

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Monday 30/04/07

Apologies : C’lr Tony Young

Present : C’lrs June Crook, Barbara Summons M.B.E., David Barraah, David Wildman, Evelyn Poar, Rhys Jones, Alan Taylor (Chairman); Peter Horton (Clerk).

Minutes of the April monthly meeting

The minutes were amended to indicate that the Clerk had been absent, and Mrs Gill Gill had been present instead.

With the above amendment the minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C’lr June Crook, seconder C’lr Rhys Jones).

Matters arising

Right of way to The Beacon. C’lr Wildman had brought along the forms necessary for registering a claim to a right of way. It was decided to table an agenda item for June to discuss the matter, in order that the instructions on filling in the forms could be properly explained.

Bastleford Road. C’lr David Wildman had spoken to an officer in the Highways Department. The officer had taken a brief look at the road, and had undertaken to look at any possible action that might be possible to deal with the problem. C’lr Alan Taylor said he had been upset after the last meeting at the lack of feedback on the matter. No written reply had been received to the letter sent in by him, C’lr Barraah and the other resident. The Clerk undertook to reply to all signatories explaining the actions that had been agreed / undertaken in the matter.

Proposed bio-energy facility. C’lrs David Barraah and Alan Taylor had attended the presentation. They indicated that the meeting had been interesting. Fuel to the site was to be delivered by ship, and also by approximately 30 lorries per day. Booklets on the proposals were distributed to Members for information.

Site adjacent to 3, The Beacon. C’lr David Wildman had been informed that very little objection could be raised in principle to the proposed development, as the site was within village settlement limits. C’lr Barbara Summons felt that the Community Council should object to the plans. The Clerk read to Members an email received from Mr. Rees (resident of a neighbouring property) in which Mr. Rees asked that Members be aware that a boundary dispute had been initiated that affected the site. The Clerk also read to Members the reply e-mail sent to Mr. Rees, undertaking to convey this information to Members.

The Glades. Members were informed that a decision was still awaited from P.C.C. on the request to allow lopping of the protected tree in The Glades by a lesser amount than that applied for by the owner.

Public Forum. C’lr David Wildman informed Members that he had discussed with P.C.C. the reported problems with potholes in the village near the chapel, and in particular the possible ‘hardening up’ of the road surface in the area near the junction at the chapel. The matter was due to be pursued in further detail.

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Any necessary discussion of Local Development Plan

C’llr Alan Taylor reported to Members following his perusal of the documentation. His main reservation concerned the short time allotted for consultation on the various stages of the process. He felt that this was too short, being as little as 21 days for some stages of consultation. Apart from that he was generally in agreement with the proposals. Members agreed for C’llr Taylor to send in the questionnaire responses on their behalf, due to the restricted timescale available for reply. A copy of the response then to be brought to the June meeting in case Members wished to request any amendments to the reply sent.

Discussion of possible siting of a skip in the Community area

C’llr David Wildman had investigated this. It appeared that the offer of a skip was only applicable to certain more deprived areas. However, he mentioned the annual skip that is usually provided for the village clear-up. C’llr Barbara Summons mentioned that a clear-up had been carried out last weekend using a trailer, and that the area was now generally tidy. However, she did mention a problem with broken glass on the ground around the recycling area. Members were informed that the arrangement for recycling provision was now more or less permanent, as the Authority was happy with the way it was working. Also, at C’llr Barbara Summons’s request, C’llr David Wildman undertook to look into the possibility of providing a fence around the skips. C’llr Barbara Summons also mentioned the separate problem of P.C.C. operatives leaving their grass cuttings by the skips.

Discussion of possible request for reduction in speed limit in Rosemarket

Members confirmed that the current limit was 30mph. C’llr David Wildman mentioned that a perception of speeding would not be enough to bring about a speed limit reduction. Information would be needed on actual speeds. It was thought that the last survey carried out had indicated a speed of around 28mph. It was confirmed that the agenda item referred to the whole community area, not just Rosemarket village. In this connection, C’llr David Wildman mentioned a resident on the Johnston road who had lost animals due to speeding traffic. However, it was acknowledged that enforcement of any speed limit would be problematic, most especially outside the village. It was also felt by C’llr David Wildman that obtaining a lesser speed limit on the rural roads around the village was unlikely, as this would set a precedent for innumerable other similar areas. Clerk to write to P.C.C. asking for speed survey equipment to be temporarily placed around Rosemarket Village, to monitor the traffic speeds (proposer C’llr David Barra, seconder C’llr Rhys Jones).

Correspondence

- 1) P.C.C. / P.C.N.P.A. – Copies of final J.U.D.P. documentation – passed to C’llr Alan Taylor for perusal.
- 2) Pembrokeshire Association of Community Transport Organisations – Invitation to forthcoming meeting, to be held at Letterston Hall, Tuesday May 15th 2007, at 1pm – noted.
- 3) Milford Haven Chamber of Trade – Letter of thanks for support in campaign against car parking charges – noted.
- 4) Play for Wales – Magazine – passed to C’llr Barbara Summons for perusal.

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- 5) South West Wales Community Rail Partnership – Leaflet information on railcards – leaflets distributed to Members.
- 6) Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Policy Statement 2007 ‘A Shared Responsibility’ document – copies passed to C’llrs Alan Taylor and David Barrah for perusal.
- 7) C’llr David Wildman – Revised agenda for discussion at forthcoming of South West Area Liaison Forum, Freystrop Village Hall, May 22nd 2007, 7pm, to include discussion of proposed bio-fuel facility at Milford Haven – noted.
- 8) P.I.P.P.A. – Request to place Community Council details in new H.O.T.T. directory – Clerk to respond giving permission for Community Council details to be included.
- 9) P.A.L.C. – Notification of forthcoming A.G.M., to be held on Friday 25th May 2007, at St. Johns Community Hall, Church St., P. Dock at 12-10pm - noted

Accounts

Payments.

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| Allianz Cornhill (Insurance premium) | : | £274-18 |
| In Touch | : | £100-00 |

Charitable donations.

[Note : C’llr David Wildman declared a personal interest, as he was involved with some of the named charities, and did not participate in the discussion on charitable donations]. Members were informed that due to an oversight, the two charitable donations made in 2006 for £30 each to the Wales Air Ambulance and Age Concern had not been minuted. Members confirmed for the record that the payments had been approved at the time.

The Clerk informed Members of the charities that had written asking for grant assistance. C’llr Barbara Summons suggested the possibility of using the money precepted (£80) to plant bulbs around the village instead. She also mentioned that nothing had been done in memory of Rev. John Hale. Some other Members felt that to use the money for such a purpose would go against the principle of it being a charitable donation. C’llr Alan Taylor felt that money for planting bulbs was something that should be precepted separately on a future occasion.

Members agreed to donate £20 each to the Red Cross, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Age Concern, and Pembrokeshire Crossroads.

Funds on hand.

The funds on hand prior to the above payments were £2137-05, including £169-27 in the Children’s fund.

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’llr Barbara Summons, seconder C’llr Evelyn Poar).

Plans

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Applications received.

06/1626/PA (Alterations and extensions and erection of double garage, Stonewell Cottage, Sardis Road, Rosemarket; applicants Mr. & Mrs. M. Virgo) : No objections raised.

07/32/PA (Agricultural building, Stonewell Cottage, Sardis Road, Rosemarket; applicants Mr. & Mrs. M. Virgo) : No objections raised.

Consents issued.

06/1485/PA (Dwelling and garage, Plot at The Beacon, Rosemarket) : Noted.

Any other business

Proposed Community Council boundary changes. C'lr David Wildman suggested that this should be placed on the agenda for next month. He informed Members that the proposal on the table was to transfer a small part of the Troopers Inn area to Freystrop Community Council, and a small part of Sardis Village to Burton.

Odd-Job man. C'lr Alan Taylor informed Members that a Mr. Graham Williams had been appointed to the post, and was due to commence work tomorrow, May 1st. It was suggested that Mr. Williams be asked to attend the June meeting to meet Members. C'lr Barbara Summons mentioned that the noticeboard at the Village Hall needed maintenance. However, it was pointed out that this was a Rosemarket Village Hall Committee noticeboard for which the Community Council had no responsibility.

Car parked on Church Hill for a week. Some Members were unhappy about the vehicle. However, it was pointed out that the vehicle was taxed and parked legally, so no action could be taken.

Public Forum

One lady attending the meeting stated that it had been interesting. She also offered to help plant any bulbs bought for community use by the Council.

The meeting concluded at 8-25pm. Next meeting, Monday 4th June, 2007, 7-15pm.