

## **ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on Monday 04/04/11**

**Apologies :** None

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

#### **Address by officer from Fire Brigade**

Members welcomed to the meeting Fire Officer Chris McDonald. He proceeded to outline the service offered under the ‘Fire Service Community Safety’ initiative. The scheme involved officers from the Fire Service calling to homes on request, to carry out fire safety checks, and offer extension leads, electric blankets, etc., free of charge if these were required to replace defective items. He also mentioned a number of items available through the fire service to assist disabled householders. The service was offered on an advice basis, whereby recommendations would be made to householders, but it was up to individuals whether or not to heed this advice. C’lr Barbara Summons asked if an officer from the Fire Service would attend a meeting in the Village Hall to inform interested local residents. Mr. McDonald confirmed that this could be arranged if required. C’lr Alan Taylor asked how the initiative was funded. Mr. McDonald mentioned that it was funded from within the Fire Service budget, on the basis that it brought a payoff in terms of improved home safety, and better fire prevention. Members asked some questions about major sources of fires. Mr. McDonald mentioned that most were electrical in origin, and around 50% were started in kitchens. Following this, Members thanked Mr. McDonald for attending, after which he left the meeting.

#### **Minutes of the March monthly meeting**

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

#### **Minutes of public meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (Proposer C’lr Tony Young, seconder C’lr Rhys Jones).

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising that required discussion.

#### **Plans**

##### **Applications**

**10/1185/PA (Steel framed agricultural building, North Barn Farm, Rosemarket)**

- no comments.

**10/1258/PA (Garage, 15, The Glades, Rosemarket) – no comments.**

[NOTE : C’lr David Wildman declared a personal and prejudicial interest as the local County Councillor who might be called upon to speak at Planning Committee if the applications should come before the Committee, and did not participate in the discussion of the applications].

#### **Accounts**

##### **Payments**

P.C.C. (Westaway Park rental) : £ 7-50

P.A.L.C. : £27-00

The above payments were agreed by Members (Proposer C’lr Tony Young, seconder C’lr Barbara Summons).

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#### **Correspondence**

- 1) Clerks & Councils Direct – magazine - copies circulated to Members.
- 2) W.A.G. - Welsh Fire & Rescue Service equality and diversity strategy consultation – noted.

#### **Discussion of any necessary follow up to recent public meeting**

Members noted the overwhelming public view at the meeting that residents attending did not want to have a further meeting, and did not want the playground used for anything other than its current use as a public car parking area.

C’lir Alan Taylor mentioned the reinstatement of the light on the right of way leading to The Beacon, which had been raised as an issue at the meeting. Members decided to leave this matter in abeyance for the foreseeable future.

C’lir Tony Young raised the issue of potential issues over liability for accidents happening in the playground. The Clerk explained that the existing Community Council insurance policy was adequate for public liability issues on all Community Council owned land. C’lir David Wildman raised the possibility of a sign for the playground. C’lir David Wildman undertook to informally ask Hugh Miller in P.C.C. for his legal opinion. Matter to be placed on May agenda for further discussion.

C’lir David Wildman had placed four signs to combat dog fouling on The Beacon. On Saturday morning he had been up there, and had encountered a local resident who had suggested that the bottom Beacon gate should be kept locked, with access being facilitated for P.C.C., officers, etc. when required. He had also suggested speed bumps in the Village on the approach to The Beacon from the Bastleford Road direction. Members were not favourable to speed bumps, feeling that signage would be more appropriate. C’lir David Wildman undertook to investigate the possibility of obtaining suitable signage at this location. Wording of sign could be ‘Children, slow’, or something similar, subject to discussions with P.C.C. officers.

Matter of possible locking of the bottom Beacon gate to be placed on May agenda for discussion.

#### **Discussion of arrangements in connection with Clerk’s forthcoming sabbatical**

C’lir Alan Taylor mentioned the matter of documents held in the Clerk’s possession that might be needed for reference during his absence. It was confirmed that these would be passed to Rachel Johnson for the twelve month period.

#### **Discussion of removal of concrete on The Beacon**

Members were informed that the protruding lengths of metal bar had been removed. While there were some small concrete bits left, these were not a safety hazard. It was pointed out that the risk assessment should be amended accordingly. General risk assessment review to be placed on May agenda for discussion.

#### **Discussion of recently completed improvements to recycling area**

Members were very pleased with the work undertaken. Clerk to write to Brian Maddocks thanking him for the work carried out, with particular mention of Paul Watkins role in the project.

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#### **Discussion of state of verges along Rosemarket – Sardis Road**

C’lr Barbara Summons mentioned that a number of complaints had been received about the state of verges along the road, due mainly to inconsiderate driving of agricultural vehicles. Members acknowledged that driving modern agricultural vehicles, trailers, etc., was difficult, and they required large turning circles. C’lr Tony Young pointed out that farmers were supposed to clean up mud, etc., caused by their activities on the highway. It was acknowledged that the problem was a difficult one, with no ready solution if drivers failed to use the available pull-ins along the road. C’lr David Wildman felt that the only thing that could be done was to report those responsible for leaving the mud on the road when it was seen happening. He felt that nothing could realistically be done about water flowing onto the road from the adjacent fields. Members decided to leave the matter in abeyance, with individuals to report offenders directly if these were seen and identified.

#### **Any other business**

**Rabbits.** C’lr David Wildman had received reports of some half-skinned rabbits on the Beacon. He had gone there and removed the last remaining one. It was not known who had been responsible.

**Parking / vehicles.** C’lr Barbara Summons was unhappy about the parking of vehicles, boats and caravans, etc., around the Village, with particular reference to some parked long term in public spaces at Westaway Park.

#### **Public forum**

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

The meeting concluded at 8-05pm. Next meeting (to include 2011 AGM), Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, 7pm.