

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 4th DECEMBER 2014

Members Present

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs S Cleaver, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, G Frank-Keyes, M Harriman, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs M Lightwood, M Perry and Mrs B Watson

Apologies

Councillors Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J Macdonald, Graham Peake, and M L Roberts

Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and or prejudicial interest on the form provided for this purpose.

342 PRESIDING CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman presided over the meeting.

343 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2014 were altered, namely by the addition of words to show that the Community Council was anxious to keep the Post Office in Gresford, and to agree that the word "community" in the memorial plaque should be a small "c" and duly signed by the Presiding Chairman.

344 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public were present but no one indicated their intention to address the Council.

345 BUDGET 2015 – 2016

Details of the income and expenditure to 8th November 2014 were received, together with the draft budget for 2015 -16 and scrutinised.

The Council resolved to approve the amended Budget for 2015 – 16 and levy a precept of £77,600 for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2016.

346 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of planning applications received from the Head of Community Well-being and Development were available for Members and dealt with as follows:

P/2014/0813 – Installation of glazed shop front, including ATM – To vary previous approved plans for convenience store, land adjacent to Red Lion Public House, Marford Hill, Marford - ***The Council asked that anti-ramming bollards should be provided to protect the shop front and pedestrians from such incidents***

P/2014/0815 – Erection of extra care facility (20 bungalows) incorporating access road from existing driveway serving Trewythen Care Home; parking; layby/passing bay and other associated works, land adjoining Trewythen Hall Care Home, Vicarage Lane, Gresford – ***the Community Council decided to remind the Planning Officer that there were no pavements along Vicarage Lane adjacent to this site and that the site was outside the current Settlement Area approved by the local planning authority.***

P/2014/0843 - Fell 1 Sycamore Tree (Tree A) – Tree protected by TPO WCBC No 83, Marford Wood, rear of Woodridge Avenue, Marford - ***The Council was content***

with the proposal provided Wrexham Council's Arboricultural Officer raised no objections.

P/2014/0844 – Fell 3 Sycamores (T1,T2 T4) and Pollard 1 Ash (T3) at 1.4 metres – Trees protected by TPO WCBC No83, Marford Wood, rear of Woodridge Avenue, Marford - **The Council was content with the proposal provided Wrexham Council's Arboricultural Officer raised no objections.**

P/2014/0831 – Erection of Replacement Dwelling and External Works, Edge Hill, Hoseley Lane, Marford - **No Comments**

P/2014/0859 – Partial Demolition to allow Replacement Porch and New raised floor areas to form First Floor Accommodation, Longmynd, 43 Stancliffe Avenue, Marford - **No comments**

P/2014/0671 – Amended Site Layout and Substitution of house types on Plots 1 -14 and 44 – 54 as previously approved under Planning Permission P/2005/0613 with 24 detached houses, land at Bryn y Groes, Chester Road, Gresford – **The Community Council asked the Planning Officer to take the appropriate action to keep the front stone walls as previously agreed and to ensure that the conditions attached to permission P/2005/0613 relating to the Ecology Submission and the Travel Plan were monitored and enforced.**

347 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment:

Mr C A Route - Grounds Maintenance	£170.00
Cemetery Work	£375.00
Scottishpower plc, Unmetered supplies	£832.00 and £859.86
Wrexham CBC, Quarterly Lighting Maintenance	£1,163.77
Gresford Methodist Church, Grant – Refurbishment of Hall	£200.00
STC, Removal of Tree Branches at Allington Park	£72.00
Encore Office Systems, Photocopy Services	£39.60
Mr J Dutton, Erection of Carved Oak	£81.29
Gresford & District Library, Grant – Operating Costs	£3,000.00
Councillor M Harriman, Travelling Expenses	£109.20
Mr C B Lightwood, Purchase of Stones for the Lake	£96.00
Dee Valley Water Services, Water Supply	£4.42
Mr S Pugh, Gravemaking	£200.00
Gresford Royal British Legion, Wreath	£50.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary	NJC rates
Maurice Paddock - Salary	NJC rates
HM Revenue & Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE rates

348 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 8th January 2015 at 7.15 p.m. at Gresford Memorial Hall.

**COUNCILLOR M PERRY
PRESIDING CHAIRMAN**

Chairman.....

Date.....