

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 18th May 2016 at the Village Hall, Merlins Bridge

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

1. **Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllr Mrs S Hughes
2. **Additional Agenda Items:** There were no additional agenda items to be added.
3. **Minutes of last meeting** – There were two small amendments:
 - Councillor Vacancies – this was changed to read that Nick Stamp had been advised that there were councillor vacancies.
 - AOB – Priory Ruins was altered to Haroldston Ruins.Following these amendments the minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chairman – proposed Cllr Mrs Q Thomas and seconded Cllr Mrs A Palmer.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - Haroldston Ruins – councillors were advised that the ruins were owned by the Freemasons. Agenda item for June meeting.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - i. Stephen Crabb – letter advising of BT Community update – 27th May 2016 at 2.00pm in Crundale.
 - ii. Post Office – move to new premises (Eileen's Newsagents) – no objections.
 - iii. One Voice Wales – Adoption of Financial Regulations – agenda item for June.
 - iv. One Voice Wales/SLCC – joint event on 22nd June 2016 at Swansea.
 - v. Zurich Insurance – quote received for £713.64 – agreed to go ahead with this insurance.
 - vi. Secondary Education Consultation – closing date 25th May 2016.
 - vii. Public Meeting – Primary Education at St Mark's on 7th June at 6.30pm.
 - viii. Community Charter Consultation notification – Crundale Hall on 24th May 2016 at 6.30pm – Paul Davies and Mrs Palmer to attend.

6. Donations

No donations for consideration this month.

7. Planning

Approval for 9 Magdelene Street.

8. County Councillor's Report

The County Councillor advised members on European funding that had been used for such things as new roads and supporting local businesses.

The clerk was asked to mention the following to the County Councillor:

- 2 pot holes by the chapel – apparently these belong to the Water Board
- Pot hole outside 23/25 Pembroke Road
- Pot hole outside chip shop
- Pot holes at entrance to Old Hakin Road.

9. Financial Accounts

Ashmole Accountants – PAYE accounting services	£72.00
R Johnson – Clerk’s salary	£140.80
HMRC – income tax and NI	£35.20
Zurich Insurance – council insurance	£713.64

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

10. Councillor Vacancies

The clerk had received one response to the advert from Nick Stamp. Nick had previously served as a community councillor, and it was agreed to write to him asking him to join the council. Clerk to also produce a dateless poster advertising the remaining one position on the council.

11. Any Other Business

- i. Cllr Studley queried whether MBCC paid anything towards Freystrop Cemetery – the answer was no.
- ii. Cllr Mrs Palmer queried whether anyone could ask the council for a donation. Yes they can but all requests must be made in writing and will be considered individually on their own merits.
- iii. Cllr Mrs Thomas mentioned the defective manholes and potholes on the entrance to Old Hakin Road.

12. Date of the next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th June 2016 at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

Signed:.....Chair

Dated:.....