

Minutes of the meeting of Stackpole and Castlemartin Community Council held at Castlemartin Community Hall on Monday, July 3rd 2017, at 7.30pm.

### **Update on current issues**

- 1. Broadband provision:** Fibre optic broadband is up and running in Castlemartin but Stackpole is still not enabled. Eluned Morgan (AM) is presenting a paper to the Welsh Assembly, in July, setting out the problems of rural areas in which the need for fast broadband will be highlighted. It is hoped that this will put pressure on BT Openreach to take action in areas such as Stackpole which are on Eluned's priority list.
- 2. New Penrhyn VC School:** The build is now well underway. All staff have been provisionally appointed. The projected number of pupils for the start of the school is 100. The bus route will depend on the number of children coming from each village. There has been no decision made yet as to what will happen to the old school buildings. The councillors asked the clerk to write to Barry Cooke (PCC) again requesting a community hall for the village of Stackpole once the school has closed. The councillors also requested that the clerk make enquiries as to what is the future of the school building once the school is closed. There was an open day at the school on June the 16<sup>th</sup> with an auction of school memorabilia in the evening. The new school is on target to open in Jan 2018. For one term only the new school will operate out of Stackpole VC School.
- 3. Dog Fouling signs:** The councillors asked the clerk to contact Steve Morbey Environmental Health Officer at Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the costing of providing A4 size anti-dog fouling signs. Two signs required for the entrance and exit of the village and one for the church car park. The councillors asked the clerk to chase this matter up with Steve Morbey.
- 4. Gupton Farm:** Council visited the site before the meeting. The house has now been refurbished and is advertised on the National Trust website to let as holiday accommodation. The shower block, reception area, warden's accommodation, tourist information room, car parking area, wet day shed and campsite have all been completed and are all up and running.
- 5. Sampson Cottage visibility problems:.** Darren Thomas (PCC) has informed the clerk that the property in question is a private property and therefore would be responsible for putting a mirror in the hedge opposite themselves. The hedges outside the property have now been cut back and visibility is now much better.

- 6. Valero Community Advisory Panel:** Councillor Steve Alderman attended the Valero Community Advisory Panel meeting on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Rhoscrowther Hall. In his feedback from the meeting he reported that the main discussion was the Combined Heat and Power scheme (CHP) and the work that is being carried out in the wildlife areas.
- 7. Sunken drain in Stackpole:** The clerk has written to PCC pointing out the sunken drain cover at the start of the village is a danger to motorists but no response received at the time of the meeting. The councillors asked the clerk to chase this up again as more and more complaints are arising.
- 8. Untaxed vehicles in Stackpole:** The clerk has written to Darren Thomas of Pembrokeshire County Council stating that there are two cars parked in Deer Park View with no tax, no MOT and no insurance. A black Vauxhall Corsa registration BL52 ZVN and a light blue Jaguar S type registration CF03 GYT. No response at the time of the meeting.
- 9. Clerk's PAYE:** The clerk raised the issue that the audit documents suggest that the community council should be registered with HMRC for PAYE. Councillor David Edwards to contact Pembrokeshire Association of Local Councils for advice on this matter.

## **NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no new correspondence.

## **PLANNING**

**NP/17/0273/FUL**- Construction of two troop shelters on Army training estate MoD Merrion Camp, Pembroke, Pembrokeshire, SA71 5EB. The Council had no objection.

**NP/17/0343/FULL**- Reinstatement of chimney stack, erection of glass roofed veranda, alterations of northern lean to and erection of new walls and gateways at west entrance. Retrospective works including provision of metal flue and roof lights to north west wing, and wall with gates to north west of farmhouse West Trewent, Stackpole, Pembroke, Pembrokeshire, SA71 5LS. The Council had no objection.

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## **AOB**

**Streetlight in Castlemartin:** Councillor Steve Alderman asked the clerk to write to Darren Thomas at Pembrokeshire County Council to report the street light outside 'Jericho' is on night and day.

**Stack Rocks signpost:** Councillor Edward Morris asked the clerk to write to Darren Thomas of Pembrokeshire County Council to request that the signpost to Thorne Chapel should also show the direction to Stack Rocks as a lot of people are getting lost using satnav.

**Councillor Vacancy :** Haydn Garlick had applied for the vacancy and it was agreed unanimously that he be co-opted.

**Community Council website:** The clerk asked for photographs of Stackpole and Castlemartin for the website and Councillor Steve Alderman is to bring some to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The meeting closed at 8.10 pm. The council will next meet at Stackpole VC School on Monday 4th September 2017 at 7.30 pm.