

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 3rd DECEMBER 2015

Members Present

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs S Cleaver, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs J MacDonald, M Perry, M L Roberts and Mrs B Watson.

Apologies

Councillors G Frank-Keyes, M Harriman and G Peake

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.

470 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chairman after noting that 818 unique visits were made to the website in October and that the Cemetery Sub-committee and finance Task and Finish Group had met on 23rd November 2015 and not 30th November 2015 as previously agreed.

471 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present. The Chairman of the Community Council read out a statement from a concerned resident regarding Planning Application No P/2015/0144 which was to be considered later in the meeting.

472 BUDGET 2016/2017

Details of the actual and estimated expenditure on the various budget heads for 2015 – 2016 and draft budget heads for the forthcoming financial year were received, together with the amounts required to meet the estimated expenditure.

After discussion and hearing the observations of members it was resolved to levy a precept of £82,900 for the financial year ending 31st March 2017.

473 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (As Amended)

Details of Planning Applications received from the Head of Community Wellbeing and Development were available and dealt with as follows:

P/2015/0851 – Alterations and Extensions including alterations to roof and New Dormer Windows to front and rear to form 3 Bedrooms and ensuite to first floor and Extended Bedroom and New Porch to Ground Floor, Longmynd 43 Stancliffe Avenue, Marford - ***The Council was of the opinion that the height of the proposals should be in keeping with the other properties in the area.***

P/2015/0144 – Amended Plans for Erection of 3 NO Two Bedroom Dwellings and provision of associated parking, Former Play Area off Parsonage Close, Gresford - ***The Community Council and local residents are still very concerned that these proposals will impact on access to this part of the village. The access roads are very narrow by modern day standards and any increase in vehicles would obstruct access for delivery vehicles, emergency vehicles and impede refuse***

Gresford Drinking Fountain

Members reported that Councillor Mrs S Cleaver had collected, on behalf of the Council, the Certificate awarded by Wrexham Area Civic Society for the restoration of this Fountain. The Council asked that a letter be sent to Mr & Mrs Heaton for their work in connection with the Drinking Fountain.

Rough Sleepers

With reference to the email from Wrexham Council, members indicated that there was evidence of rough sleepers in three locations in the Community. The Clerk of the Council was instructed to pass this information to the author of the email.

476 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Ordinary Meeting would be held at Gresford Methodist Church on Thursday, 7th January 2016 at 7.15 pm.

**COUNCILLOR M PERRY
CHAIRMAN**

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