mentioned the possibility of a bursary. The chairman agreed to speak to the head teacher about both matters. The proposal for £2500.00 was made by Cllr Cole and seconded by Cllr Mrs Hughes. All agreed.

7. Correspondence

8.- Letter from CTIL/Vodafone regarding the upgrade proposed to the base station at Lower Dredgman Hill to improve signal.

9.- Letter from John Welsby, Emmanuel Church thanking the council for the donation made.

8. Donations

9. None

9. Planning

10. None

11. Cllr Studley queried whether the new sign on the village hall required planning consent. Clerk to investigate.

10. County Councillor's Report

11. The county councillor advised members that PCC had been recognised nationally for its procurement work at the Welsh National Procurement Awards.

11. Financial Accounts

12. R Johnson – Clerk's salary	£140.80
13. HMRC – income tax and NI	£35.20

12. Any Other Business

13.- Cllr Studley queried if there was any progress on the swings at the Glen View Park. The chairman advised that there was no progress to date.

14.- Cllr Mrs Q Thomas advised that the notice board by the Post Office was in need of updating.

15.- Cllr Mrs Q Thomas advised that the pot holes in St Issell's Avenue had been mended.

16.- Cllr Mrs Hughes mentioned that a resident, Mrs Edwards was 101 and it might be nice of the council to send her some flowers. Cllr Mrs Hughes agreed to find out Mrs Edwards' date of birth.

17.- Cllr Davies advised members that the phone kiosk at the end of St Issell's Avenue had now been removed.

13. Date of the Next Meeting

14. The next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th May 2015. The meeting will follow the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....