

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH MAY 2022 AT EAST WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT: Cllr I Wilkinson(chair)
Cllr C Hopkinson
Cllr D McIntosh
Cllr J Williams (remote attendance)

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Day

The Clerk was in attendance (Jane Clark)

66/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J Williams declared a personal interest in the planning application relating to 3 dwelling units at Beaconing View and stated he would leave the meeting whilst this matter was discussed.

67/22 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2022 were proposed and seconded. They were agreed as a true record.

68/22 **MATTERS ARISING**

The following matters were raised:

- a) Minute 44/22e) The Broadmoor sign is still down. Clerk to report again to PCC.
- b) Minute 44/22 a) A response had been received from PCC explaining why the potholes had not been filled due to Welsh Water's involvement.
- c) Minute 56/22 b) A plaque will be produced to be placed at the Oak tree in JP donated by Cllr I Wilkinson for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

69/22 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered:

1. **22/0034/PA: Extension and alteration at Willow, East Williamston, SA70 8RU – No objections raised.**
2. **22/0026/PA: Proposed 3 new residential units at land adjoining Beaconing View, Wooden, SA69 9DY - Observations -part of the area in the planning application is outside the current LDP and suitability of the proposal creating two entrances/exits to the site off the narrow lane, whereas currently that land is accessed by only one entrance/exit.**
3. **21/1048/PA: Provide first floor staff accommodation above existing holiday park reception and alterations and extensions to existing swimming pool**

4. structure at Sunnyvale Holiday Park, Valley Road, Wooden, SA69 9BP - *No objections raised.*
5. **22/0031/PA: Variation of condition 2 and 4 of planning permission 20/0347/PA (demolition of existing shed and erection of workshop and garden room) at Rosemead, Valley Road, Wooden, SA69 9BP – No objections raised.**

70/22 **UPDATE ON ACCOUNTS TO 30TH APRIL 2022**

The following financial information had been circulated:

- a) Bank Account Reconciliations Summary showing a balance of £32,312.88 in the Current Acct, £3,101.42 in the Deposit Acct, £8,142.28 in the Park account and £3,274.21 in the Jubilee Park Acct.
- b) The Financial Statement – Cashbook showing income of £10,572.69 (gross) and expenditure of £34,116.78 (gross).
- c) The Financial Budget Comparison showing the Budget set, the actual income and expenditure figures and the balance remaining under each heading.

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

71/22 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

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| a) Mrs J Clark – May salary | £257.60 |
| b) PAYE for May | £64.40 |
| c) Zurich Municipal insurance premium 2022-23 | £2,911.02 |
| d) Alan Davies Excavator Hire – cutting hedges etc at JP | £461.00 |
| e) Alan Davies Excavator Hire – reinstate damaged areas at JP | £461.00 |
| f) JN Williams Ground Maintenance – grass cutting April | £840.00 |
| g) Google – email storage | £1.59 |

72/22 **TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR BENCHES**

Quotes had been received for two benches to be purchased with monies received from the Outdoor Connections Grant and it was agreed to purchase two benches from Second Life Products Wales Ltd at a cost of £345.00 each plus VAT fully assembled.

RESOLVED: **That two benches be purchased from Second Life Products at a cost of £345.00 plus VAT each.**

73/22 **TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF HANDYMAN**

To save on repair costs it was considered necessary to employ a handyman on an ad hoc basis to carry out basic repairs in the community. The remuneration would be £15.00 per hour with no minimum hours guaranteed.

As previous press adverts for the post had failed to fill the position it was agreed to canvass locally for suitable applicant

RESOLVED: **That a handyman be employed on an ad hoc basis at a rate of £15.00 per hour.**

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PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORTS FOR MAY

The play area inspection reports had previously been circulated and all matters discussed. It was agreed that the clerk request a quote for the repair of all areas of Wetpour safety surfacing highlighted in the reports for all three play areas. All play areas and the JP were looking very neat and tidy following grass cutting by the new contractor.

RESOLVED: **That quotes be obtained for repairs to the Wetpour safety surfacing that had been highlighted in the reports.**

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence had been received:

- a) PCC – Uncontested elections and co-option of Members – noted.
- b) PCC – unfilled potholes in East Williamston – noted.
- c) National Defibrillator Manager information – noted.
- d) Local Places for Nature 2022 applications – noted.
- e) PCC Landscape Architect Services – noted.
- f) EWC&HA – land adjacent to Hainey Moor - This letter would be forward to PCC

It was agreed that the Clerk should set up a Facebook page for the Council in order to advertise casual vacancies more effectively.

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REPORT OF CTY CLLR JACOB WILLIAMS

Cty Cllr Williams submitted the following report:

Cllr Williams stated that he had been surprised to learn of the ongoing problem of sewage pipe blockages for certain properties on Pentle Drive. Not since non-return valves had been installed by Welsh Water many years ago had he received such reports, however he had recently been contacted by a resident who was indirectly affected.

The resident told him that, whilst their property's drains were not subject to blockages, every time one did occur for neighbouring properties, Welsh Water's contractors had to access their own garden's inspection hatch.

In correspondence with Welsh Water, Cllr Williams had been told: "Our records show that we've received several reports from the above location in

the past 12 months. However, on numerous occasions we did not find any issues, or the reports were cancelled by the residents."

The email continued: "Historically, the sewer in the village has experienced hydraulic overload during periods of heavy rainfall. To help mitigate this we installed non-return valves (NRV) at the affected properties in Pentle Drive, to reduce the risk of flooding. Occasionally, during periods of heavy rainfall the NRV can cause a short period of restricted facilities, however this is fully restored when the rain eases."

"The sewer on Pentle Drive is on a three-monthly cleanse to ensure there is no build-up of debris behind the non-return valves. Additionally, the main sewer network which runs from Pentle Drive down to Begelly is also on a 12 monthly cleanse. This is to help reduce a build-up of fat and grease which can cause a blockage to form on the sewer. We've undertaken audits within the village to help share the impact sewer misuse has on the residents and the environment."

Whilst Cllr Williams was grateful to Welsh Water's attention in this matter - both their reply to his query, and their prompt response when blockages are reported by residents - he stated that he was rather surprised at the suggestion of blockage reports being cancelled by residents, and the suspicion of heavy rainfall contributing.

Indeed, Cllr Williams stated that he had been told that on one day a few weeks ago, contractors came out to clear two blockages within hours of each other, on a day with no notable rainfall to speak of. He was going to continue to request that Welsh Water look into the problem, which he believes needed preventative action, as the constant upheaval of clearing blockages was not fair on residents, and shouldn't be acceptable to Welsh Water, even though their contractors are diligent in responding to these episodes, which he knows are particularly unpleasant.

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ANY OTHER INFORMATION

The following matters were raised:

- a) Council were advised that the Station Road works will recommence on 23rd May until they are complete.
- b) The sign on the fascia board on Hill Rise bus shelter will need to be taken down if the shelter is to be demolished/replaced.
- c) It was noted that Estate Agent's boards were appearing on road verges throughout the community ie Hill Rise, Templebar Road and on the Common at East Williamston.
- d) The ride on mower has been unused for 3 years and the battery is dead. It was agreed to repair the machine to full working order.
- e) The clerk was asked to add the new tractor to our insurance schedule, once it is received.

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- f) A bench at JP has been taken off its stand and moved within the park, which Cllr will Wilkinson put back. The park is looking very good and a lot of compliments have been received.
- g) The clerk was asked to find out if the village green is on the cutting schedule with PCC as it is no longer being cut.
- h) Council now have an obligation to provide suitable IT equipment to enable remote meetings. It was agreed to price for the necessary equipment.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th June 2022 at 6.50pm.

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

Signed.....Clerk