

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held online on
Monday 7th September 2020

Present: Cllrs Jill Gibson (Chairman), David Hancock, Steve Davies, Caroline Haley; Peter Horton (Clerk);

Apologies : C’llrs Barbara Summons, Rhys Jones.

NOTE – The minutes to record that this meeting was held online via the Zoom video-conferencing platform due to the current Coronavirus pandemic restrictions, and members of the public were not invited to attend. This was as per the Welsh Government emergency Covid-19 regulations governing Community Council meetings.

Declarations of known interests

None.

Approval of the July 2020 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as written, and held by the Clerk for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C’llr David Hancock, seconder C’llr Caroline Haley).

Matters arising

Water leak in Middle Street. C’llr David Hancock reported that an underground spring had been located at the adjacent property, indicating that the problem was being caused by natural groundwater. The Clerk read a message from P.C.C. They were liaising with the property owner to address the problem, by piping the water to the road drain under the adjacent pavement.

Tree on The Beacon. C’llr Jill Gibson had been monitoring the tree, which had seemed stable during the recent storms. However, it was still felt important that it should be felled. The arrangements for this were in hand with John Colnet. C’llr Jill Gibson undertook to continue liaising with Mr. Colnet in order to get the work completed as soon as possible.

Potholes on road going down from The Huntsman. C’llr Caroline Haley reported that she had been in communication with P.C.C. over this issue. They had said that they intend to carry out permanent repairs to the carriageway in this location sometime this financial year.

Dog-fouling signage. C’llr Caroline Haley mentioned that the sign previously located at the bottom of the path leading up to The Beacon had been moved, and affixed to the fence adjacent to one of the houses up the lane going towards the Beacon. C’llrs David Hancock / Steve Davies to have a look and let other Members have their thoughts on the situation, as to whether the sign should be moved back, or possibly more signage purchased.

Footpath to Woodhouse Barn. The Clerk had contacted P.C.C. again following the July meeting. As a result he had received a telephone call from someone in the Countryside section about the matter. However, the individual concerned was not familiar with the section of footpath involved. He had undertaken to visit, have a look, and get back in touch. However, nothing further had been heard to date. Clerk to contact P.C.C. and request a site meeting to discuss the issues directly.

Planning

Applications

20/0222/PA - Erection of New Village Hall - Site Address: Rosemarket Village Hall, Middle Street, ROSEMARKET, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1JP – no comments. C’llr David Hancock commented that another exit door from the building might be necessary, though this would be a Building Control matter rather than a Planning one.

Correspondence

1) Philip Walker – Request for reduction of grass-cutting around Village – Members were not sympathetic to the idea of reducing cutting further. It was noted that the Lower Beacon was already cut only a couple of times a year, specifically to encourage wildlife. It was not felt practical or desirable to extend this kind of regime to the Upper Beacon.

C’lrr Jill Gibson mentioned that brambles were gradually encroaching across the path around the Lower Beacon, and that the path was progressively narrowing. There was concern that it had not been cut recently or enough. Clerk to check with P.C.C. regarding this, and raise the matter as a concern. Members were happy to maintain the status quo regarding the current grass-cutting regime. In regard to biodiversity, it was commented that the Lower Beacon might be a good place to sow some wild flower seeds.

2) Anonymous – Letter received with regards use of communal bins. Members discussed and agreed no action was appropriate or necessary.

3) P.C.C. – Invitations for nominations for Community Council representative on Standards Committee – noted.

Accounts

Payments

Clerk (salary / fixed expenses, July – September 2020)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax)	:	£195-12
Rhys Jones (Member’s allowance)	:	£150-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’lrr David Hancock, seconder C’lrr Steve Davies).

Consideration of results of Community survey / any proposed actions following from this

C’lrr Caroline Haley had collated the survey responses, and proceeded to itemise the main points that had arisen from it, for Members to decide on a course of action for each one, as follows :

- **Community litter-picking group.** There had been some support for this. Members were concerned about the legal / health and safety implications of organising a litter-picking group. It was felt more appropriate to support any informal efforts to address the issue. It was noted that litter-picking equipment could be obtained by any individuals from P.C.C. on request, and that some individuals had already taken advantage of this. Members were agreed that it was better to continue as at present.
- **Recycling bin areas.** C’lrr Caroline Haley noted that the recycling area seemed much tidier than it had done previously. Members were agreed that P.C.C. were very good in removing rubbish from the area, and going the extra mile to do so. It was agreed to simply monitor the situation for the time being.
- **Pavement parking.** Members in agreement to monitor the situation for the time being, as it was uncertain what concrete actions could be taken to address the matter at this time.
- **Access points to Beacon Field.** C’lrr Caroline Haley had been informed that the Community Works Fund was now closed until April 2021. Any necessary work could be undertaken prior to this time, but would not be able to apply for funding under the grant scheme. It was felt that staggered barriers were needed at the bottom of the footpath leading to The Beacon, as a safety measure. It was also felt that this should be the responsibility of P.C.C. Clerk to write to P.C.C. and ask for the staggered barriers on the end of the path. Letter to also make mention of the worn footpath surfacing, and flag it up as a concern (proposer C’lrr Jill Gibson, seconder C’lrr Caroline Haley). Regarding the other access points at the top of The Beacon, it was left that C’lrr Steve Davies would look at this and report back to the October meeting regarding any

necessary works to improve this.

- **Outdoor gym equipment.** There had been a mixed response to this suggestion in the survey responses. Members were agreed that it was more important to replace the swings first, and deferred any decision on provision of outdoor gym equipment.
- **Replacement of swings.** Dealt with in agenda item below.
- **Speeding initiatives.** P.C.C. had agreed to a site meeting with nominated Members to begin exploring the issues of concern. Clerk to respond nominating C'llrs Caroline Haley / Jill Gibson for this. Clerk to provide their contact email addresses for this purpose.
- **Tree-planting.** There had been a high level of support for tree-planting. Clerk to contact the Woodland Trust to ask if they had any tree-planting packs available. Possible locations suggested for tree-planting were The Beacon, the triangle of land opposite the Village Hall, and alongside the Middle Street bus shelter. Clerk to contact P.C.C. Landscape Officer, to ask him if he would be willing to attend a site meeting to advise on where / how trees might best be planted in the Village. Matter to be tabled as an agenda item for October.

Discussion of replacement play equipment for The Beacon playpark

Three quotations had been received, from Adventure Playgrounds Wales, Kompan, and Creative Play. Members preferred the Creative Play quotation, as the most competitive (proposer C'lr David Hancock, seconder C'lr Jill Gibson). Clerk to contact them to ask for a site visit to be made to firm up the quotation. It was noted that one double swingset would be replacing two single ones. Clerk to negotiate with Creative Play over removal of the two old swings. Site visit to be attended by whichever Members was available at the time.

Discussion of arrangements for dealing with any trees needing attention around The Beacon

Dealt with in matters arising above.

Review of Clerk's salary, and job evaluation

Deferred until October meeting.

Any other business

2020 AGM. No decision at this time, pending any decision on resumption of meetings at the Village Hall.

Fly-tipped rubbish, Bastleford Road. C'lr Jill Gibson mentioned a recent incident where someone had dumped a load of rubbish on the Bastleford Road. Members of Danny Young's family and Nick Young's family from Bastleford Road had helped to clear the carriageway and arrange for attendance by P.C.C. to clear the rubbish away. This had been greatly appreciated. Clerk to write to them to express gratitude for the assistance offered in resolving the situation.

Date of next meeting

Monday 5th October 2020

The meeting concluded at 8-50pm.