

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2014 AT EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr A Ratcliffe (Chair)
Cllr C Hopkinson
Cllr D McIntosh
Cllr I Prout
Cllr J Williams *
Cllr I Wilkinson

The Clerk was in attendance. (Mrs J Clark)

* Present for part of the meeting only.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs K Talbot
Cllr T Ensom

219/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

220/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed and seconded and agreed as a true record apart from Cllr I Prout who was not present at the meeting but sent his apologies and that Cllr D Beynon had left the meeting before the play area reports were received.

221/13 MATTERS ARISING

The following matter was raised:

- a) PCC Town and Community website: The Clerk reported that this would go live on Monday 7th April and that she had obtained information for it from PLANED and photographs from Cllr J Williams.

222/13 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications to consider. Notification had been received that planning application 13/0972/PA had been withdrawn relating to land and buildings south of Dolphin Cottage, Clayford Road, Kilgetty.

Two planning approvals had been received namely:

- a) **13/0864/PA** Change of Use to dwelling – Methodist Church, Kingsmoor.
- b) **13/0903/PA** Conversion of outbuildings at North Vatson Farm, Devonshire Drive.

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REPORTS ON PLAY AREAS

The following verbal reports were received:

- a) **Pentlepoir:** Cllr Prout advised that plastic bin liners for the litter bin were required and that the bottom of the metal bin lining had rusted away. A new litter bin had previously been requested from PCC and the clerk would follow this up. Also the webbing on the cargo net near the small slide was worn and required repairing and the fence was looking very worn and weathered. It was agreed that Bizzy Play be requested to make the repair to the webbing and that Colin be asked to treat the fencing with a dark stain. Cllr Prout will comment on the annual inspection report at the next meeting.
- b) **Broadmoor:** Cllr D Beynon reported that the park was in reasonable condition but there was quite a lot of litter. A tree in the corner of the park was causing a problem with leaves dropping on the grass, and it was agreed to discuss this matter in the autumn. Cllr Beynon would comment on the annual inspection report at the next meeting.
- c) **East Williamston:** Cllr I Wilkinson has checked the annual inspection report and the only repair required immediately is the damaged seat on the swings. It was agreed to as Bizzy Play to repair/replace this item and to repair the damaged item at the end of the trim trail. It was also reported that the ground was starting to dry up and the other gate had now been re-opened. The first cut of the grass had been carried out and the park looked good.

Cllr D McIntosh was the only councillor requiring training in play equipment inspection and it was agreed that this be arranged for after Easter.

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence has been received:

- a) Mr D Edson, Angle re proposed five turbine wind farm near Valero – no action.
- b) E-mail from Local Works re payment of business rates to councils – no action.
- c) Simon Hart MP re Jobs Fair at Pembroke Town Hall – noted and displayed.
- d) E-mail L Harding PCC re Dispensations for Councillors – noted.
- e) Tickets for Tenby Town Council Civic Dance – noted.

It was agreed that agenda item 8 be put back until Cllr J Williams arrived.

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DATES OF MEETINGS

The following proposed dates for meetings were circulated and agreed:

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Thursday 1st May 2014
Thursday 5th June 2014
Thursday 3rd July 2014
Thursday 7th August 2014
Thursday 4th September 2014
Thursday 2nd October 2014
Thursday 6th November 2014
Thursday 4th December 2014
Thursday 8th January 2015
Thursday 5th February 2015
Thursday 5th March 2015
Thursday 2nd April 2015
Thursday 7th May 2015

RESOLVED: **That the proposed dates for meetings as listed above be accepted.**

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Cllr Ian Prout be appointed as Chairman for 2014-2015 and that Cllr D McIntosh be appointed as Vice-chair for that period.

RESOLVED: **That Cllr Ian Prout be appointed as Chairman for 2014-2015 and Cllr D McIntosh as Vice-chair for that period.**

It was agreed that agenda item 11 be put back until Cllr J Williams arrived.

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UPDATE ON ACCOUNTS TO 31ST MARCH 2014

The Clerk advised that the accounts were up to date to 31st March 2014 and the estimated balance to carry forward was £27,504.89. The accounts would need to be reconciled and the Annual Return completed before being inspected by the internal auditor. It was hoped they would be available for approval at the May meeting as the audit date was 10th June 2014.

The bank balances were as follows:

Current Acct	£8,428.34
Deposit Acct	6,075.25
Play Area Acct	13,025.90
TOTAL	£27,529.49

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

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:

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Mrs J Clark – Salary for March	£185.05
PAYE for March	£46.20

RESOLVED: **That the above accounts be approved for payment.**

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ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS

The following matters were raised:

- a) The Clayford Road sign at Cold Inn cross is damaged and hanging off the posts. Request PCC to repair.
- b) The frame for the Pentlepoir stained glass window has been made at no charge, however it was agreed that an invoice be requested.
- c) Quotes will be obtained for spotlights for the window once in place in the hall foyer.
- d) The parking problem at the Dragon Palace has still not been resolved. Request that letter be sent to Police to ask them to monitor this location at regular intervals.

***Cllr J Williams arrived at this point at 8.00pm.**

- e) There is still a problem with roadside litter on Templebar Road. Request PCC to clean up.
- f) There is a lack of signage at Hill Rise where a lot of children play. Request PCC to put up appropriate children at play signage to warn motorists.
- g) The old Pentlepoir School is in a very scruffy condition with rats being seen in the area. Request PCC to tidy up this building and deal with the rodent problem as soon as possible.
- h) A company called Telecoms Facilities Ltd have been working in the village on radio broadband and have offered to supply this in the community hall free of charge if there is sufficient interest within the village. Agreed that enquires be made.

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REPORT OF COUNTY CLLR JACOB WILLIAMS

The following report was submitted by County Cllr Jacob Williams:

Following on from last year's Whitsun bank holiday sewer system emergency at Vineyard Vale, which arose after the abandonment of the pumping station, Cllr Williams told members that the equipment which is now fully operational and in good order, has been officially adopted by Welsh Water. Cllr Williams wished to thank the county council's officers, particularly John Murphy and Stephen Morbey for all of their efforts in securing such a fortunate outcome for all concerned.

Complaints had arisen from East Williamston regarding loud generator noise causing a nuisance. The council had been investigating the issue and collected evidence. After the evidence was evaluated it was confirmed to be a

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statutory nuisance and the council formally served a noise abatement notice which allows the operator/landowner two weeks to achieve compliance.

RESOLVED: That the report be accepted.

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PROBLEM WITH NOISE POLLUTION IN VILLAGE

A generator located on land within the village had been causing a noise nuisance for some weeks as it was running until 11.30pm. The noise can be heard throughout the village and one resident was already losing business from a holiday let. Councillors had received numerous complaints from local residents. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr Stephen Morby, Environmental Pollution Officer with the County Council.

RESOLVED: That contact be made with the County Council in an attempt to resolve this problem.

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REQUEST BY EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION

***Cllrs D Beynon, Ian Wilkinson and D McIntosh declared an interest in this matter and did not take part in the debate or vote.**

A request had been made by the above association for a donation towards the community hall extension and for the community Jubilee Park and Nature Trail for on-going works and improvements. It was agreed to make a donation of £5,000 towards these community projects.

RESOLVED: That a donation of £5,000 be made towards the community projects referred to above.

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ANY OTHER INFORMATION

- a) The clerk was asked to investigate the depositing of rubble onto a field next to the Jubilee Park.
- b) Cllr I Wilkinson had purchased protective clothing to wear whilst using a chainsaw which cost approximately £100.00. He requested that this amount be reimbursed if he produced the necessary receipts and this was agreed.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st May 2014 at 7.00pm at the East Williamston community Hall.

Signed.....Chair.....

Clerk