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Minutes of the meeting of Stackpole and Castlemartin Community Council held at Castlemartin Community Hall on Monday, January 9th 2017, at 7.30pm.

Present: P Nicholas, A Evans, B Rae, J Mirehouse, S Alderman and the clerk, Rose Kennington. Apologies received from Councillors Morris, Evans and Edwards.

Acceptance of minutes of meeting of Stackpole and Castlemartin Community Council held on December 5th 2016: Proposed by Councillor Peter Nicholas and seconded by Councillor Barbara Rae.

Update on current issues

- 1. Broadband provision:** Fibre optic broadband is up and running in Castlemartin. Councillor David Edwards has contacted Angela Burns stating that the village has been waiting for over a year. BT stated that Stackpole is far down in the que for connection. No further developments at the time of the meeting.
- 2. Closure threat to Stackpole VC School:** Final approval has been given a temporary governing body is in place. Clive Condon has been appointed as the new headmaster. The name for the new school has been decided and will be Penrhyn (welsh for peninsula). Email received from Barry Cooke Head of Property at PCC stating that PCC owns the school under two deeds of transfer. The main part of the site (excluding the additional playing field) is subject to a buy back clause in favour of the original owners whereby PCC must serve notice on the vendors or trustees of its wish to sell and the vendors may within one month of such notice elect to purchase the property at a price equivalent to the then existing market value thereof. The playing field is subject to a restrictive covenant not to use it other than for recreational purposes for the school. At the appropriate time PCC will serve notice on the vendors (for the main site) of their wish to dispose and, if they chose not to buy back, PCC will then draw up proposals for the marketing of the site. Disposal of the playing site will involve PCC liaising with the vendors to see if the restrictive covenant can be lifted or relaxed before making any decisions on its future. The councillors asked the clerk to write to Barry Cooke requesting a Village Hall for Stackpole on the site which would contribute to the wellbeing of the community. The community council was notified that because of a delay the new school will not open until January 2018. For one term only the new school will operate out of Stackpole VC School. The ground has been cleared. PCC has still not provided an indicative budget. No further developments at the time of the meeting.
- 3.** The councillors asked the clerk to write to Ruth Edwards the dog warden requesting bigger dog fouling signs to be put up on the entrance and exit of the village. The councillors asked the clerk to chase this matter up as no response has been received.

4. The councillors asked the clerk to write to Darren Thomas and request that the bushes opposite 6&7 Woodland Rise be trimmed back. The bushes facing the road have been trimmed inside the fence to be trimmed in the New Year.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service informing the council that the service is conducting a review of the information held for stakeholders and asking if we wish our details to remain on their database.

Letter received from Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the local development plan – rural facilities survey update asking the councillors to complete a survey for Bosherton and St Twynells to identify the existing services and facilities which are available in the villages specified, their frequency of opening and any additional comments that we may wish to add.

FINANCE

Balance of Community Account @ Dec 7th 2016: £817.14

Cheques agreed this month:

100117 Castlemartin Community Hall Room Hire £15.00

100119 Miss R. Kennington, clerk's salary and expenses, £78.24

AOB

The councillors asked the clerk to write to Darren Thomas of Pembrokeshire County Council to ask if the ivy could be removed off the Old Post Office in Stackpole as it is making it unsafe for children walking to school as they have to walk in the road because of the ivy protruding onto the pavement.

The councillors asked the clerk to write to Darren Thomas of Pembrokeshire County Council to request a priority sign giving villagers leaving the village to have priority. They would like the sign placed at Redford Hill i.e. if you were driving from The Speculation Inn to Redford Hill the sign would be located at the lowest point where the river crosses the road giving the villagers leaving the village priority.

The councillors agreed the precept would remain at £1000.

Next Meeting: The meeting closed at 8.30 pm. The council will next meet at Stackpole VC School on Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.30 pm.