

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held online via the Zoom videoconferencing platform, on Monday February 2nd 2026

Present: C'llrs Rob Summons (Chairman), Gery Rostan, Jackie Prest, Steve Davies, James Milne; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C'llrs Clive Griffith, Danny Young.

Declarations of known interest

C'llr Gery Rostan declared a personal interest in any substantive discussions on Village Hall-related matters.

Approval of the minutes of the January 2026 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr Rob Summons, seconder C'llr 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 make representations.

Matters arising

Community well. Arrangements in hand with C'llr James Milne to carry out some clearance work when better weather arrived.

Rosehaven development. Members reported that the pavements had been completed.

Parking of large vehicles in the pull-in at the top of Front Street. The Clerk had written to the owner of the large camper van, and reported that the camper van was no longer being parked there.

Fence by the Farriers. P.C.C. Highways had responded to indicate that the land concerned was not in their ownership, but recommending that a check be made for any possible breaches of Planning Control. Clerk to contact P.C.C. Planning accordingly.

Stream alongside Honeyborough Road. C'llr Paul Miller had contacted P.C.C. officers about the matter. P.C.C. had confirmed that responsibility for the stream lay with adjacent riparian owners, but that P.C.C. had responsibility for any enforcement required. They had confirmed that they were seeking information on the land ownership in order to make contact with the landowners to request action to clear the stream.

Cable across Village Amenity. The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the owner of the cable, and C'llr Rob Summons had also spoken to them. The cable had since been removed.

Planning matters

Planning application consultations received

25/0847/PA – Single Storey Side Extension; Site Address: The Old Vicarage, ROSEMARKET, Milford Haven, SA73 1LT – No comments.

25/0862/PA - Sand School / Menage; Site Address: Ty Bach Wynel, 11, West Street, ROSEMARKET, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1JH – No comments.

Correspondence

- 01) P.C.C. – Acknowledgement / response to message sent in about dog control issues on The Beacon – dealt with in agenda item below concerning The Beacon.
- 02) P.P.S. Pembrokeshire – Playground inspection reports for Beacon Playpark – dealt with in agenda item below concerning The Beacon.
- 03) Local resident – Concerns about alleged damage caused by tree on The Beacon – dealt with in agenda item below concerning The Beacon.
- 04) P.C.C. – Response re. enquiry about land ownership issue – dealt with in ‘Matters Arising’ above.
- 05) Local resident – Concerns about dog exercising in the village cemetery – The message had expressed concern over dogs running freely around the cemetery, and the area being used for exercising dogs, reportedly on the recommendation of a local holiday apartment complex owner. A letter had been sent to the owner of the holiday homes asking them to refrain from recommending the area as suitable for dog exercising, and suggesting the Lower Beacon as more appropriate. In addition, P.C.C. had been contacted with a request for signage to be put up at the cemetery entrances, reminding dog owners to keep their pets on leads, and pick up after them. P.C.C. had done this, but using somewhat flimsy signs. The Clerk had contacted P.C.C. further to request more permanent signage. Members confirmed that they would be happy to approve the expenditure for these if R.C.C. was required to cover the cost.
- 06) Pension Regulator – Early reminder of need to re-register – left with Clerk to action as needed.
- 07) W.H. Darby – Quotation for new chain of office bars – Clerk to action purchase of new bars for the chain of office at the best price that could be obtained.
- 08) P.C.C. – Active Travel consultation – noted.
- 09) Llyr Evans Planning – pre-application consultation on Dawn-to-Dusk Golf Club extension – Is detailed and thorough. Members had no comments to make on the pre-application information provided, while noting that a further, formal, consultation would be carried out in due course, when the planning application was submitted for approval.
- 10) St. Ismael’s Church – Church Committee minutes – C’llr Rob Summons had asked the Church Committee to discuss the issue of use of the cemetery for dog-walking off lead. They had done so, and the minutes copied over to the community council confirmed this.
- 11) Rosemarket Village Hall Committee – Message with information on status of ongoing project to replace / upgrade the Rosemarket Village Hall – dealt with in agenda item below concerning Village Hall-related matters.
- 12) P.C.C. – Response to C’llr Miller about blockages in stream alongside Honeyborough Road – dealt with in ‘Matters Arising’ above.
- 13) Local resident – concerns about flooding along Bastleford Road – C’llr Rob Summons had spoken with the resident concerned, and suggested that the community council would pass the matter on to P.C.C. as the responsible Authority for Highway-related matters. Clerk to circulate the photos and letter to all Members, and also to forward them to P.C.C. Highways with a request for their attention / action.

Accounts

Payments

Easy Websites (direct debit for website provision)	:	£ 36-96
Clerk (reimbursement for new laptop purchase, extended warranty and software – 1/3 of total cost)	:	£ 247-46
The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’llr Steve Davies, seconder C’llr Rob Summons).		

Any necessary discussion of maintenance issues on community council-owned assets in village

There were no issues requiring discussion.

Any necessary discussion of The Beacon

Dog-walking. Following incidents noted of a local resident exercising dogs off lead on the Upper Beacon, a letter had been sent to them reminding them of the ban on off-lead dogs on the Upper Beacon, and reminding them of the availability of the large Lower Beacon area for this purpose. The matter had also been reported to P.C.C. As a result, it was understood that a P.C.C. Dog Warden had visited the resident concerned to discuss the matter, and obtained an assurance that the requirements restricting off-lead dog exercising to the Lower Beacon would be respected. Members also noted that there had been a recent altercation involving off-lead dogs and a local horse-rider, highlighting the importance of proper control of dogs in all public spaces.

Tree by adjacent property. A local resident had come forward to renew a previous complaint about alleged damage to his boundary wall from a tree on The Beacon. This complaint had been previously raised some years before. At that time the matter had been referred to the community council's insurers, who had rejected the claim. On this occasion, the individual concerned had been advised again to contact the community council's insurers if they wished to pursue the matter. The Clerk confirmed that he had also contacted the insurance company to flag up the fact that any contact from the resident concerned would be related to the same claim as that made previously.

Playground inspection report. One medium risk item had been flagged up in the latest report, being a large stick on the safer surfacing around the roundabout. Members thought it had subsequently been removed, but C'llr James Milne undertook to check this and remove the stick if it was still there.

Molehills. A number of molehills had appeared at the top end of the Upper Beacon. Members decided to leave action on these for the time being, and monitor the matter.

Update on position with replacement Village Hall project

C'llr Steve Davies reported that he had contacted the Village Hall Chairman to get an update on the current situation. He had been told that a meeting of the committee would be held before the end of January to provide an update. However, no meeting had been held, so C'llr Steve Davies had no update to provide to the community council. He also mentioned that he had since resigned as a trustee and member of the Village Hall Committee, and this resignation had been acknowledged by the Chairman. C'llr Davies confirmed that no information on the current situation had been provided to him. C'llr Gery Rostan also confirmed that he had received an email from the Village Hall Committee Chairman saying that updated information would be forthcoming soon. However, he too confirmed that nothing substantive had been provided to him.

C'llr Rob Summons and the Clerk had separately received an email from the Village Hall Committee chairman. This email had taken issue with comments in the January Community Council meeting minutes, which had noted the dissatisfaction of the community council on the perceived lack of progress towards moving the village hall project forward, had stated that this perceived lack of progress was considered by the community council to be disrespectful to the memory of the deceased resident who had left funds for the project, and had expressed the view that the delay was indefensible. The Chairman commented that the committee had in fact worked tirelessly to move the project forward in the face of many difficulties, including delays by solicitors and Covid. Members stood by the comments recorded in the January minutes. In addition, Members agreed that a letter should go to the Rosemarket Village Hall Committee to say that agreement to transfer the lease for Westaway Park had been rescinded, until such time as there was a realistic and viable planning consent in place for a Hall to be built there, if this was the route chosen by the Village Hall Committee (proposer C'llr Jackie Prest, seconder C'llr James Milne). Clerk to send letter accordingly.

Discussion on provision of memorial bench in Middle Street

A request for the memorial bench had been made to the P.C.C. Memorial Bench team. They had initially responded to ask if this would be for an individual, or for a war memorial bench. The information had been duly sent in, and a further response was awaited. Clerk to chase up as necessary. Clerk to copy over relevant emails to the Chairman.

Discussion of problems with inconsiderate parking in West Street around the junctions with Westaway Park and Middle Street

Deferred until March meeting, when it was hoped that C'llr Clive Griffith would be in attendance.

Any other business

Rosehaven Development. C'llr Jackie Prest raised the issue of non-reinstatement of the pull-in area above the development site, which had been used by the developers during construction. She wanted to know who was going to arrange reinstatement of the area, and when this would be completed. Matter to be tabled for discussion in March, and Clerk to enquire with C'llr Danny Young in the meantime.

Footpath at bottom of Middle Street, by bus shelter. C'llr Jackie Prest raised concerns about the slippery condition of the footpath at this location. Clerk to report to P.C.C. on H&S grounds.

The meeting concluded at 8-25pm. Next scheduled meeting Monday 2nd March 2026, 7pm.