

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL ON THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 2015 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr D McIntosh (Chair)
Cllr D Beynon
Cllr T Ensom
Cllr I Prout
Cllr Mrs K Talbot
Cllr A Ratcliffe
Cllr J Williams

APOLOGIES: Cllr C Hopkinson
Cllr I Wilkinson

The clerk was in attendance (Mrs J Clark)

073/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

074/15 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2015 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record apart from adding Cllr D Beynon's name to the list of those present.

075/15 MATTERS ARISING

The following points were raised:

- a) Fingerpost sign for the church. The church council has indicated that they are willing to pay for this if we order it and pay for it and they will reimburse us. If there is a cost to fit it this Council will pay for that element.
- b) The trailer has been repaired and is looking like new.
- c) The Clerk reported on repairs that Bizzy Play has carried out recently in the play parks.

076/15 PLAY AREAS

Pentlepoir: The Park is looking in good order although foliage is growing through the fence into the play area on the side of the boundary with Meadow Close side. Ask Colin to trim back.

Cllr McIntosh reported on the meeting with PCC officers and reported that the land at Jubilee Park is leased from the East Williamston Community Hall Association. The clerk advised that Zurich have confirmed that all parks are covered for public liability.

There followed much debate about a paper trail following the inspections if any repairs are required and how to record when the work has been carried out. The clerk was requested to ask Sinead Henehan if the funds in our pot for play areas maintenance could be transferred to us to use as necessary. The clerk was asked to provide Neil McCarthy with the contact numbers of a councillor for each play area ie Ian Prout for Pentlepoir, Broadmoor will be either Jacob Williams or Donald Beynon and East Williamston will be Anthony Ratcliffe. The clerk was asked to look in the insurance booklet out to check if there are any conditions or small print on claims relating to play parks. It was agreed that councillors will continue to check the play areas for litter and to check on the bins.

East Williamston: The park is looking in very good condition.

Broadmoor: There was no information available regarding this park.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

- a) OVW Clarification on Register of Interests – noted.
- b) OVW Continued Independence of Old People Seminar – noted.
- c) PC Affordable Housing Supplementary Guidance Consultation – no comment
- d) PCC Community Learning Centre Consultation events – noted.
- e) OVW Training Modules for June – noted.
- f) OVW Protecting Community Assets – consultation - Cllr Tony Ensom offered to read this document and prepare a response which will be brought back to Council for approval. Cllr Mrs K Talbot will assist.
- g) Review of Library services engagement events – noted and one place booked.
- h) Saundersfoot CC - Response to White Paper – Reforming Local Govt: Power to Local People – reply that matter under consideration. Cllr D McIntosh gave a broad outline of the Welsh Government’s proposed changes and members to read the documentation and bring comments to next meeting.
- i) Age Cymru Pembs – invitation to join membership – agreed to join as Full members.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for payment as follows were approved:

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| a) Mrs J Clark – Salary for May | £189.13 |
| b) PAYE for May | £47.20 |
| c) Cllr D Beynon repairs to flail mower | £90.00 |

Bank balances as of 31st May 2015 were as follows:

a) Current Acct	£7,641.37
b) Saver Acct	£6,079.49
c) Parks Acct	£13,034.42

The clerk explained that as the accounts were not yet fully completed as the audit date was not until 27th July 2015 she could not provide up to date accounts information until the August meeting when a full breakdown would be provided.

RESOLVED: **That the above financial information be accepted.**

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REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACOB WILLIAMS

Cllr Williams had been contacted by a Pentle Drive resident who explained that their mains sewerage connection frequently blocked and backed up into their property and a few others. Whenever this occurred Welsh Water came out promptly to clear the blockage when contacted, but it was becoming an increasingly regular occurrence and required access to inspection hatches in rear gardens. The constituent asked if there was any pressure that could be brought to bear on Welsh Water to solve the underlying issue.

After consulting with the officer who he liaised with on the long running Kingsmoor Close sewerage blockage problems, Cllr Williams was told that the operations team was unaware of the on-going problem that had been dealt with frequently by its operators at Pentle Drive, but was reassured that it would be looked into thoroughly. An investigation was undertaken which established to Welsh Water's satisfaction the source of fatty deposits which were restricting the flow along the section of sewerage pipe on the main road which caused sewerage to back-up into the properties on Pentle Drive and block them entirely. Welsh Water was confident that as a result of the investigation and their subsequent actions the blockages could be prevented in future and had powers available to take further action if required.

The date for compliance with conditions imposed by the Planning Inspector when granting consent for a gypsy pitch at Clayford Road was the end of March this year. Landscaping and other conditions at the site, known as Strawberry Fields, have not been completed in accordance with the Inspector's ruling and Pembrokeshire County Council's planning department were now taking actions to seek compliance.

After enquiring with the county council's planning department for an update on the occupied field between Cold Inn and East Williamston, Cllr Williams reported to the community council meeting that he had been told the matter was currently under investigation by the authority. The agricultural land on which a caravan and several other items have been moved on to is not thought to benefit from residential planning consent or utility services and

the occupiers have been contacted by the council and given a set time to respond to correspondence, following which the council would then be in a position to establish the way forward.

Cllr Williams was going to attend a public meeting at the main hall at the Tenby Community Learning Centre and Library about the future provision of the county's adult learning classes, on 10 June at 7.30pm. A separate public meeting about the county council's library provision and budget pressures is to be held at the same venue on 29 June at 6.30pm.

On the day of the community council's meeting Pembrokeshire County Council formally advertised the authority's chief executive vacancy. The post attracts a salary of £130,000 plus extras, which is a reduction on the former incumbent's £160,000 plus perks, which, in one recent financial year amounted to almost £210,000. An extraordinary meeting of full council has been arranged for 17 July, during which shortlisted candidates will be interviewed ahead of a decision.

Cllr Williams and other local county councillors had been contacted by a New Hedges resident concerned with road safety at Crane Cross and its accident record since the opening of the new civic amenity site. At least one smash had occurred and it was thought that possibly more than this required a police response. Unless its workmen attend an incident scene, the county council may not be aware if a collision takes place, but the police were understood to have shared people's safety concerns and related them to the council.

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MATTERS REPORTED BY COUNCILLORS

The following matters were reported:

- a) It was reported that the mower broke down a month ago and was taken by Colin to Riverlea however after 2 weeks no work had been carried out. When enquiries were made they said the belt was gone but the councillor concerned could see the cover had not been removed. They are now looking at it but it has taken 3 weeks. The Cllr said he had asked to speak to management and the machine was ready within hours.
- b) Last month a councillor had asked about the water drainage drains in Cold Inn Road, asking if they are going to be sorted this year. Rob Evans of PCC is now dealing with this matter.
- c) The issue of additional parking for the hall was raised and the area of Village Green next to the graveyard was a possibility. Trees however would need to be cut down to make more space for parking. It was agreed that the appropriate officer at PCC be asked if some trees there could be cut down. The clerk was asked to keep members informed of the outcome of this enquiry.
- d) A drainage gully in middle of road outside Cold Inn Farm is lower than the road and needs to be built up.

- e) It was requested that the current council vacancies be put on the next agenda.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd July 2015 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed.....Chair.....Date

Signed.....Clerk