

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 9th April 2014 at The Village Hall, Merlins Bridge

Present: Cllr P Davies (Chairman), Cllr H Studley, Cllr J Cole, Cllr S Hartley, Cllr Mrs A Hartley, Cllr Mrs Q Thomas, Cllr Mrs M Jakeway, Cllr S Brown, Mrs R Johnson (Clerk), Mrs M Baron (Member of Public)

1. Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs Mrs S Hughes, M Thomas and N Stamp

2. Additional Agenda Items – Items requested for discussion were Haroldston Ruins and Website.

3. Minutes of the last meeting – The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chairman. Proposed by Cllr S Brown and seconded by Cllr J Cole.

4. Matters Arising

- Black Bin Bags – it was noted that the resident had yet again put the black bin bags out on the wrong day.
- It was noted that the pothole in Haroldston Close had been mended.
- Councillor Vacancy – there was some query over whether Cllr Mrs Palmer had resigned because no official letter had been received by the clerk. Clerk to speak to Cllr Mrs Palmer to ascertain the position.
- Planters – the planters had been acquired and filled with plants and situated in the village. Thanks to Cllrs Steve Hartley and John Cole for their work in this regard.

5. Correspondence

- One Voice Wales – acknowledgement of membership renewal.
- David Cameron – Notifacation of allowances in regard to NI.
- One Voice Wales – Area meeting to be held at County Hall on 15th April.
- Joint SLCC/OVW Conference – Llandudno on 15th May.

6. Donations

There were donations this month.

7. County Councillor's Report

The county councillor gave details of various issues including her concerns over the closures of departments at Withybush Hospital. She advised that the pothole in Haroldston Close had been done. Street light in St Issells still had some issues but will be fixed once an engineer is available. The fence at Glenview play area has been damaged yet again. She advised that the fence would be fixed one more time only in due course.

Items for the County Councillors attention were:

No 45 – light still not working.

St Issells Avenue – the avenue is in poor condition and needs addressing. Also, at the end nearest Pembroke Road, could the double yellow lines be extended back from the junction?

Bollards request for Fernill – is there any news on whether these will be installed?

8. Planning

Application – 13/1042/PA – Bella Vista, Old Hakin Road – no objections.

9. Accounts for Payment

HMRC – Clerk's income tax	£35.20
Mrs R Johnson – Clerk's salary plus postage costs	£140.80
J Cole – reimbursement for planters/plants	£222.30

It was agreed that the above be paid in full.

Cllr Mrs Q Thomas queried whether a cheque could be made payable to a councillor. The clerk advised that she thought it was acceptable as the goods had been legitimately purchased, but would check with the liaison officer at PCC to confirm.

10. Withybush Hospital

After news of potential reduction in services, councillors voiced their concerns over this matter. In particular the cardiac unit it seems is to be moved and there is nothing more that can be done to stop this move. Cllr S Brown proposed that a letter be sent to the Western Telegraph, Paul Davies AM and to the WAG voicing the council's strong concerns.

11. World War I Commemorations

There was some discussion over whether some thought ought to be given to acknowledging the start of World War I. It was felt that it could be dealt with nearer the time, and perhaps a special service take place on Remembrance Day.

12. Haroldston Ruins

Cllr Mrs Q Thomas advised that she had passed the ruins recently and was very concerned about their condition. There was a query over whether they were a protected area and worry over whether the area might in time be developed. Clerk to enquire as to whether the site is protected.

Also, nearby, Cllr S Hartley queried why there a large sinkhole had been put in the ground near the railway. Query to be sent to First Milk for information and also to see if a visit could be arranged.

13. Website

Councillors were advised that the new website was up and running and could be found at: www.pembstcc.co.uk/merlins-bridge-community-council All councillors names had been put on with contact details aimed at the council email address. From April onwards, minutes will be posted once approved.

14. Any other Business

- Cllr Mrs Jakeway advised that walkways were being installed at De Clare Court. Hopefully these should be completed by June 14th when they were holding a dog show. Also their fete would be held on 12th July.

- Cllr S Hartley advised members that all notice boards were up to date. The new board had been put up at the Post Office – thanks were given to Cllr Hartley for his work in this regard.

15. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th May 2014 at the Village Hall, Merlins Bridge. This would include both the AGM and the normal monthly meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....