

## **ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Monday 02/07/07**

**Apologies :** None.

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

#### **Minutes of the June monthly meeting**

**Correspondence item (2).** This was amended to show that the document had been passed to C'lr Alan Taylor for perusal.

**Discussion of Beacon Gates.** The reference on lines 14, 15 to 'grass in the lane' was altered to read 'grass on the Beacon'.

**Meeting finish time.** This was altered to 9-20pm.

With these amendments the minutes were agreed, and signed by the Chairman (Proposer C'lr Evelyn Poar, seconder C'lr Rhys Jones).

#### **Matters arising**

**Fire and Rescue Authority document.** C'lr Alan Taylor reported to Members on the document. There was some concern at proposals in the document for possible reduction of cover around the Upper Swansea Valley. Otherwise the document was felt to be generally positive in its approach. Members decided that the proposals around Swansea, though not good, did not come within the remit of the Community Council to comment on, and decided to take no further action.

**Thurston Lane.** C'lr David Wildman mentioned the issue of Oxland Lane. Apparently the name sign had gone missing in the 1990s. The sign had then been replaced by P.C.C. While not necessarily indicating that the road is officially registered as 'Oxland Lane', it was shown as such on a number of maps, and was established by common usage. Members accepted that the matter was probably not worth pursuing, especially as the road falls within the Burton Community Council area anyway.

**Clerks and Councils Direct.** C'lr David Wildman sought assurance that the newsletters were being circulated properly.

**Dovecote.** C'lr David Wildman mentioned the recent trip to London to accept the Green Apple award for work carried out on the Dovecote. It was intended that the award would now be presented to Mr. & Mrs. Harries. Mr. Ashley Warlow had suggested that this be done at the Church Fete, which had been agreed. C'lr David Wildman thought it would be good if invitations to the award were sent to some local dignitaries. There was concern that, as the fete is a church event, the Community Council should be careful to avoid the appearance of hijacking the event. However, due to the involvement in carrying through the Dovecote project it was generally felt appropriate that the Community Council have some involvement. Clerk to write inviting the Chairs of Johnston, Llanstadwell, Llangwm, Burton and Freystrop Community Councils, and Milford Haven and Neyland Town Councils to attend. C'lr David Wildman to provide details of event time and place to Clerk.

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#### **Discussion of Odd-Job Man post**

C'lr Alan Taylor informed Members of the illness of the Odd-Job Man, Mr. Graham Williams, meaning that he would now be unable to carry on with the job. It was suggested that C'lr Taylor should send Mr. Williams a get-well card, along with a cheque for two month's wages to cover work carried out to date. C'lr Taylor had obtained a card for this purpose. Members agreed to this. C'lr David Wildman questioned the need for an Odd Job man. Much of the grass cutting would in fact be carried out by P.C.C. He mentioned Burton Community Council, which managed without an employed Odd-Job Man, as Councillors either undertook work themselves on a voluntary basis, or employed a contractor when necessary. C'lr David Barraah asked about whether the Community Council's insurance would cover Members carrying out work in this way. The Clerk thought that it would be covered under the public liability clause, but undertook to confirm this with Cornhill. Members were generally open to the suggestion of ending the arrangement for a permanent odd job man, but getting in an occasional one when required. Matter to be placed on agenda for further discussion in September. On the matter of grass-cutting, C'lr Barbara Summons felt it important to continue cutting areas where this had previously been done to maintain the Community Council's claim to the routes. C'lr Alan Taylor produced the map showing where the Odd Job man had originally been tasked with cutting. C'lr David Wildman suggested that during the village clear-up day, when the skip was on site, arrangements be made to cover work that could be done on the day. Matter to be placed on agenda for further discussion in September. Also, it was agreed that an up to date risk assessment would be carried out by Members.

#### **Discussions of possible one way system in Rosemarket**

C'lr David Wildman suggested awaiting the results of the speeding survey, and discussing this matter further afterwards. C'lr David Barraah felt that a one way system would be counter-productive, as it would lead to traffic having to travel much further around the village, thus generating an increase in traffic levels. Members generally felt that the idea was likely to be a non starter, and did not propose any further action. Clerk to agenda an item on possible traffic control measures for the first meeting after further correspondence had been received from Mr. John Price. C'lr David Wildman also suggested that an article briefly mentioning the issue be placed in the next issue of In Touch.

#### **Discussion of proposed community council boundary changes**

C'lr David Barraah was not in agreement with the draft proposals, especially the suggestion to move properties in Sardis and Troopers Inn to other Community Councils. He felt that it would be much more sensible, if change were needed, to merge with Burton Community Council. C'lr Alan Taylor mentioned the original Community Council response, in which it had been put forward that Members would prefer to (a) stay as now, or (b) merge with Burton Community Council. C'lr David Wildman mentioned that no suggestion had yet been made of annexing St. Mary's Park, which some thought might be sensible. He thought it made sense to move the three affected houses in Troopers Inn into Freystrop area, as this would rationalise the situation. Similarly, he felt it made sense for the minority of properties in Sardis currently in the Rosemarket

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Community Council area to join the majority currently in Burton Community area. C’lIr Evelyn Poar mentioned that seventeen properties in Sardis would be affected, which she felt was significant enough not to be simply lumped in with the Burton area. C’lIr Tony Young felt it would be more sensible to bring Troopers Inn and Sardis into the Rosemarket Community area wholesale. Precept rates were mentioned, with some Members being concerned that the alterations could increase the precept per property in the Rosemarket area. However, C’lIr David Wildman pointed out that there would be no overall change to Rosemarket Community Council, taking into account the proposed house building in Rosemarket. C’lIr Alan Taylor asked if the current proposals could have been brought about as a result of C’lIr David Wildman arguing for maintaining the status quo. In reply, C’lIr Wildman said that he had simply argued for Rosemarket Community Council losing no more territory than necessary. C’lIr David Barrah mentioned the possible loss of two councillors in the proposals. C’lIr Tony Young suggested asking for the settlements at Jordanston to be included in Rosemarket Community area if Llanstadwell Community Council was due to amalgamate with Neyland Town Council. C’lIr Alan Taylor also mentioned the property at Sentry Cross, and the garden centre, etc., at Honeyborough, suggesting that these could also be beneficially included in the Rosemarket area. C’lIr Tony Young felt that a public meeting should be held to discuss the matter. He was unhappy with the Community Council making such decisions. C’lIr Evelyn Poar said that, anecdotally, residents in Sardis had told her they did not want to go to Burton, as they considered themselves inherently part of Rosemarket Community. Members continued discussing the various options at some length. C’lIr David Wildman suggested that if Sardis were to come into the Rosemarket Community area, the Community Council may have to spend several thousand pounds on signage to follow through the work initiated by Burton Community Council. There was then a debate over whether, and if so, how, local residents should be consulted on the proposals, as it was generally agreed that those affected should be asked for their views. It was agreed that this should be done by letter (proposer C’lIr David Barrah, seconded C’lIr Evelyn Poar) Letters to be written and sent out by Clerk, complete with Stamped addressed return envelopes addressed to C’lIr Alan Taylor. C’lIr David Wildman to provide contact details to the Clerk. Replies to be requested to C’lIr Alan Taylor within two weeks of receipt of the letter. Members agreed that the replies received should be used as a basis for C’lIr Alan Taylor reply to the consultation on behalf of the Community Council.

### **Discussion of arrangements for pursuing claim to public right of access to The Beacon**

C’lIr Tony Young informed Members that after the last meeting he had met Mr. Bryn Lewis of The Beacon. Mr. Lewis had told him that he had no objection to people using the lane, and felt that only Mr. Phillips was opposed to this. It had been suggested that the issue had originally been provoked by the P.C.C. tractor displacing chippings in the lane, resulting in complaints. A discussion ensued about ownership of the lane. Members were reminded by the Chairman that ownership was not relevant to the matter under discussion. The Clerk pointed out that the agenda item was only to discuss the right of way claim, not land ownership. C’lIr Tony Young felt that the Community Council should contact all the local residents, to confirm their agreement to using the access. This

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was not generally agreed. C’lr David Barrah felt that the Community Council should not be pursuing a public right of way, but only a right of access for Community Council authorised personnel. C’lr Tony Young was concerned about upsetting the local residents over the matter. C’lr David Wildman commented that unless the Community Council resolved the matter now once and for all, it would only rear its head again in ten years or so. For this reason, he felt it should be decisively resolved now. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the affected residents, outlining the need for the matter to be regularised, stating that doing so fell on the Community Council as a duty, and seeking their support for this (proposer C’lr David Wildman, seconder C’lr David Barrah). The objective of the letter would be to attempt to circumvent potential opposition to plans to get the route registered as a right of way. C’lr David Wildman to provide a list of addresses to Clerk. Matter to be placed on agenda for September for further discussion.

### **Discussion of arrangements for a skip for village clean-up**

This was agreed for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. C’lr David Wildman to arrange a skip.

### **Correspondence**

- 1) P.C.C. / P.C.N.P.A. – Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan – passed to C’lr Alan Taylor for perusal.
- 2) David Wildman – Minutes of last meeting of S.W. Area Liaison Forum, and notification of date and venue for next meeting – noted.
- 3) P.C.C. – Information on Empty Homes Initiative – passed to C’lr Evelyn Poar for perusal.
- 4) Johnston Community Council – Reply to letter about speeding in Church Road – letter given to C’lr David Wildman to be passed to original complainant.
- 5) Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority – Information on home fire safety checks – noted, and Clerk to arrange meeting when they make further contact.
- 6) Neyland Town Council – Invitation to Civic Service, to be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2007 – passed to C’lr Alan Taylor for possible attendance.
- 7) Ombudsman – Annual Report 2006/07 – noted, & Clerk to retain.
- 8) Pembrokeshire Crossroads – Invitation to forthcoming A.G.M., at Witybush Conference Centre, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7-30pm – C’lr David Wildman informed Members that he planned to attend.
- 9) Age Concern – Request for more volunteers – noted.
- 10) North Wales Tourism – Countryside Code leaflets, posters, etc. - material distributed to Members.

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#### **Accounts**

##### **Payments**

Donation to In Touch	:	£100
Gill Gill (for internal audit)	:	£ 20
Outgoing Odd job man (Graham Williams)	:	£ 65

##### **Income**

From Customs and Excise (VAT return)	:	£336-43
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##### **Internal audit**

Members were informed of one discrepancy brought up during the internal audit. This was where an overpayment of £1-80 had been made for refreshments in connection with the Ho-Ho-House competition. Members decided not to pursue the matter, and regard the payment as closed.

Members accepted the audit report, statement of accounts, and annual governance statement, and these were signed by the Chairman.

The public notice advertising the audit was passed to C'lr Alan Taylor to be placed on the noticeboard.

The above accounts items were agreed by Members (proposer C'lr David Barra, seconder C'lr Rhys Jones).

#### **Plans**

##### **Applications received.**

**07/0270/PA (Dwelling, Plot 7, Cheriton, Rosemarket; applicant L. Grimbaldeston) –**  
No objection raised.

##### **Notification of consents issued.**

**07/32/PA (Agricultural building, land adjacent to Stonewell Cottage, Rosemarket).**

**07/93/PA (Stables, land off West Street, O.S. 9408, 9508, Rosemarket).**

#### **Any other business**

**House on Beacon, on left hand side going up.** C'lr Barbara Summons mentioned that the owner of a property on The Beacon had been doing some landscaping, and had placed stones on the verge. She was concerned at possible problems with vehicles going up the lane. C'lr Alan Taylor indicated that he would have an informal word with the owners. C'lr David Wildman suggested that she could have plastic posts on the verge if she applied to P.C.C. for these.

**Composting advice event, in conjunction with Planed.** C'lr David Wildman informed Members that 24<sup>th</sup> July had been set for the event.

**Ho-Ho-House competition, Remembrance Service, etc.** – matter to be placed on agenda for September.

**Air Ambulance.** C'lr Alan Taylor distributed envelopes for recycling old mobile phones in support of the Air Ambulance.

#### **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9-00pm. Next meeting, Monday 3rd September, 2007, 7-15pm.

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