

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Monday 10/01/11

Apologies : None

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

Minutes of the November monthly meeting

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

Matters arising

Tree-logging application, Cheriton (ref. 10/0737/TF). The Clerk informed Members that he had put forward a request for planting of a new tree in place of the one to be lopped. He had been told that such a request could not be placed on the developer. Members agreed to leave the matter in abeyance, as the permission granted appeared to only relate to the first year’s proposed works anyway.

Bus shelter. The contractor had provided a substantial discount on the invoice sum, which was appreciated by Members.

Playground. C’llr David Wildman raised the matter of an item for In Touch regarding the future use of the playground. C’llr Alan Taylor said he would undertake to prepare an In Touch item advertising a public meeting. The date for a public meeting needed to be arranged in conjunction with Planed. The deadline for arranging a date was 18th February. Matter to be placed on February agenda for detailed discussion.

Plans

Applications

10/0502/PA (Agricultural building, Great Westfield Farm, Thurston Lane) – Members declined to comment, as the application had already been refused.

10/0941/AD (Directional sign, Hayston Bridge, Johnston) – Approved

Consents (for information)

10/0737/TF (tree-logging, Cheriton), permission agreed for initial year’s work only.

10/0751/AG (agricultural building, land adjacent to Cross Farm)

Refusals of planning permission (for information)

10/0502/PA (Agricultural building, Great Westfield Farm, Thurston Lane)

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Accounts

Audit.

Members re-approved sections one and two of the Audit Return. These were signed by the Chairman and retained by the Clerk for return to the auditors. It was noted that the increase in fidelity guarantee had been implemented.

Payments

AON Insurance	:	£9.35
Church View Estates (bus shelter repairs)	:	£1,224.00
Royal British Legion (for wreath)	:	£15.00

Precept

The precept was set at £5500 for the forthcoming year, based on the following breakdown :

Clerk £1700, Insurance £350, Village Hall £900, Grass cutting £600, Hedge cutting £200, Village maintenance £730, Donations £300, Administration £300, Westaway Park £15, In Touch £350, Subscriptions £50, Contingencies £5.

It was noted that the precept was being retained unchanged on the previous year.

Members agreed to make tentative enquiries about the outstanding grass-cutting bill from P.C.C. C'lr David Wildman undertook to make the necessary enquiries.

The above items were agreed by Members (Proposer C'lr Tony Young, seconder C'lr Evelyn Poar).

Correspondence

- 1) P.C.C. – Invitation to attend forthcoming sessions about the L.D.P., to be held on Wednesday 12th January 2011 – noted.
- 2) W.A.G. – Letter seeking information on Community Resilience projects – noted.
- 3) W.A.G. – Consultation on Fire & Rescue Authority performance indicators – noted.
- 4) P.C.C. – Questionnaire on Polling Station arrangements – Clerk to respond indicating satisfaction with current arrangements.
- 5) Clerk – Request for 12 month partial sabbatical commencing Summer 2011 – Members were in agreement to allow this. Matter to be placed on February agenda for further discussion of practical details.
- 7) P.C.C. – Notification of outcome of submission of land for inclusion in forthcoming L.D.P. – Matter to be placed on February agenda for discussion.
- 8) Paul Davies, A.M. – Notification of forthcoming advice surgeries – passed to C'lr Alan Taylor for noticeboard.

Discussion of needed maintenance at Back Lane

C'lr Barbara Summons had placed the matter on the agenda due to concerns over narrowing of the lane due to overhanging growth. She said the lane was very muddy, which could not be helped. However, there was only a narrow strip left for access, which was not sufficient. Therefore, It was concluded that hedge-cutting was required. Clerk to write to the Highways Department requesting that hedge-cutting be carried out between the junctions with West Street and the Chapel

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Discussion of possible unauthorised works on land at Dirty Corner.

The Clerk informed Members that he had obtained an update on the situation from the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area. The site had been investigated some months ago due to allegations of unauthorised works, including the alleged formation of an unauthorised access. The access had been already in existence, so was authorised. A very minimal amount of widening of the access had been deemed too insignificant to warrant any action. The landowner had cut down trees on the site, which did not require permission. He had also stated his intention to live on the land in a camper van, but had been advised that this would require planning permission which would almost certainly not be forthcoming. As he had then abandoned his plans for residential use of the land the matter had been closed with no further action being required. C'lr Barbara Summons was unhappy about the gateway, and felt that the owner should reinstate it. However, C'lr Alan Taylor pointed out that the gateway was, in any case, outside the Community area. Matter left in abeyance.

Discussion of Local Authority road-gritting arrangements

It was pointed out that roads around Rosemarket Village had been gritted this year. C'lr Alan Taylor had made enquiries with P.C.C., and read to Members a statement from P.C.C. outlining their gritting policy. He had also obtained and copied for Members copies of the current gritting route tables and maps. These were circulated for information. Members thanked C'lr Alan Taylor for his work.

Discussion of arrangements for commemorating the forthcoming Royal Wedding

The matter was raised of whether or not the Community Council should arrange any events to commemorate the wedding. C'lr Barbara Summons felt that this would be difficult given the absence of a school in the Village. C'lr Alan Taylor undertook to write an entry for the forthcoming In Touch regarding the matter as an initial step.

Any other business

Ditching. C'lr Rhys Jones was unhappy about the recent ditching work around Sardis. He said that the ditches had been opened, but there was no way for rainwater to get into the ditches. C'lr David Wildman indicated that he would look into the matter.

Recycling area improvement plans. C'lr Alan Taylor circulated copies of the proposed plans to Members for information. Members were very happy with the proposals.

The Beacon. Members were informed that someone had been driving a vehicle on The Beacon. Tracks had been left in the grass. More information would be needed for action to be taken, in particular a registration number of the offending vehicle, and Members were asked to be vigilant. C'lr Barbara Summons felt that the gate should be locked. However it was pointed out that to do this would be obstructing a public right of way.

Public forum

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8-30pm. Next meeting, Monday 7th February, 2011, 7pm.