

MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 9th December 2020 held at the Village Hall, Merlins Bridge @ 6pm

Present: Cllrs. John Cole, Alison Palmer, Nick Stamp, Janice Morgan, Mary Owen, Hilliard Studley.

Member of public attended – Mrs Lynette Derrington

The Chair – Cllr John Cole opened the Meeting

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Lisa O’Sullivan & Queenie Thomas
2. **Minutes of November Meeting** – 2 Alterations made
3. **Matters arising from Minutes** – Nothing other than the alterations made. Minutes were amended with alterations. Amended minutes to be uploaded to the Council website.
4. **Adverts for Clerk’ Vacancy & Councillor** Vacancies approved. Alterations to Job Description made accordingly.
5. **Correspondence**
 - Note from John Welsby of the Emmanuel Christian Centre and Church, thanking Council for their donation.
 - Email copied to us by Clare at PCC from PC496 Aled Griffiths Moses of Pembrokeshire Policing Unit who is stationed at the Haverfordwest Police Station, regarding excess speed on the Pembroke Road, Merlins Bridge. It was decided that we would invite PCC496 Aled Griffiths Moses to attend our January meeting. Cllr Janice Morgan advise that we have had no update from Emrys Llewelin from the Council with regards to a meet concerning payment and speed concerns in Merlins Bridge. Cllr John Cole will chase this up. Cllr Janice Morgan will also email again for a reply. A discussion on Radar Speed Signs and enquires regarding the installation of one on the lower Pembroke Road and one in St Issells Ave was discussed and we will discuss this with Emrys Llewelin, once we get a meet.
6. **County Councillors Report** – Update on painting of level crossing and road markings – These issues will be implemented along with other works required in the area.

- 7. Financial Accounts/Payments required/ Audit update**
- Payment made to Cllr Janice Morgan for printer cartridges and stamps
 - Audit update – After a meeting and discussions with members of the Financial Committee it has been decided that Cllr Lisa O’Sullivan will look to complete the audit as soon as is possible.
- 8. Xmas card update** – All cards have now been distributed. It was suggested by Cllr Nick Stamp that for future card distributions that we acquire a rubber stamp to imprint on the envelope a message from the Community Council.
- 9. Planning** – Cllr Nick Stamp informed the Community Council that there is currently a 6 month delay enforced on the PCC.
- 10. Update St Marks School** – Cllr Queen Thomas advised that the School have been keeping her updated but due to the current situation, nothing of any great importance to report.
- 11. Welfare Committee** – Cllr Alison Palmer advised that they have applied for a regeneration 1196 grant from PCC for repairs to the hall. Cllr Alison Palmer is also in discussion with Sinead Hanaghan regarding the recreation area and extended area for car parking under the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant with PCC. Village Hall Roof was further discussed – Cllr Janice Morgan informed Council that the surveyor she had hoped to speak to had retired. Agreed that she should contact a local surveyor for a quote.
- 12. Donations** – St Marks School Christmas donation of £360.
Proposed by Cllr Nick Stamp Seconded by Cllr Mary Owen
- 13. Precept** – Remain the same, no increase or decrease, as we have quite a few plans for 21/22
Proposed by Cllr. Hilliard Studley and Seconded by Cllr Nick Stamp – voted unanimously.
- 14. Matters for Next meeting.** 1. Update on Audit. Budget 21/22. 3. Code of Conduct
- 15. Date of Next Meeting** – 14th January 2021