

**Rossett Community Council**

**Meeting on Wednesday 18th December 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Declarations of Interest**

**Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and or prejudicial interest in the business of this meeting**

**Present:**

**Councillors :** Cllr. A Parrington (Chair), Cllr. B Cleaver, Cllr. P Morris, Cllr, P Roberts, Cllr M Woods, Cllr. H Maurice-Jones, Cllr L Todd, Cllr H Jones and Cllr J Fortune.

**Others:** Mr David Green

**78. Apologies for absence:** Cllr M Gledhill, Cllr T Sexton and Cllr C Parker.

**79. Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest were made by:

1. Cllr B Cleaver regarding any issues pertaining to the Park Warden due to personal association.
2. Cllr P Roberts regarding any planning issues due to a conflict in interest.

**80. Approval of the Minutes of 21st November 2018.**

**81. Police Report**

Cllr Parrington reviewed the Crime Report for November 2018.

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/Trends

None reported for November

Crime Issues/Trends

Arson

06/11/18 – Gamford Lane – Deliberate ignition to derelict farmhouse– Undetected, no suspect identified

Theft Other

16/11/18 – Chester Road – Family dispute - Ongoing

Other News – Visits to Darland School. Patrols conducted in Lavister, Burton and Rossett. Attended Post Office/Community café and Christmas Light switch on event.

The Clerk had received notification that it was still possible for volunteers to receive training under the Community Speed Watch Scheme. The Clerk had been contacted by the Clerk for Llay Community Council who are considering options to monitor speed. The speed cameras cost between £700 - £3,800. There was an interest in progressing this scheme if resources could be shared with other local councils. **Action: Clerk to make contact with Llay, Gresford and Holt to investigate possibility of joint venture.**

**82. Representation's from General Public**

Mr David Green reported that a For Sale sign had been attached to the dead end sign at the end of Gun Street. Action: **The Clerk to contact the Highways Department to request its removal.**

Mr Green was concerned about the number of vehicles parking on pavements around Trevalyn Way and Alyn Drive and little seemed to be done about it. Cllr Jones advised that if details of reoccurring offenders were provided these would be fedback to PCSO Heron.

Mr Green advised that parts of the pavement around Trevalyn Way were holding water and not draining into the gullies. Cllr Jones said he would report the issue to WCBC.

Mr Green also reported that there was insufficient signage for the bridge on Holt Road where the weight limit is 7.5 ton’s. The only sign was located on Holt Road near the playground so if traffic turned down The Green or Darland Lane there was no indication of the restriction, this was also the case for traffic travelling from Holt towards Rossett. Cllr Jones agreed to refer the matter to the Highways Department. **Action: Cllr Jones to notify Highways**.

Mr Green then left the meeting.

**83. Matters Arising**

1. **Burton CCTV –** The Clerk reported that quotations originally received for the work required on Burton CCTV were now out of date. Arrangements were on-going for revised quotations to be provided.. **Action: Clerk to progress this matter.**
2. **Community Defibrillator –** The Clerk reported that she had made contact with Cadwyn Clwyd but the provision of defibrillators they had been involved in were part of the old telephone box project. The Clerk had applied to British Heart Foundation for a grant for a community defibrillator. This had been successful and they will provide the equipment for a £600 contribution (equipment costs in excess of £1,300) however, there was a stipulation that it needs to be stored in an unlocked cabinet. This would raise concern that the equipment could be removed or damaged. Contact will be made with BHF to discuss this stipulation. Discussions were also required with the Co-op to confirm if the equipment could be sited on their premises. **Action: Clerk to progress with BHF and Co-op.**

**84. Matters Discussed**

1. Village Festival – Cllr Parrington confirmed that a joint meeting had taken place between representatives from RCC, the Village Festival and BRHS. As far as the Horticultural Show was concerned, the show date would need to remain as the bank holiday Saturday in August as bookings had already been made for that date. The Village Festival were unable to put on a show similar to previous years as there were insufficient volunteers able to support. Cllr Parrington had stated that RCC were keen to see the Village Festival continue accepting that its format may need to change. Cllr Fortune advised that a meeting had recently been held and there is a desire to make it more of a community show and engage locals businesses. There were a few options still being considered for the show and another meeting was scheduled for January. Cllr Parrington confirmed RCC’s desire to try to support the Village Festival and ensure all parties are joined up and working together. Arrangements for the January meeting will be distributed to encourage support from RCC. **Action: Clerk to distribute meeting arrangements.**
2. Community Hub – Cllr Parrington advised that a meeting had been held regarding the next steps for the toilet block development. A trust would need to be established with a constitution and bank account to enable grant applications. The Chair of the new group was Mr Chris Guest and it would be named Hwb yr Orsedd. A number of questions were raised regarding development, funding etc but Cllr Parrington advised that until the Trust had been formed nothing else could be decided. Cllr Jones advised that it may be worthwhile contacting the Planning Department to discuss if any development of the toilet block was likely to be supported. **Action: Clerk to make contact with the Planning Department.**

**85. Reports**

County Councillor Jones’ Report

Cllr Jones advised that Stringers Lane had now been resurfaced and Darland Lane was scheduled to be completed during January 2019.

Savills had submitted a request for a consultation response on the draft proposals for residential development comprising the erection of up to 77 mixed tenure dwellings on land off Chester Road, Lavister (the old golf course). It was agreed that the response made to the original application should be re-sent. **Action: Clerk to send planning objections.**

Clerk's Report

The Clerk had previously distributed her report for Councillor's information.

**86. Planning Applications**

P/2018/1005 – Willows End, Harwoods Lane, Rossett – Single-Storey Front and Side Extensions– No objections.

P/2018/1038 – Darland Groves, Darland Lane, Rossett – Two-Storey Extension to Rear – No objections.

Pre-Submission Consultation – Land off Chester Road, Lavister – Original planning objections to be re-sent.

**87. Finance**

Cllr Woods summarised the bank reconciliation for November and this was accepted.

The Clerk had distributed a donation request from Burton & Rossett Horticultural Society which had missed the deadline as the original had gone astray. The Society were unsure how next years costs would be affected with possible changes to the Village Festival. Cllr Parrington proposed offering £500 in line with previous years but advising the Society to come back should costs increase. This was unanimously agreed: **Action: Clerk to notify BRHS.**

Cllr Woods reported that the Finance Committee had met and drafted a recommended budget for 2019/20 to enable the precept to be calculated. This had been distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The proposal was overall for a 3% decrease in the precept**.** This was due to the membership allowance which had not been claimed by current Councillors. This would be held in reserves so it was available should any Councillor want to claim it in the future but it was not necessary to include in the budget for next year. Due to the current level of reserves it was deemed that next years work in the playgrounds, community events and inflation increases could all be absorbed. Some of the main services provided would be reviewed to ensure best value was being achieved i.e grass cutting. Cllr Jones proposed accepting the detail within the precept statement and this was unanimously agreed. **Action: Clerk to submit Precept to WCBC**.

Invoices were approved, as follows:

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| **Payee**  WCBC  Rossett Senior Citizens  Hewlett Packard  Wickes  Kent Supplies  Scottish Power  Hafren Dyfrdwy | **Purpose**  Gambling Act Re-registration  Donation  Instant Ink  Donation for St Peters – Purchase of shed  3 x bags play bark for playground  Street Lighting electricity  Toilet Block Water Supply | **Sum £**  20.00  500.00  7.99  214.00  288.00  441.30  143.04 | **Chq. No.**  3030  3031  Debit Card  Debit Card  Debit Card  On-line  On-line |
| Jones Lighting  The Head Gardener  Groundswise  AVOW  Vision ICT  F Morrey & Son | Street Light maintenance  Grass Cutting around the Village  Re-planting new trees  Payroll Quarterly Charges  Annual website hosting fee  7 x Trees plus posts and ties | 589.44  960.00  260.00  82.00  261.80  201.06 | On-line  On-line  On-line  On-line  On-line  On-line |
| Cllr H Maurice-Jones  Cherry Orchard Farm  Rossett Scouts  Rossett Village Hall  Rossett Playgroup  Gresford Library  Bobath Children’s Therapy  Wrexham Citizens Advice  Dynamic  Vic Studio’s | Winter planting & tree decorations  Christmas Tree  Donation + Proceeds from Christmas raffle  Donation  Donation  Donation  Donation  Donation  Donation  Donation | 434.91  240.00  1,956.50  1,188.00  200.00  1,000.00  100.00  100.00  100.00  100.00 | On-line  On-line  On-line  On-line  On-line  On-line  On-line  On-line  On-line  On-line |
| Mr C Hughes | Street warden’s salary and disbursements | 580.00 | On-line |
| Mr T Price | Park warden’s salary and disbursements | 262.33 | On-line |
| Miss W Pace  Ali Pickard  HMRC | Clerk's salary and disbursements  Community Agent's salary  Employers Tax | 1,013.16  628.27  231.39 | On-line  On-line  On-line |

Park Warden’s Disbursements Street Warden’s Disbursements

Petrol £19.80 Petrol £55.35

Total **£19.80** Total **£55.35**

Clerk’s Disbursements Community Agent Disbursement’s

Petrol £57.60 Petrol £21.60

Padlock £16.25 Total **£21.60**

WD40 £3.75

Total: **£77.60**

**88. Other Items brought to the Council’s Attention**

1. Cllr Parrington wished to thank George Alman for his assistance at the Christmas Tree switch on event. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks. **Action: Clerk to write to George Alman.**
2. Cllr Fortune reported that she had attended a One Voice Wales event and they had advised that there were a number of awards for Community Councils to nominate themselves in recognition of work undertaken in specific areas. It was agreed that these should be reviewed to see if the work carried out during the last year would be relevant under one of the categories. **Action Cllr Pretsell/Cllr Fortune/Cllr Maurice-Jones/Clerk to review the awards and consider an application**

**Date of the next meeting Wednesday 16th January 2019.**

**Signed as a true record:**

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**Chairman Date**