

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at the Village Hall, Merlin's Bridge

Present: Cllrs P Davies, H Studley, Mrs A Hartley, S Hartley, S Brown (Vice-Chair)
J Cole, Mrs S Hughes, Mrs M Jakeway, Mrs M Baron, Mrs R Johnson (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllrs Mrs Q Thomas, Mrs A Palmer and M Thomas.
2. **Additional Agenda Items:** OVW/PALC Meeting
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Vice-Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Cole and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Hughes.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - i. Letter from Sue Rogers – the clerk had contacted the Monitoring Officer about the matter who had responded that Ms Rogers would need to make a complaint herself via the form to be found on the Ombudsman's website. The clerk had conveyed this information to Ms Rogers but to date had heard nothing from the Ombudsman.
 - ii. Pot hole – the county councillor had advised the clerk that this had now been mended.
5. **OVW/PALC Meeting:**

Cllr Paul Davies gave an update on a meeting he had attended. This detailed possible and proposed change to the way councils both County and Community will be run in the future and how this may affect community councils including financial implications. Sessions are due to be set up in the near future and OVW have recommended that there be two representatives from each council. Proposed that meeting be held on 27th April – venue to be confirmed in due course.
6. **Correspondence**
 - a. PCC – Code of Conduct Training – the Monitoring Officer had contacted all councils advising that she was hoping to carry out Code of Conduct training with all councils over the coming months.
 - b. Pembs Coast National Parks – letter advising members that they would be holding Local Development Plan workshops in the near future.
 - c. Gold Coins commemorating Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday – April meeting agenda.
7. **Donations:**

Merlin's Bridge Juniors – letter requesting funding towards new equipment, courses etc. It was agreed that before any decision could be made, there would need to be more details on costs, e.g. how much kit costs etc. And MBCC would need a breakdown of the club's accounts to make a clear decision. Clerk to contact the club asking for more information.
8. **Planning:**

Application:
15/1172/PA – 9 Magdalene Street – new extension
No objections raised.

9. County Councillor’s Report:

The county councillor advised that the pothole had now been fixed by the Post Office and that the garden waste collections would be recommencing in April.

10. Financial Accounts:

HMRC – income tax and NI payments for Clerk	£35.20
R Johnson – clerk’s salary and expenses	£160.80

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

11. McDonalds Community Involvement

There was nothing further to report on this matter at present.

12. Any Other Business:

- a. Cllr Studley commented on the traffic issues in St Issell’s – he was reminded that the county councillor had advised that there was speed monitoring taking place in Clay Lanes. Clerk to ask County Councillor if there was any update on this.
- b. Cllr S Hartley advised members that Pembrokeshire Housing had carried out a big rubbish collection in the locality which had proved a great success with around 6 lorries full of rubbish being taken away
- c. Welfare Committee AGM – members were advised that the AGM would be held on Wednesday 6th April at 7.00pm however all relevant documentation including accounts etc would be ready for inspection from 6.30pm onwards.
- d. Mrs Baron thanked members for the flowers sent to her recently.
- e. De Clare Court AGM – this will be held on 16th March 2016 at 2.30pm.
- f. Cllr Mrs Hughes advised that Merlin’s Avenue was in need of resurfacing – clerk to contact the County Councillor about this.
- g. Cllr P Davies made a request to hold the April meeting at 6.30pm – this was agreed.
- h. Tim e of meetings – agenda item for April.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th April at the **earlier time of 6.30pm** in the Village Hall, Merlins Bridge.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

Signed:.....

Chair:.....