

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th October 2015

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

- 1. Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllrs Mrs Q Thomas, M Thomas, S Hartley and Mrs A Hartley.

- 2. Additional Agenda Items for Consideration:** Welfare Committee Update

- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chairman. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Palmer and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Hughes.

- 4. Matters Arising:**
 - PCSO Miles – members of the council were advised that PCSO Miles had spoken to the individual regarding fly tipping and that it would appear that there is some confusion over who actually owns the land where the stuff had been dumped.
 - Mrs Edwards' Birthday – Cllr Mrs Thomas had advised the clerk that Mrs Edwards' birthday was in August but did not have an actual date. Cllr Mrs Hughes agreed to investigate further and once the actual date had been ascertained, she would contact the clerk to arrange some flowers.
 - Play Swings – Cllr Mrs Havard had emailed the clerk to advise that new swings had now been put in place and that residents were happy.
 - Laptops for St Mark's – since last month's meeting, the 8 laptops had now been purchased and presented to the school. The school were very pleased to receive them and an article had appeared in the local press.
 - Clerk's Laptop – the chairman had sourced a new laptop for the clerk as the old one was now defunct. This was purchased for £250.00.

- 5. Correspondence:**
 - PCC – Governing Body of Mount Airey School – noted.
 - PCC – Libraries Service – there would be a session on 22nd June at County Hall in relation to the consultation on library services in the county and how best to progress.
 - Greenhill Park Crescent Mini Roundabout – the clerk had received an email from PCC advising that rather than re-introducing the T-Junction, the mini-roundabout would now stay in place with additional safety features being introduced into the road surfaces leading up to the roundabout. The splay will also be amended to improve visibility. The moving of the telegraph pole is being looked at but Cllr Havard had advised that the cost was an important factor as it was in the region of £20,000.

- Merlins Bridge Juniors – a letter was read out from Kev Thomas, Merlins Bridge Juniors, asking if the community council would consider adding their name to the paperwork and plans for the proposed works planning application as they had been advised by PCC that this would reduce the fees payable by 50% (saving £495.00). The matter was discussed by the council and all were in favour of this request. It agreed that the Chair would ring Kev Thomas after the meeting to advise him of the outcome. *Post meeting note – the chair rang Kev Thomas immediately following the conclusion of the meeting to advise him that the community council was in favour of his request.*

6. Donations:

Laptops for St Marks School £2400.00

Agreed by all in attendance.

7. Planning:

Permission: 15/0036/PA – Lower Dredgmans Hill – installation of base station.

8. Welfare Committee Report:

Cllr Cole declared an interest in this matter as a trustee.

Cllr Brown had attended the recent AGM of the Welfare Committee but advised that the meeting was not well attended. The committee remains the same. Financially, it would appear that the committee is struggling but they are breaking even and able to fulfil current financial obligations. In relation to the financial report, Cllr Brown advised that there was no hard copy available on the night. Some of the mothers of Merlins Bridge had attended and were looking for some financial assistance towards a disco and this was agreed.

9. County Councillor's Report:

Cllr Mrs Havard advised that new swings had been installed at Glen View. She also advised that 11 beaches in Pembrokeshire have been given the Blue Flag Status which is encouraging.

10. Financial Accounts:

R Johnson – Clerk's salary	£140.80
HMRC – tax and NI	£35.20
P Felice – payment for new laptop for clerk	£250.00
St Mark's School – laptops	£2400.00

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

11. Any Other Business:

- De Clare Court – two events forthcoming and posters would be sent out: Summer Fete & Dog Show, early July and Tea Dance to be held on 5th September.
- Cllr Mrs Jakeway thanked everyone for the flowers and card she had received following her recent illness.
- Cllr Cole commented on the planters in the village. Cllrs S & A Hartley had agreed to progress these, otherwise Cllr Cole agreed to see to them.
- The chairman mentioned that he thought it would be a nice gesture to give a voucher to the best boy and best girl at St Mark’s school at the end of term as a reward for their hard work. He suggested an amount of £25.00 each (gift/book voucher). Members present were in agreement of this in principle.

12. Date of the next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September 2015.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Signed:.....

Chairman:.....