

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held online via the Zoom videoconferencing platform, on Monday 3rd March 2025

Present: C’llrs Rob Summons, James Milne, Jackie Prest, Gery Rostan, Steve Davies, Clive Griffith; County Councillor Danny Young; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: None.

Declarations of known interest

None.

Approval of the minutes of the February 2025 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by C’lr Jackie Prest, as the Chairman was attending remotely (proposer C’lr Rob Summons, seconder C’lr Jackie Prest).

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

None.

Planning matters

There were no planning matters to discuss this month.

Correspondence

01) Infinity Play - Notification of termination of playground inspection contract – Clerk to invite a quotation from the company currently used by Neyland Town Council, and also to investigate other possibilities from surrounding community councils. Clerk to contact Infinity Play to express thanks for the services offered over the last few years.

02) PCC – response to Freedom of Information request – noted.

Accounts

Payments

Easy Websites (direct debit for website provision)	:	£ 36-96
Clerk (incidental expenses, August 2024 – March 2025):	:	£177-15
Clerk (salary January – March 2025)	:	As per contract
HMRC (PAYE tax)	:	As per contract

The above payments were approved (proposer C’lr Rob Summons, seconder C’lr Steve Davies).

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

There were no issues to discuss.

Any necessary discussion of possible introduction of dog control measures at The Beacon, including additional litter bin provision, etc.

Dog control signage. Members were informed that three signs had been stolen. Replacements had been ordered from P.C.C. It was hoped that these would be received without undue delay. Members discussed possible means of affixing them more securely if possible, to prevent a repetition. C’lr Danny Young offered to assist with this as possible.

Litter bin for Lower Beacon. Members resolved to accept the P.C.C. quotation for supply and installation of a litter bin (proposer C'lr Rob Summons, seconder C'lr Steve Davies). Clerk to make arrangements accordingly, with a request for the bin to be placed on a cast concrete slab, and to be installed as soon as possible.

Dog control measures / dog-fouling. Members discussed various means of taking forward the dog control measures previously agreed following the community survey carried out. Clerk to draft a letter for possible circulation to all properties in the village once the signs had been replaced, to inform residents what to do in the event that someone was seen flouting the new dog control measures. Letter to include reference to the issue of dog-fouling as well. C'lr Steve Davies suggested further signage to provide contact information to those wishing to report matters. This suggestion was held in abeyance. Regarding dog-fouling, C'lr Rob Summons had been in touch with the P.C.C. Envirocrime Unit to request more patrols around the village. C'lr Danny Young had also been asked to make this request separately.

Brambles along western boundary of The Beacon. Clerk to ask F.J. Grounds Maintenance from Houghton if they would be available to clear brambles and broken concrete from along the western boundary of The Beacon.

Discussion of any actions required from recent risk assessments

Data backup. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain a new external hard drive for maintaining a rolling backup of community council files (proposer C'lr Rob Summons, seconder C'lr Steve Davies).

Bank signatories. C'lr Rob Summons and Steve Davies to be added as signatories, to replace Caroline Haley and Jillian Gibson. Clerk to make arrangements accordingly.

Update on position with replacement Village Hall project

C'lr Steve Davies reported that a holding response to queries about possible use of the hall fund for renovating the existing hall had been received from the solicitor, but a substantive response was still awaited. It was thought likely that, subject to the response received, renovating the existing hall was a possible approach. Matter to be placed on agenda for April for any further available updates. The importance and benefit of promoting use of the hall in the community was mentioned, as it was understood that the heating system had now been upgraded.

Any other business

Village handyman. C'lr Jackie Prest suggested that appointing a village handyman might be a good idea, to carry out necessary maintenance work. The Clerk undertook to sound out Frazer James, including asking him for a quotation to paint the bus shelter in Lower Middle Street (C'lr James Milne mentioned that he could be available to assist with this if necessary).

The meeting concluded at 8pm. Next scheduled meeting Monday 7th April 2025, 7pm.