

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Monday 01/12/08

Apologies : C’lr Tony Young.

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

Minutes of the November monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record (Proposer C’lr David Wildman, seconder C’lr Barbara Summons), and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising.

Public Rights of Way maps. C’lr David Wildman had not yet been able to copy the documents, due to problems accessing colour copying facilities. C’lr Alan Taylor undertook to carry out the necessary colour copying.

Front window competition. It was confirmed that the judging had been arranged for 11th December. The function / prize-giving was arranged for 17th December in the Village Hall. Clerk to leave chequebook with C’lr Alan Taylor for awarding of the prizes.

School playground. C’lr Alan Taylor had discussed the matter with the solicitor. The Church Authorities had no solicitor acting for them at present, but another contact name on their behalf had been provided. The solicitor was in the process of providing relevant information to this party. Matter to be placed on January agenda for further discussion.

Church Licensing service, Burton. C’lr Alan Taylor had attended the service, which he said had been very successful.

Plans

There were no plans for discussion this month. C’lr Alan Taylor outlined to Members his response on Members behalf to the consultation document on Planning Obligations.

Accounts

Payments

Clerk (back-pay / expenses)	:	£106-05
In Touch	:	£300-00
Royal British Legion (for Remembrance Day Wreath)	:	£ 15-00

The standing order for Clerk’s pay was increased to £129-89, to include £3-33 broadband payment, effective 1st January 2009.

The above items were agreed by Members (Proposer C’lr Rhys Jones, seconder C’lr Barbara Summons).

[NOTE : C’lr David Wildman declared a personal interest, due to his involvement in the Rosemarket Village Hall Committee, and abstained from the vote on the accounts.]

Correspondence

- 1) Welsh Assembly Government – Consultation on members’ allowances – noted.
- 2) P.C.C. – Notification of forthcoming temporary road closure - noted.
- 3) P.C.C. – Review of polling arrangements consultation – noted.
- 4) In Touch - Request for financial assistance – dealt with under Accounts.
- 5) Information Commissioner – Information on new Model Publication Scheme –

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Members discussed the matter, and finalised the items to be included in the publication scheme. Clerk to collate this, for completion by December 31st 2009.

Discussion of possible lease for land adjacent to Westaway Park

The Clerk provided information to Members about the requirement for applying to register the land as a village green (i.e. use of the land by a 'significant number' of people over a minimum 20 year period). Members discussed the matter in some detail. C'llr David Wildman felt that consideration should be given to including the Community directly in any decision as to whether or not to proceed with an application. He also suggested that the provisions of the J.U.D.P. might be sufficient to protect the land without further measures being necessary. He was concerned at the possibility of an application for registration as a village green serving to raise the profile of the land, possibly to the ultimate detriment of the Community. After further discussion, Members decided to leave the matter in abeyance for further discussion in March 2009.

Discussion of progress on acquisition of school playground

Matter discussed in 'Matters Arising', and left for further discussion in January 2009.

Discussion of sewage disposal problems in Community area

C'llr David Wildman mentioned to Members that there was a widespread problem of inadequate sewage disposal infrastructure in the County. It was now proposed to have an enquiry in Pembrokeshire County Council, at which Welsh Water would be called to give evidence. Members were invited to provide evidence of local lack of capacity or sewage disposal problems to be used in the hearing. Members discussed the matter, but there were not thought to have been any instances where this had been a major factor.

Discussion of tree-trimming, etc., at Back Lane

Members were informed that the work had been satisfactorily completed by P.C.C.

Any other business

Tree cutting. C'llr Barbara Summons mentioned a problem with overhanging hedges obstructing the street lights outside her house. This had led to a recent incident where she had failed to see someone walking along the road, and had almost hit him.

Lucy Walters Close. C'llr David Wildman mentioned that the footpath in Lucy Walters Close was very slippery in places, due to overhanging hedges, etc. Some householders had cut back their hedges, but others had not. The matter was being kept under review.

Possible joint meeting with Burton Community Council. C'llr Alan Taylor mentioned that the possibility of a joint meeting with B.C.C. to discuss issues of common concern had been suggested. Matter to be placed on January agenda for discussion.

Public forum

Mr. David Barrah addressed the meeting. He commented that he thought it unlikely that an application to register the land at Westaway Park as a village green would be successful, as the Community Council had been paying rent on it for around 10 years.

The meeting concluded at 8-00pm. Next meeting, Monday 5th January, 2009, 7pm.