

St Florence Community Council Meeting

Held at Village Hall, St Florence

7.30pm on Tuesday 7th April 2017

Present: Councillors Buckmaster (Chair), R Hughes, D Evans, S Hughes

Also Present: R Ruff (Clerk), Philip Kidney (County Councillor), 1 member of public

Public Participation: Geraint Thomas from St Florence Girls Football was present and expressed his thanks for help and support of the Council in setting up the girls football team, the team have done really well during the season and have had a fantastic response and support. Darren enquired whether there would be any available room on the playing fields to store fully erected goals (current goals being used have been erected and dismantled before and after each game which is time consuming). It was agreed that there would be some space where the cricket nets are (these are unused), but some kind of security style fencing would need to be erected to protect the goals when not in use. Geraint explained the club would be happy to fund any fencing needed. The item will be put on the Agenda for next month; where a final decision will be made but the Chairman stressed they were in full support of the idea.

7/4/17 1. Apologies

None received, all present

7/4/17 2. Declarations of Interest

None received

7/4/17 3. Signing of Minutes for February Meeting.

March Minutes were approved and signed off.

4. Matters Arising for information only

4.1 Clerk Contract of Employment – Council all agreed they were happy with work from the Clerk over the past 9 months. The Contract of Employment was signed off.

4.2 Notice Board repairs – Ongoing – carry forward to next meeting.

4.3 Bus Shelter Fly Tipping – The rubbish has now been removed, many thanks to Councillor Kidney.

4.4 Funding Applications Update – A new funding application has been put forward to the Welsh Government to make the repairs to the Village Hall Roof. We have been awarded £2000 by the Welsh Church Fund this will be put together with Government fund if successful to allow works to be carried out.

The Village Hall Committee will be writing to Valero Refinery and Port Authority to ask whether any funding help would be available to help purchase a Field Roller that is required for the playing fields.

5. Planning Applications

- 5.1** Model Farm, The Ridgeway, Manorbier INV/0343/11 – Enforcement Notice. NO COMMENTS

6. Village Hall & Village Hall Matters

- 6.1** **Broken Guttering on garage caused by youths playing football** – The guttering has been broken on the garage and lots of football marks are showing against the hall walls at the front of the building. This has been caused by youths playing football against the building. Whilst the Council don't wish to discourage youths from using the playing fields for football etc, damage to the building isn't acceptable. Councillor Kidney suggested that the local PSFO Andrew Griffiths be asked to call up and have a chat with youths playing about being respectful behaviour to property. It was also suggested by the council that perhaps a target wall being built in a suitable place on the field may be a solution; so there is a designated place for the boys to play target football. This will be put on the agenda for next month.
- 6.2** **Car Park Stone** – The new car parking area requires another a load of stone to finish the job, then rolling would be needed to flatten out. The Clerk was asked to contact JD Harries and order 16ton of Bolton Hill Dust to be delivered as soon as possible.
- 6.3** **Car Park Fencing** – It was agreed by all the Councillors that new car park fencing will be required, but the need to purchase a Field Roller was greater at the moment to make good the playing field in readiness for the summer months. All voted in favour of postponing purchase of fencing to obtain the Field Roller first.
- 6.4** **Charity Bingo & Curry Night** – The Bingo Night will be on the 19th April, posters will be distributed around the village, it is hoped for a good turn out. Prizes will be given out on the night, Cllr S Hughes has offered to supply these.
- 6.5** **Use of Committee Room for Festival Steering Group** – It was agreed by all that the Steering Group could use the Committee Room in the Village Hall free of charge to plan the festival; councils contribution to the event.
- 6.6** **Village Hall Pressure Washing** – A decision on whether to buy or hire a pressure washer for Village Hall use was discussed, it was agreed by all that we would hire a washer to clean down the building. It was felt by councillors that work should be monitored as to how often the job is needed and perhaps a pressure washer will be purchased next year if felt one was required. Cllr R Hughes to arrange hire.
- 6.7** **Fire Extinguisher Annual Service** – To be carried out.
- 6.8** **Annual Gas Check Range Cooker** – To be carried out.
- 6.9** **PRS Music Licence** – Clerk to complete form and return to PRS

7. Accounts and Finances

- 7.1** **Bank Reconciliation** as at 13th March 2017, all noted and agreed.
- 7.2** **Checking of Bank Reconciliation by non-signatory member** - Cllr R Hughes checked and signed the bank reconciliation
- 7.3** **Actual V Budget** – The spreadsheet needs to be updated in time for the next meeting.

- 7.4 Bank Card Council** – As yet no bank card has been received by bank. A Procurement sign off sheet will need to be made for purchases once bank card in place.
- 7.5 Invoices and cheques** - were presented for signature (see attached schedule).
- 8. Items for May 2017 Meeting** – Added to year planner.
- 9. County Councillors Reports** – County Cllr P Kidney noted:
- * Refuse bins in the village of been removed by County Council because they were full of household waste, nappies etc. Cllr Kidney will ask for the bins to be put back by the Village Hall and the two down by the Ford and one by the Bus Shelter. It was noted that if more bins are required in the village then the Community will have to pay for them.
 - *County Council received a letter from a company called 'Power Up' sponsored by Western Power, they give advice on grants and funding available for solar panels etc, local seminars are being run for residents, Cllr Kidney will ask if we can have one for St Florence, residents will be advised when this is organised.
 - *Lots of emails of been received in Planning with regards to the new development at Ash Grove. Cllr Kidney advised that Highways Dept. have no concerns with regards to access for lorries etc, but conditions can be looked at, if necessary, once developments gets under way.
 - *Complaints have been received about youths down at The Ford area, no proof vandalism has been caused by them, local PSFO will be asked to look in on the area at regular intervals and speak with the youths gathering there about correct behaviour.
- 10. Time and Date of next meeting** – 7:30pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2017.

Meeting Closed at 2050 hours.