

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Monday 12/04/10

Apologies : C’lIr Evelyn Poar,

Present : C’llrs Tony Young, Rhys Jones, 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’lIr David Wildman, seconder C’lIr Rhys Jones).

Discussion of Johnston Scout Group’s need for new scout hut

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Messr’s Harry Dixon and Simon Preddy of the 1st Johnston Scout Group. They proceeded to explain that in the next 18 months - 2 years the Johnston Scout Group would be homeless, due to the proposed sale of the existing hall in Johnston. They had had no success with negotiations with the Church for leasing alternative premises. There were few suitable halls in the locality available for rent. Consequently they were seeking information within the locality on possible areas of land available that may be suitable for development. The area involved covered broadly from Johnston over to Burton, with the intervening settlements. Loyalty to the group was said to be very good. As far as the hall itself was concerned, toilet / shower facilities were needed, also nearby access to open areas for exercise and outdoor activities. Obviously any hall considered would need to be large enough for the Group, and also for any other organisations that might wish to use it. If purpose built it would be a permanent structure. In the event that a land lease arrangement was entered into, the normal arrangement would be that the lease would be held by a Scout-related body which formed a registered company. There would be a management company to run the hall.

Following the address some Members wished to put questions. C’lIr David Wildman asked about the hall opposite the nursing home. It was explained that this was not available for use on the scale required. C’lIr David Wildman asked if the Group could use land that had been offered in Glebelands, Johnston. It was explained that there were certain problems with services, attaining the necessary building dimensions, etc., on this site. However, at this stage nothing was being ruled out, but all options were being explored. Members asked how many nights per week a Hall would be required for by the Group. The answer was somewhat complicated, involving explanations about the interactions between the various sub-groups within the scouting movement. However it was clear that usage on most evenings in the week would be needed. The physical size required for a suitable hall would be approximately 15m x 7.5m for the main hall, plus ancillary rooms. A two storey structure had not been ruled out, but there was a need for a good height in the main hall. Members asked if the present Village Hall would be suitable. The reply was that it would be a tight squeeze, but nothing was being ruled out.

Questions were asked about the basis on which any arrangement would be made. If a Hall was jointly used between the Scout Group and the Community Council, would the Community Council need to rent the Hall from the Scout Group. This was not thought to be inevitable, and would depend on the basis of any legal agreement, which would be formulated to meet the needs of all interested parties.

As a general point, it was mentioned by the Group representatives that funding tended to be easier to obtain for new building than for purchasing an existing building. This was mentioned in connection with a question about the possible purchase of the

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existing hall in Johnston from the Church. The Group were, if possible, keen to try and obtain a long land lease, and then to build their own hall on it.

C'lr David Wildman proposed further future discussion of the various possibilities by the Community Council. A request was made for the Scout Group to provide more detailed information on the plot size required. This proposal was seconded by C'lr Tony Young, and carried. Matter to be placed on May agenda for further discussion.

Discussion of rubbish around recycling area

Members were informed that behind the recycling area, a load of chippings had been dumped, and also some plastic cable sleeving. In general it was felt that the site was a mess, comparing unfavourably with the recycling station outside Llangwm. The comment was made that it had been badly designed and laid out. C'lr Alan Taylor proposed that Members consider either having the recycling facilities removed altogether, or alternatively spending some money to tidy the site up with new fencing and lighting being provided. C'lr David Wildman suggested asking the P.C.C. Area Maintenance Officer to attend the site and advise on the possible options for improvement of the area. C'lr Alan Taylor withdrew his earlier proposal, and Members agreed for C'lr David Wildman to arrange the meeting with the P.C.C. Area Maintenance Officer. Matter to be placed on May agenda for discussion.

Discussion of bus shelter repairs needed

Members were informed that vandalism had occurred at the ladies and gents toilets, and also at both bus shelters, with some slates having been lost from one roof. The subsequent inspection had revealed that the roof of the bus shelter was in poor condition, with rotten timbers, missing guttering, etc. C'lr David Wildman commented that the Police response to the vandalism complaint was a waste of time. C'lr Alan Taylor had spoken to the Police. They knew some of the culprits, but needed more information to pursue the matter to a conclusion. They were doing everything they could, and it was still hoped that the matter would end with a prosecution that might make an example of someone in the Village, with consequent benefits for the community.

Members considered the need to carry out works to repair the Bus shelter, and remove the offending leylandii tree. There were concerns about taking on the tree removal behind the middle bus shelter, because of the insurance implications. C'lr Tony Young thought he might know someone who could remove the tree, and undertook to look into this. However, he thought that removing the tree at this time of year was probably prohibited.

The possibility of making an insurance claim for the damage to the bus shelter roof was discussed. Clerk to contact the Insurance Company to discuss any possible contribution that might be made towards a more substantial roof repair / replacement scheme. Also, insurance excess figure to be obtained. Matter to be placed on May agenda for discussion.

Matters arising.

The Glades. The Clerk confirmed that he had checked, and there had been no requirement to close up the existing gateway on the Sardis Road. However, Members were adamant that there had been such a requirement. Clerk to look at this again, and also to check the minute record for any mention of this.

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Plans

C’lrr Alan Taylor had received one application, for a conversion to holiday cottages at Bramble, Barn Lane. No adverse comments had been made on the application.

Accounts

Payments

AON Ltd (Insurance)	:	£321-06
P.C.C. (Westaway Park rental)	:	£ 7-50
P.A.L.C. (subscription renewal)	:	£ 27-00
In Touch	:	£350-00

The above items were agreed by Members (proposer C’lrr Rhys Jones, seconder C’lrr Tony Young. C’lrr David Wildman abstained due to the In Touch donation).

Correspondence

1) Steve Thomas (Solicitor) – Draft transfer document for triangle in corner of playground – the transfer was signed by the requisite Members present. C’lrr Rhys Jones agreed to pass the transfer on to C’lrr Evelyn Poar for signature, this then to be passed to C’lrr David Wildman, then back to the Clerk. Clerk to contact Mr. Campfield to obtain additional information required for the transfer. C’lrr Tony Young mentioned that he had been contacted by a resident on the Beacon asking if the Community Council intended to maintain the fence along the edge of the playground. The resident concerned had been going to write a letter to the Community Council about this. The Clerk confirmed that no letter had been received. However Members intended to maintain the boundary fence.

2) Mrs. Gill Gill – Request for support for In Touch – [NOTE : C’lrr David Wildman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item due to his involvement with In Touch, and took no part in the discussion thereon]. Printing costs had now risen to £700 per issue, and funds on hand were approximately £90. The Clerk informed Members that the current precepted amount from R.C.C. to In Touch was £350 per year, and the amount from Burton Community Council was £600 per year. Members agreed to send the entire annual precepted figure of £350 to In Touch immediately.

Any other business

Litter. C’lrr Tony Young mentioned the problem of litter around Bastleford crossroads.

Back Lane. C’lrr Barbara Summons mentioned that a lorry was needed to remove rubbish, etc., from Back Lane.

Norton Hill. Matter to be placed on May agenda for discussion.

Risk assessment. Matter to be placed on May agenda for discussion.

Public forum

Mr. David Barrah reported that his small green bin had been stolen no less than three times. He also mentioned that the fir tree that was planned to be cut down belonged to ex-Councillor June Crook. He was concerned at a precedent being set for other tree owners who might expect the Community Council to fund and arrange the removal / lopping of their boundary trees.

The meeting concluded at 8-20pm. Next meeting, Monday 10th May, 2010, 7pm.