

WISTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for the Community Council meeting held on Monday 17th May 2021 at 20:00hrs, at The Memorial Hall, Clarbeston Road.

Present:

Alan Vaughan
Thomas Bevan

Yvette Bevan
Robert Voyle

Peter Lewis
Samantha Philipps-Harries (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Remarks

Alan welcomed everyone to the first face to face meeting in over 12 months.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from David Evans, David Howlett and Marilyn Bevan.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting – 19th April 2021.

Minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 19th April 2021 were confirmed as a true record. Proposed by Yvette and seconded by Peter.

4. Matters Arising There From

- a. Broadband Project Update: David H provided the following information – *“The Broadband Project – For the New Moat project area, an e-mail was sent out from the chosen provider Broadway last week to say they have encountered some delays but are working hard to get people connected. I have not had any updates on the Wiston and Slebech project area.”*
- b. Clarbeston Road Playground:
 - i. Insurance – Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) advice: the insurance policy included with the PCC Inspection has now been received and forwarded to the Zurich Insurance company. Zurich have investigated what was being covered in the PCC policy and reduced the insurance premium accordingly.
 - ii. Dog Fouling in the play area: the signage for the play park has been received and Thomas has agreed to attach them to both entrances of the play park.
- c. Telephone Kiosk, Wiston – update: the door still needs further work, and it was felt that (if possible) sandblasting the kiosk would be the best way to prepare the surfaces before painting. It was agreed to ask David E if this was something he was able to advise us on.
- d. Noticeboard for Clarbeston Road: Alan has a noticeboard that has been donated to the community by Bethany Church. It needed some work before it could be sited by the Royal Mail Post Box in Clarbeston Road (opposite the play area). It was agreed to contact D W & J E Evans, who had repaired the Clarbeston notice board, to quote for repairing and siting the noticeboard. Alan agreed to contact them.

5. Finance

- a. Barclays Bank Account Estimated Balance as at 19th May 2021:
Business Current Account - £3810.28.
Savings Account - £3114.06.
- b. Zurich Town and Parish Policy Insurance Annual Renewal - £689.21 – PCC Insurance update received. However, Zurich has not amended the premium since receiving the PCC Insurance Policy included in the Inspection Policy, and have reduced the policy by £315.38, therefore the Zurich Insurance Premium due on 1st June 2021 will be £373.83. It was agreed to pay by all councillors present. Proposed by Thomas and seconded by Robert.
- c. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) Remittance Advice – 1st Precept Payment of £1500 has been received.

6. Correspondence

- a. Solva Care Toolkit: noted.

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- b. Mencap – donation request, it was agreed by all councillors present to donate £50 to this charity. Proposed by Yvette and seconded by Thomas.
- c. Southwest Wales Connected – Community Rail Partnership: Promotion of short walking routes from each station. Unfortunately, the councillors present are not aware of such routes and felt they were unable to advise the partnership.
- d. Wales Air Ambulance Charity – letter of thanks.

7. Planning

- a. Woodlands Cottage, Wiston: Proposed side extension – conditionally approved (20/1124/PA).

8. Highways

- a. David H provided the following information:
The road between Green Farm and Stepside was reported earlier this year, but he will report it again.
To attempt to stop HGVs going south from Clarbeston and getting stuck on the railway bridge near Deepford, PCC have agreed to increase the height of the “No HGV” sign just off the junction in Clarbeston and to put additional signage on the other side of the road to be more noticeable.
The grass verge between the football field and Knock would be cut like any other verge of this nature in the county, which I appreciate may only be once a year.
Cawdor House, Wiston: The road surface has got noticeable worse over the last few weeks. In addition to already being reported to PCC, David H has taken pictures and emailed them to the relevant PCC department, and awaits feedback. It is in need of much more than just a temporary fix.
- b. The Clarbeston Road Junction on the railway bridge, although it has been patched it was again in a bad state of repair. Councillors present agreed to report this on their PCC My Account.

9. Any Other Business

- a. Cess Pit Effluent Complaint – Wiston Village. Marilyn had reported this to PCC at the time, and the issue has now been rectified.
- b. Community Council Facebook Page: as the community already has the 3 Tons of News and Clarbeston Road Hall pages it was agreed at this time not to set up a page for the Wiston Ward Community Council.
- c. Key holder for Wiston Castle: it was hoped this was a title the new owners of the land would take up.
- d. Fly Tipping: David H had dealt with rubbish that was reported on the north side of Clarbeston Road railway station platform. He had taken away the general rubbish, and in addition two bicycles without one wheel were left. However, before they could be reported the bicycles had been removed.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in line with Covid-19 restrictions on Monday 21st June 2021 at 20:00hrs.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 21:15 hrs.

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