

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Dawn-to-Dusk Golf Club, Rosemarket, and also online via the Zoom videoconferencing platform, on Monday October 6th 2025

Present: C’lrs Rob Summons (Chairman), Clive Griffith, Gery Rostan, James Milne, Jackie Prest (vice-Chairman), Steve Davies; County Councillor Danny Young; Peter Horton (Clerk). Apologies: None.

Declarations of known interest

C’lr Steve Davies declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in any discussions concerning the Rosemarket Village Hall Committee.

Approval of the minutes of the September 2025 monthly meeting

The September 2025 minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (proposer C’lr Rob Summons, seconder C’lr Steve Davies).

Opportunity for public to address meeting / make representations on tabled agenda items

There were no members of the public present who wished to comment.

Matters arising

Community noticeboard outside church. Repairs had been completed to the noticeboard.

Sec. 106 payments from housing development at The Beacon. Reports had been made public of a possible plan for P.C.C. to acquire the entire development for council housing. The decision on this had been delegated to the P.C.C. Head of Housing, and would be entirely outside the community council’s control. Clerk to enquire whether or not the Sec. 106 contributions would still be payable if the houses were to be sold to P.C.C.

Speed monitoring. Police action to carry out speed monitoring in the Village still awaited.

Fencing to rear of Bottle Bank. Repairs still awaited. Clerk to chase this up one further time, including Neil McCarthy in the message.

Planning matters

There were no planning matters for discussion this month

Correspondence

- 01) P.P.S. Pembrokeshire – Operational playpark inspection report - noted.
- 02) P.C.C. – Acknowledgement of message about Sec. 106 payments for development on The Beacon – dealt with in ‘Matters Arising’ above.
- 03) Democracy & Boundary Commission – Draft Remuneration report for 2026/27 – noted.
- 04) Arise – Notification of informal consultation on proposed solar farm, Great Harmeston Farm – public walk-in event to be held on 14th October at Johnston Baptist Church, Glebelands.
- 05) Rosemarket Village Hall Committee – Request for financial assistance – [NOTE – C’lr Gery Rostan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the discussion, as a member of the Village Hall Committee, and left the room for the duration of the discussion. C’lr Steve Davies declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in the discussion, as a member of the Village Hall Committee, but also an appointed representative of the community council to the committee. He remained in the room during the discussion]. On enquiry, C’lr Steve Davies confirmed that the Village Hall Committee held between approximately £30,000 and £35,000 in its account at present. Members noted the lack of regular use of the hall at present, and the uncertainty over the future direction of the hall renovation / renewal project. Taking all these factors into consideration,

Members resolved to hold off from making a donation at present, due to the apparent healthy status of the committee's accounts, the uncertainty over the future direction of the Hall project, and the lack of more detailed accounts figures (proposer C'llr Rob Summons, seconder C'llr Clive Griffith). C'llr Steve Davies abstained from the vote.

06) Local resident – concerns about possible unauthorised development at property next to the Dovecote – Separately from the message received, C'llr Danny Young had received a call from the landowner, expressing concerns that some individuals had been taking photographs of his property, and asking if this was on behalf of the community council. C'llr Rob Summons had subsequently called the landowner to discuss the matter. He had reassured him that no photographs taken had been on behalf of the community council whatsoever. Regarding the development under way on the land, the landowner had indicated that he understood this to be permitted development of a shed on the land. C'llrs Rob Summons and Danny Young to visit the site, obtain details of the development dimensions, etc., and then visit C Hall to check whether or not it was permitted development.

07) Church Committee – Remembrance Day arrangements – C'llr Jackie Prest indicated that she would be happy to represent the community council at the planned event. Clerk to order wreath in advance.

Accounts

Payments

Easy Websites (direct debit for website provision)	:	£ 36-96
F.J. Groundworks (INV-1009, for hedge-cutting on The Beacon)	:	£ 420-00
F.J. Groundworks (INV-1003 , for repairs to noticeboard)	:	£ 558-54
F.J. Groundworks (INV-1005, for bus shelter roof repairs)	:	£ 192-78
F.J. Groundworks (INV-0162 for repairs to bench on The Beacon)	:	£ 273-41
P.C.C. (P0183414 for Westaway Park lease)	:	£ 7-50
Clerk (incidental expenses April – September)	:	£ 142-27

The above payments were approved (proposer C'llr Rob Summons, seconder C'llr Clive Griffith).

Quarterly budget review

Members considered the quarterly budget review, which had been prepared by the Clerk. Members had no questions or comments on the report, as the standing of accounts appeared in order.

Any necessary discussion of maintenance issues on community council-owned assets in village
Fence behind bottle bank. Covered in 'Matters Arising' above.

Any necessary discussion of The Beacon

Concrete removal from western edge of Upper Beacon. Clerk to chase up Fraser James for the quotation on removal of the concrete. Once this had been completed, C'llr Danny Young indicated that he would deal with the brambles.

Hedges. Cutting of the boundary hedges had been completed.

Grass-cutting of Upper Beacon. Concerns had been raised about this, with some residents suggesting the grass had been left to get too long. The Clerk had checked with P.C.C. They had indicated that the grass had been last cut on 19th September, and the grass-cutting season had now concluded. However, they had also said they would try to arrange for a machine to be sent to cut one further time. Clerk to ask for confirmation on whether or not this would be done. If not, then Fraser James to be asked to carry out a single cut of the area.

Discussion of renewal of Biodiversity Enhancement report

Members considered the draft report prepared by the Clerk. This was accepted, and adopted by Members (proposer C'llr Rob Summons, seconder C'llr Steve Davies). Clerk to arrange publication as necessary.

Discussion of Memorial Bench sponsorship request

An application had been received from a local resident for a memorial bench, with a request for this to be sited at the current location of the Elsie Barrah Memorial Bench in Middle Street. Members agreed to accept the application (proposer C’llr Clive Griffith, seconder C’llr Rob Summons). Clerk to inform the applicant accordingly, but also inform them that this was subject to final agreement on a few preliminary steps concerning the relocation of the Elsie Barrah bench, and final costings on the purchase and siting of the bench.

Clerk to contact David Barrah to seek his agreement to relocate the Elsie Barrah bench to the Churchyard.

Clerk to carry out discussions with the Church Committee over a suitable site within the churchyard to which the bench could be relocated.

Discussion of arrangements for annual clear-up of Village Amenity

Annual closure of the village amenity agreed for Sunday 2nd November. Clerk to make up laminated notices and deliver to C’llr Jackie Prest for placing around the perimeter.

Clear up of the area arranged for 10am that day. The Clerk offered to provide a large trailer for removing growth from the site.

Update on position with replacement Village Hall project

C’llr Steve Davies reported that there had been a recent meeting of the Village Hall Committee, but without much substantive progress. Their Chairman had been attempting to get clarification from the solicitor on exactly how the legacy funds could be used, and in particular whether or not they could be used to renovate the existing hall. However, there had been no response to date. He confirmed that the planning consent for the new hall had now lapsed. This would mean that R.C.C. would again need to be contacted afresh for agreement on transferring the Westaway Park land lease, if the new hall there was ever to proceed. He confirmed that the possibility of grant match-funding had been considered. However, as this would certainly require the legacy funds to have been transferred to the Village Hall Committee in advance, that was unlikely to be a possibility. In addition, no up to date work on detailed costings was available, and the previous business plan prepared was now obsolete. C’llr Steve Davies intended to try and update the business plan, but without much expectation that it would be a meaningful document, based on current information available.

Matter to be kept on the agenda for further updates as and when these should become available.

Any other business

Community Christmas tree. C’llr Danny Young undertook to try and arrange this for the forthcoming festive season.

Community well on back road to Johnston. C’llr Jackie Prest asked who was responsible for the well. C’llr Danny Young undertook to look into this.

The meeting concluded at 8-20pm. Next scheduled meeting Monday 3rd November 2025, 7pm.