**PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Puncheston Community Council was held via Zoom on Wednesday 30th September 2020 which followed the AGM and commenced at 7.45 pm.

Present: Mr. Wyn Williams, Mr. Dewi Lewis, Mrs. Alison Evans, Mrs. Anne Thomas, Mrs. Susan Collins, Cllr Bob Kilmister and Mrs. Eirian Forrest (Clerk).

1. Apologies: Nil
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting (20.08.20)

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members. It was proposed by Anne, seconded by Alison that the minutes were a true record and were signed.

1. Matters arising from the minutes
2. Christmas Lights – the invoice for the PAT testing has not been received.
3. Remembrance wreaths – the receipt from Delme Harries has been received.
4. Resurfacing on the Llysydefaid to Garndeifog road – not done.
5. Large shed at Penlan Oleu – planning permission has not been granted. It was agreed to report to the Planning Enforcement team at PCC.
6. Highway matters
7. Alison reported that the letters on the Little Newcastle village sign on the Trecwn road are peeling off. The Clerk will report.
8. Anne reported a grey plastic item/s dumped on the B4313 New Inn to Morvil road by the junction to Puncheston. The Clerk will report.
9. Anne reported a row of vehicles parked outside her house. One day a fire engine couldn’t get through because of a truck restricting access. Bob advised the only way to stop the parking issue was to put double yellow lines or parking permits which wouldn’t be supported by residents. If access is blocked again it would be a Police matter.
10. Alison raised the state of the road from Puncheston to Little Newcastle which was reported in April/May 2019. The road is getting worse and complaints are being received from residents. Dorian Williams had responded in May 2019 saying a works order had been issued, however the works have not been done. Bob has spoken to Rob Evans, PCC who has advised that this on the list, but due to the pandemic they are behind schedule.
11. Planning
12. 20/0426/PA – Agricultural animal housing building over existing nutrient store – Farthings Hook, Tufton – it was proposed by Dewi, seconded by Anne and agreed to support.
13. Consultation - Proposed exchange of Common Land (CL191) - Land to the west of Castleblythe Farm, Puncheston – the proposal was considered and supported in January 2020, however minor amendments have been made to the proposal map (drawing No.1771.01 revision D) which supersedes (drawing no 1771.01 revision C). The revised plan has amended the Common Land No CL.060 which bounded the replacement land. The amount of replacement land to be provided and the three new 3 metre openings onto common land CL.060 will remain unchanged. There were no objections to this proposal.
14. Road Safety – Parking

Cars parking near the junction and on the road by the Chapel up to The Drovers Arms – Bob advised the only way to stop the parking issue was to put double yellow lines or parking permits which wouldn’t be supported by residents. Alison thought that the situation has slightly improved since the last meeting.

1. General allowance payments

Three members have opted to receive the £150 payment. The clerk advised them she would need their National Insurance number, date of birth and address as the payment is taxable and would be added to the PAYE system. Anyone who is self-employed will need to pay their tax via their self-assessment.

1. Annual Audit

Sharon has completed the internal audit, and the documentation has been posted to Grant Thornton.

1. Burial Board Annual Report

The Clerk had contacted Delme Harries to check if the Burial Board held their annual meeting prior to lockdown. Delme advised that did not meet, but as restrictions had now lifted a meeting would be arranged soon. He advised that they have received a grant from the Welsh Church fund towards the new wall and a mower. They are still waiting for the Church in Wales to confirm how they wish to proceed with the ownership issue.

1. Clerk’s salary and expenses

It was proposed by Dewi, seconded by Anne to pay the Clerk’s salary of £525.00, and £68.65 expenses.

1. Correspondence
2. PCC Precept remittance – £900.00 received 19.08.2022
3. Clerks & Council direct
4. SSE Invoice for Christmas lighting - £14.54 & £14.79 – it was proposed by Alison, seconded by Anne to pay both invoices.
5. Fly Tipping Action Wales poster – The Clerk has posted the poster on the Puncheston, Castleblythe, Little Newcastle, Morvil and Tufton Facebook page.
6. Any other matters

Emily Scott contacted Dewi to ask if it was okay to buy bulbs for the flower beds. It was proposed by Alison, seconded by Anne and agreed that Emily could buy bulbs.

The meeting finished at 8.27pm

Date of the next meeting via Zoom was agreed as 28th October 2020 at 7.30pm

NB: Due to the meeting being held remotely the signing of minutes and cheques etc. will be done at a later date.