

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall, Rosemarket, on Monday 6th March 2006.

Present

C'llrs David Barraah (Chairman), June Crook, Alan Taylor, Rhys Jones, Evelyn Poar, Barbara Summons, David Wildman; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies

C'llr Tony Young

Discussion of speeding problem in Sardis

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr John Price of Pembrokeshire County Council's Highways Department. It was explained to Members that recent letters had been sent to Burton Community Council by local residents concerned at the problem of traffic speed, and seeking their support for measures to reduce the problem. This had given rise to discussion about the possibility of raising the speed limit through Sardis and Hill Mountain to 40mph, to allow the introduction of repeater signs through the villages. It was recognised that this issue also affected many residents of Rosemarket Community area, and hence Mr Price had been invited to assist a discussion of the matter.

Mr Price mentioned that speed data taken close to the slip road in Sardis had indicated an average speed of 37mph approximately, thus indicating something of a problem. He referred to the possibility of the speed limit being raised to 40mph, as it was felt likely that drivers would respect what they perceived as an appropriate speed limit. C'lr Evelyn Poar expressed opposition in principle to any raising of the speed limit, and said that this view was shared by the majority of residents in Sardis. She then asked whether it would be possible to put 30 mph signs at the interface between Hill Mountain and Sardis, as these were effectively two separate villages. It was pointed out that this could only be accomplished by revising the traffic order to remove a small section from the limited length of road. As the stretch of road involved would be extremely short, this was unworkable in practice.

C'lr Rhys Jones said that in his experience motorists speed up when going past Gareth Hughes Motors. He felt that if the speed monitoring had been carried out there, instead of by the slip road, higher speeds would have been recorded. At this point Mr John Price mentioned the impending provision of vehicle speed actuated signs, two of which were due to be temporarily sited in Houghton, close to the school. It was pointed out that this location had been chosen because of the higher perceived risk associated with the proximity of the school. It was also mentioned that the signs would not actually display the vehicle speed, as it was felt that in some cases this could actually encourage speeding.

C'lr Barbara Summons asked about the possibility of other measures, such as yellow bars on the road. It was pointed out that, in the absence of a serious accident record, such measures were possible, but would almost certainly have to be funded by the local community council.

C'lr Evelyn Poar asked whether the 30 mph limited section could be extended to the village boundary, from its present position at Ashtrees. Mr Price confirmed that this could be done subject to a traffic order, which could also rationalise the exact position of the delimit sign at the opposite end in Hill Mountain.

C'lr Evelyn Poar commented that there were too many signs along the road, and that they look a mess. However, members generally felt that the signs present on the road were there for a reason, and that the presence of suitable warning signs could only serve to reduce traffic speed.

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It was mentioned to those present that an insert was proposed for the forthcoming In Touch, to seek the opinions of local residents on the issue of any possible increase in the speed limit, and also the possible provision of a pavement through the village. It was suggested that the matter be deferred until the outcome of this survey was available before deciding on any letter of recommendation to Pembrokeshire County Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr Price for attending the meeting, after which Mr Price left.

Minutes of the February meeting

These were agreed as written, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'lr Alan Taylor, seconder C'lr Barbara Summons).

Matters arising

Grass cutting. Members were informed that the invoice for grass cutting was 'on the way', and likely to be in the region of £600. A quotation for grass cutting for the forthcoming season was also going to be sent by P.C.C.

Odd-job man. Members were informed that the minimum wage was currently £5.05. C'lr Alan Taylor confirmed that he had asked Mr Wilson to keep a record of the hours worked.

Sardis post box. Members were informed that the post box had been replaced in the same location as previously.

Sardis noticeboard. Deferred for discussion until April, when it was hoped that more definite information would be available.

Discussion of affordable housing survey results

Deferred for discussion In April, when it was anticipated that the Rural Housing Enabler, Matthew Owens, would be in attendance. Clerk to contact Mr Owens to confirm the invitation for him to attend in April.

Acute Health Service provision

Deferred for discussion until April 2006, when it was anticipated that the consultation document would be available.

Adoption of standing orders

Members discussed, and agreed to carry out formal adoption in April, after they had had time to look at the document. Members were asked to contact the Clerk in good time prior to the April meeting if they had any concerns about the text of the document.

Discussion of Rosemarket school playground registration

C'lr Alan Taylor had obtained information on this matter. He had discovered that the community council could register the school playground. However, in the absence of deeds, the registration would only permit restricted use rights. Members were agreed on the need to obtain full, unrestricted rights to the land. Clerk to write to Stephen Thomas, asking him to act on the community council's behalf. The letter to state that the community council wish to obtain full unencumbered ownership from the church, and requesting that he act to obtain this. Letter to confirm that the community council would expect normal quarterly billing for services rendered in this matter.

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Discussion of registration of land adjacent to The Farriers

Members were informed that no interest of the community council appeared to have been registered on the land in question, adjacent to the Farriers. This was despite the understanding of members that Stephen Thomas had registered an interest on behalf of the community council. Clerk to write to Stephen Thomas seeking clarification on this matter, and to act on behalf of the community council to secure ownership of the land.

Discussion of locking of playground gates

Concerns were expressed by Members about the possibility of unrestricted use of the playground by all and sundry. Members agreed that the playground gates should be locked temporarily, until its long-term use had been decided. C'llr Alan Taylor to put lock and chain on the double gate. Both keys were passed to C'llr Barbara Summons, one of which to be left in the village hall.

Correspondence

- 1) Clerks & Councils Direct - Magazine - circulated among Members.
- 2) W.A.G. - Standards Committee Regulations 2006 - noted.
- 3) P.C.C. - Welsh Language Scheme - passed to C'llr Barbara Summons for perusal.
- 4) All Pembrokeshire Cruse - Request for financial assistance - deferred until May 2006.
- 5) Pembrokeshire Crossroads - request for financial assistance - deferred until May 2006.
- 6) Community Health Council - Invitation to forthcoming meetings - noted.
- 7) Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service - Invitation to attend a community council meeting to discuss home fire safety audits - Clerk to contact them and invite to attend the May meeting.

Accounts Payments

Clerks & Councils Direct subscription (Communicorp)	£9.00
P.A.L.C. Subscription	£20.00
Alan Taylor (Land registry fee)	£6.00

Members were informed that the funds on hand were £2358-23 prior to payment of the above items. The figure included £472-27 held in the Children's Fund.

Members agreed to alter the arrangement whereby three signatures were required to sign cheques. This to be amended to two, and the standing orders to be amended accordingly.

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

Plans

05/1344/PA (development at The Farriers) : Members not opposed to the development, but wished to register concern at the proximity of the adjacent roads and buildings, as it was thought this could affect the viability of the proposals.

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Any Other Business

Sardis bus shelter. C'Ilr David Wildman informed Members that the bus shelter roof was in need of repair. Matter to be placed on April agenda for discussion.

Large tree in The Glades. Matter to be placed on April agenda for discussion, regarding possible request for the tree to have a T.P.O. placed on it.

Young Grafters. Members were informed that a plate had been created by the Young Grafters and presented to the community council in appreciation for donations given. The plate was on display in the main village hall.

Bridges. C'Ilr Barbara Summons expressed concern about mud on the road underneath both bridges on the Neyland Road.

Ditching work. C'Ilr Barbara Summons expressed concern that the ditching was being carried out too deeply. She said this was undermining the hedgerows, and affecting the wild flowers in the hedgerows.

Litter. C'Ilr Barbara Summons expressed concern at the amount of rubbish around the village.

Bus shelter. C'Ilr Barbara Summons expressed concern that the maintenance required had not been carried out to the bottom bus shelter, and that the required trimming of overhanging trees had not been carried out by the odd-job man.

Street light. C'Ilr Rhys Jones mentioned that the streetlight at Sardis Cross was still not working, although he had contacted P.C.C. about it last month.

Council minutes. C'Ilr David Barrah informed Members that it was intended to send minutes up to 1995 to the records Office for safe keeping.

Public Forum

Mr Colin Rogers addressed the meeting. He maintained that an interest had been registered on behalf of the community council on the land adjacent to the Farriers. He agreed that the playground should be kept locked. He also mentioned some items of concern relating to the toilet block, which Members pointed out were the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

The meeting concluded at 8-50pm.

Next meeting : Monday 3rd April, 7-15pm.