

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Monday 06/04/09

Apologies : C’lr Rhys Jones.

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

Minutes of the March monthly meeting

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

Matters arising.

Lucy Walters Close. C’lr David Wildman informed Members that all the overhanging branches now gone, but some algae etc., still remained on the pavement. P.C.C. was due to look again at the matter with a view to finally resolving the outstanding issues.

Bastleford Road. C’lr David Wildman informed Members that the drainage problem on the road would be quite difficult to solve, as there was nowhere easy to drain the water to.

Cross Farm Cottage. C’lr Alan Taylor had replied to the planning application consultation recommending that the building be listed, but had received no further correspondence regarding the matter. C’lr David Wildman had a copy of a letter from P.C.C. stating that the relevant planning application (08/1111/PA) had been withdrawn.

Boundary changes. C’lr David Wildman informed Members that more action on proposed boundary changes may be in the offing. A letter was due to be sent out in due course regarding the matter. It was thought possible that some change regarding the Settlements might be possible. Boundary changes to be placed on May agenda.

Rubbish in Sardis. C’lr Evelyn Poar stated that the rubbish had been removed.

Grass-cutting. C’lr Tony Young mentioned that the rate might not necessarily be the same as for 2008. He said he wouldn’t like to guarantee that the rate would be the same.

Plans

Cross Farm Cottage. C’lr Alan Taylor mentioned his conversation with a conservation expert colleague. He had been informed that the Community Council could ask for a spot listing of the building. Members were generally agreed for C’lr Alan Taylor to investigate and make the request if possible. However, C’lr Tony Young was opposed to doing this without the owner’s consent. It was pointed out that this was not necessary, and that the owner would almost certainly object to the matter. It was finally agreed that C’lr Alan Taylor would proceed as outlined above (Proposer C’lr Alan Taylor, seconder C’lr David Wildman). C’lrs Barbara Summons and Tony Young were opposed.

E-mail facility for planning application consultations. C’lr David Wildman asked on behalf of Burton Community Councillor Terry Morgan about the facility for obtaining e-mail consultations. C’lr Alan Taylor to forward the details to C’lr Wildman.

Accounts

Payments

P.A.L.C. subscription : £27-00

The above was agreed (Proposer C’lr Evelyn Poar, seconder C’lr Tony Young).

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Correspondence

- 1) Welsh Language Board – Reply to draft scheme submitted – Clerk to reply, requesting confirmation that the English scheme submitted was acceptable.
- 2) Stephen Thomas – School playground transfer – dealt with under agenda item.
- 3) P.C.C. – Consultation document on L.D.P. – dealt with under agenda item.

Discussion of progress on acquisition of school playground

C’lir Alan Taylor informed Members that he had spoken with the solicitors today, and had no information on the likely amount of costs. He had asked for some indication of these. C’lir Barbara felt that the fee request should not be met. C’lir Alan Taylor pointed out that the land might not be forthcoming if the matter was dragged out. Matter to be placed on May agenda for further discussion. Members agreed that the trustees named on the transfer would be C’lirs Alan Taylor, Evelyn Poar, David Wildman and Barbara Summons. Clerk to reply accordingly, also agreeing to meet reasonable costs.

Discussion of Declaration of Members’ interests

C’lir Alan Taylor explained to Members that he had attended a meeting sponsored by P.C.C. about Section 106 legal agreements included as part of development planning approvals. The matter had been raised as to whether or not a Cabinet Member who had expressed principled opposition to such a policy would be debarred from discussing it at a Council meeting. The Monitoring Officer had drawn a distinction between observing and discussing a matter. It was clear from this that the area was a potential minefield.

Discussion of Local Development Plan documents

[NOTE : C’lir David Wildman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter, as a member of the County Council cabinet and left the meeting during the discussion]
Members agreed for C’lir Evelyn Poar to draft a response to the document, this to be circulated to Members, the final response being co-ordinated via the Chairman and Clerk.

Any other business

Base for Elsie Barraah’s seat. Members were informed that the base for the seat was now in place. Thanks were given to C’lir David Wildman for arranging this.

Westaway Park. The poor state of the footpaths at Westaway Park was mentioned.

May meeting. To be scheduled for May 6th (Wednesday), due to the clash with the boundary meeting scheduled for the 11th May.

Rubbish. C’lir Evelyn Poar mentioned the large amount of rubbish by the Huntsman. However, C’lir Barbara Summons thought this had now been removed.

Public forum

Mr. David Barraah mentioned that the Church and dovecote were the only two Grade II listed buildings in Rosemarket. He thought that Cross Farm was the oldest building in the village apart from those, and that the owner could virtually do anything with the building with impunity. He felt that action must be taken to ensure that the building was preserved for the heritage of the community.

The meeting concluded at 8-10pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 6th May, 2009, 7pm.