

## MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at the Village Hall, Merlins Bridge

**Present:** Cllrs P Davies (Chairman), Mrs S Hughes, S Brown, M Thomas, Mrs M Jakeway, Mrs A Palmer, Mrs Q Thomas, J Cole, H Studley, Mrs R Johnson (Clerk), Mrs M Baron (member of the public).

**1. Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllrs N Stamp, S Hartley and Mrs A Hartley.

**2. Additional Agenda Items** – Expressions of Interest

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting** – The minutes of the last meeting were amended on item 6 to show that there were no donations for consideration. Following this amendment, the minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the chairman. Proposed Cllr J Cole, seconded Cllr Mrs S Hughes.

**4. Matters Arising** - Cllr Mrs Palmer advised that she had reported the pothole and that it had been done the next day.

#### **5. Expressions of Interest**

Cllr Mrs Q Thomas advised councilors that she was now a member of the Welfare Committee.

Cllr J Cole advised councilors that he was no longer a member of the Welfare Committee.

#### **6. Correspondence**

- PCC – Strategy for Rights of Children and Young People 2013-2016
- The Voice from One Voice Wales
- Fire and Rescue Service – Letter from D Masson, Assistant Chief Officer detailing the proposed changes to the fire services in Mid and South Wales. Also enclosed was a Briefing Note dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014.
- Friends of Pembrokeshire Coast National Park – details of family rock pooling and beach day on 11<sup>th</sup> August at St Brides.

**7. Donations** – There were no donations for consideration this month.

#### **8. County Councillor's Report**

The County Councillor had submitted a report for the month which included the following;

- Bollards – at present no money but will be kept in mind should funding be available.
- Potholes – all reported potholes had been mended
- St Issell's Avenue – will be patched up in the future
- Street lights – now working
- Glenview Fence – this had now been repaired again. This would be the last time the council would mend it. On this point, it was requested that the clerk ask the county councillor to speak

to the legal department to see whether a sign could be put up at the play park advising that anyone causing damage would face prosecution.

**9. Planning Application**

14/0451/PA – Land next to Jewsons. The same objections were raised as previously to this application. Clerk to reiterate the council’s objections in relation to this.

**10. Accounts**

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| HMRC – income tax and NI contributions | £35.20  |
| R Johnson – Salary                     | £140.80 |

It was agreed that the above be paid in full

**11. Any Other Business**

- Cllr Mrs Q Thomas commented on the phone kiosk on the main road which had been vandalised yet again. The chairman agreed to look into the matter.
- Cllr Mrs Q Thomas advised that a caretaker had been found for the village hall, initially on a 1 month trial basis.
- Cllr Mrs Jakeway advised that there would be a dog show on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1.30-4.00pm and the Summer Fete would be held on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1.00-4.00pm both at De Clare Court.
- Cllr J Cole had looked into the possibility of the community council cutting the village grass and taking it over. He was advised that any matters such as this should be put in writing from the Welfare Committee.
- Cllr Thomas advised that the cemetery at Freystrop had been left in an untidy mess after grass cutting. Clerk asked to contact the county councillor asking her to look into the matter.
- Cllr Davies advised that he had attended the inauguration of the new vicar for Merlins Bridge.
- First Milk – the clerk to chase up the site visit requested for late July.

**12. Date of the Next Meeting** – the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

**Signed:**.....Chairman

**Dated:**.....