

## **ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of monthly meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005**

**Apologies :**                    **None**

**Present :**                        Cllr's David Barraah, (Chairman), David Wildman, Barbara Summons  
M.B.E., Alan Taylor, Tony Young, Rhys Jones, June Crook; Peter Horton  
(Clerk).

#### **Minutes of the November 2005 meeting**

The minutes were amended to show that C'llr David Barraah had attended the memorial service at Neyland, but not the Christmas concert. With this alteration, the minutes agreed as written, and signed by the Chairman (proposer Barbara Summons, seconder Tony Young).

#### **Matters arising**

**Lane litter pick.** Members were informed that the litter had now been cleared as arranged. The overhanging growth had been trimmed back, and three bags of rubbish removed. Unfortunately, some Members had not attended, since the non-presence of the skip had led them to believe the litter pick to have been cancelled.

**Big House.** It was confirmed that the parking problem was thought to involve a breach of condition on the most recent planning consent (probably about four years ago), in connection with which a public meeting had been held at the time. Clerk to research planning history and minutes prior to next month's meeting.

**Parking in Chapel Lane.** The Clerk informed Members that he had spoken again with the community police officer, and explained the status of the lane as a B.O.A.T. to her. Members commented that the problem appeared to have stopped.

**Sardis Notice Board.** The Clerk indicated that the matter was to be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of B.C.C.

#### **Discussion of arrangements for affordable housing survey**

The chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. Matthew Owens, the Rural Housing Enabler. He outlined to Members the slight amendments that had been made to the document and covering letter, and discussed with Members the aims of the survey. He also mentioned that P.C.C. would meet the cost of printing the survey documents, but that R.C.C. would need to meet any postage costs, if it was decided to use the postal service. C'llr David Wildman confirmed that there were approximately 250 properties in the community area.

Following discussion, Members agreed that the survey forms would be distributed by hand, with prepaid and addressed return envelopes included (proposer C'llr Tony Young, seconder C'llr Alan Taylor). Matthew Owens to investigate the possibility of using a freepost system instead of purchasing stamps, and to notify the Clerk of his findings prior to going ahead. Return address for envelopes to be the office of Matthew Owens, on behalf of the community council. Matthew Owens also offered to arrange for a press release in to publicise the survey. However members did not agree this, due to concerns at the possible cost.

It was agreed that Matthew Owens would endeavour to attend the January 2006 meeting, at which the final documents would be made available to members, and arrangements for the hand distribution be made.

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#### **Discussion of grant assistance for Rosemarket Village Hall Committee**

The Clerk informed Members of the agreement previously made, which undertook to provide grant assistance to the committee at a minimum rate of £500 per annum. Members agreed to donate £615-97 on this occasion, this sum being equal to the current insurance premium demand (proposer C'llr David Wildman, seconder C'llr Alan Taylor). Members expressed concern at the lack of effective heating of the hall during community council meetings, and the levying of rent for meetings held in connection with official community council business. It was generally felt that the rent should be waived. C'llr David Barraah to discuss these matters with the chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

#### **Discussion of use of Johnston to Neyland cycle track by horse riders**

C'llr David Wildman mentioned that he had received a complaint by a local resident who had been confronted by a horse and rider on the cycle track recently. After discussion, a motion was put forward by C'llr Barbara Summons, seconded by C'llr June Crook, recommending that a sign banning horses be put up at the road crossing on the cycle track. However, Members did not pass this, and it was decided that no further action would be taken regarding the matter.

#### **Discussion of general condition of village and environs**

C'llr David Wildman commented that the village was badly in need of a good all-round clean up of litter, etc. He felt that it would be possible to fill up a skip with rubbish, if this were to be collected up. It was also mentioned that the bus shelter was in need of painting and minor repairs. The overall appearance of the village was felt to be rather scruffy. Members decided to place the matter on the agenda for February 2006 for discussion, with a view to arranging a communal clean-up exercise in March.

#### **Discussion of Beacon entrance ways**

Members discussed the condition and present suitability of the three entrances. It was decided to make no changes to the North entrance and the Beacon Drang entrance. It was decided that the tree adjacent to the entrance by Mrs Lewis' house should be trimmed back. This to be carried out by the odd-job man, and C'llr Alan Taylor to arrange this.

#### **Discussion of applications for community councillor casual vacancy**

Members voted to appoint Mrs Evelyn Poar of Sardis to fill the vacancy (proposer C'llr Barbara Summons, seconder C'llr David Wildman). Some Members were perturbed, as the local vicar had indicated that he had submitted an application, and they wished to give consideration to this. However, the Clerk stated that no such application had been received, and Members decided against re-advertising the vacancy.

#### **Discussion of possible formation of planning sub-committee**

Members agreed to the formation of a sub-committee, to comprise C'llrs Alan Taylor (sub-committee chairman,) C'llr David Wildman, and the community council chairman. Clerk to arrange for P.C.C. to send plans directly to C'llr Alan Taylor for consideration.

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C'llr Alan Taylor also mentioned the planning consultation documents that had been received at the November meeting. It was agreed that he should send a reply directly to P.C.C. with any comments on these documents.

#### **Correspondence**

- 1) Young Farmers Club - Request for financial assistance - deferred until May 2006.
- 2) Rosemarket Village Hall Committee - Request for financial assistance- discussed under earlier agenda item.
- 3) C'llr David Wildman - Notification of forthcoming meeting of S.W. Area Liaison Forum - to be placed on agenda for January 2006.
- 4) Business Eye - Information letter – noted.
- 5) Samaritans - Request for financial assistance - deferred until May 2006.
- 6) Dyfed Powys Police Authority - Questionnaire on future of service – noted.
- 7) Urdd - Request for financial assistance - deferred until May 2006.
- 8) BDO Stoy Hayward - Notification of conclusion of audit - Members accepted the report, noted that no actions were recommended within the report, and arranged to display the notice of completion of audit on the noticeboard.
- 9) W.A.G. - Three year financial settlement consultation document – noted.
- 10) Planed-Notification of forthcoming meeting-noted.
- 11) Age Concern - Request for financial assistance - deferred until May 2006.
- 12) P. C. C. - License application for Moor Farm, Freystrop – noted.
- 13) Mrs Evelyn Poar - Application for community council membership - dealt with under earlier agenda item.
- 14) Tamsin Dunwoody, A.M. - Consultation document on Acute Health Services – C'llr David Wildman to copy document for members, and matter to be placed on January 2006 agenda for discussion.

#### **Accounts**

##### **Payments**

R.V.H.C.	:	£615.97
Christmas tree	:	£20.00
BDO Stoy Hayward (audit fee)	:	£58.75

##### **Funds; on hand**

Members were informed that the total funds on hand prior to the above payments were £2256-52. This sum included £672-27 remaining in the children's' fund, following the donation in November of £75.

Some Members expressed concern at the non-submission by P.C.C. of a bill for grass-cutting, as this could eventually result in an extremely large bill. C'llr David Wildman to pursue the matter with P.C.C.

All the above items were agreed by Members (proposer C'llr Alan Taylor, seconder C'llr David Wildman).

#### **Plans**

**05/1001/PA (Extension, Dragons Breath, retrospective application) - noted, and no objections to development.**

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#### **Any other business**

**Chapel Lane.** Members were informed that cars had now stopped parking in the lane. C'lr Barbara Summons suggested that P.C.C. could be asked to put stone down in the lane. However, C'lr David Wildman thought it unlikely that they would agree to this.

**Village Hall.** The possibility of putting down a concrete path between the hall and toilet block as mentioned. However, it was pointed out that this was the responsibility of the Rosemarket Village Hall Committee.

**Old School playground.** Members wondered what the latest was on the transfer of the playground. Clerk undertook to write to Eaton-Evans & Morris, asking them to transfer all community council files relating to this matter to Stephen Thomas.

**Street lighting.** C'lr June Crook mentioned that the light opposite Mrs Stewart's house was not working. C'lr David Wildman undertook to look into the matter.

The meeting concluded at 9-05pm.