

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 5th JUNE 2008

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B L Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, Mrs S M Freeman, M J Edwards, M Harriman, J L Jones, Mrs H Williams and R H Willis.

WPC Kay Muldoon and PCSO 2118 Wendy Harris were in attendance.

Apology for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs J MacDonald, and H Sharp

17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 8th May 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

18 VARIATION OF AGENDA

In accordance with Standing Order 16 it was resolved that the order of business be varied on the grounds of urgency.

19 POLICE REPORT

Matters of concern were discussed including Crime statistics, Environment Day on 11th June and Police Community Meeting on 18th June and parking outside the Halifax Office. Reference was also made to unsuitable lorries using Hoseley Lane, Wynnstay Lane and the Griffin Hill. This was attributed largely to the use of satellite navigation systems.

It was therefore agreed to refer this problem to the Chief Transportation Officer for him to give consideration to placing signs warning vehicles not to use inappropriate roads when advised by their "satnav" systems

20 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor M J Edwards and ***unanimously resolved that Councillor R H Willis be appointed Vice Chairman of the Community Council for the ensuing year***

21 Vacancy for Councillor to represent the Marford/Hoseley Ward

The Clerk of the Council confirmed that only one CV had been received and details were circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor M Harriman, seconded by Councillor A Bailey and ***unanimously resolved that Mrs S C Layhe be co-opted onto the Community council to fill the vacancy for the Marford/Hoseley Ward.***

22 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Multi Use Games Area

An e-mail was received today from Mr Jim Mackenzie reporting on his visit to this facility yesterday evening. Following his conversation with young people on the site he requested that consideration be given to providing more litter bins and to the provision of a larger fully enclosed MUGA. ***A meeting of the Play Areas Sub-Committee was fixed for Tuesday,***

10th June for these matters to be looked at. The Sub-Committee was also asked to look at the condition of the clapper gate near Balmuir Garage and the condition of the seats and the surface of the play area.

Colliers Park Football Training Ground

This was deferred to the next meeting to enable Councillor M Pritchard to be present.

Risk Assessment Sub-Committee

Arising from the report of the meeting of the Sub-Committee the Risk Assessment and Management was adopted and the following items were listed for attention, viz clapper gate near Balmuir Garage, seat near the garage, gate at the entrance to the play area and off High Street, moss and algae on and condition of safety mats at the play area, re-painting of Lake platform, also seat and safety surface at Marford Play area, and private seat in the cemetery to be removed. **Appropriate Items were referred to the Play Areas Sub-Committee.**

Cemetery Sub-Committee

The report of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 4th June was received and adopted, namely

Grave Digger to stack his equipment in one suitable Location

Mr Route to remove the rubble and flower debris

Mr Route to transfer and sort flower debris, etc from each of the bins and remove to the central bin store for removal by Wrexham Council

Mr Route to level and grass seed individual grave plots opened for burial

Labels to be placed on bins to identify "General Waste" and "Green Waste"

Areas of uneven tarmac on paths to be leveled

The Clerk of the Council to discuss with specialist tree officers of Wrexham Council the cutting, pruning and removal various yew trees, laurel bushes and elder trees

The Clerk of the Council to investigate whether there is a statutory duty to provide toilets at the cemetery and to request the views of Funeral Directors whether the building should be repaired and or demolished

The Charges to be increased for non resident by 2.5% in line with inflation

The accept the quotation of £500 to £600 from Buckley Memorial Ltd, Buckley for a safety inspection of memorials and a report

Gresford Colliery Sheaves

The report of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 3rd June was received and adopted.

Four potential sites were identified, namely, the quarry at Maes y Pant; the grassed area near Gresford Church, opposite the Griffin; the corner of the field belonging to Gresford

Trust at the junction of Clapper Lane and Chester Road; and alongside the B5445 on the right hand side before the roundabout.

As one of the sites was on land owned by Gresford Trust, ***it was resolved to refer the sites to the Trust for consideration at an early meeting.***

23 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

An application for a contribution of £109.00 towards the cost of taking 12 young people to a climbing centre in Southsea was received from Gresford Detached Youth workers.

It was resolved to approve the application for payment.

24 RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING SCHEMES, HIGH Street

a reply was received today from the Principal Engineer Traffic of Wrexham Council indicating that it was not possible to give a clear indication when the outstanding issues might be resolved.

Consideration of the letter was deferred until the meeting in September.

25 REPORTS

Councillor M J Edwards

Matters reported upon included Car Park Charges, Fly tipping and Stray Dog Service

Councillor B Blackmore

Reported on her attendance at meetings following her recent election.

Councillor Harriman

A report was given on the sub-committee meeting concerning Marford Community Centre and the need to obtain financial support for a survey of the building in the region of £1,000 to £2,000. ***It was resolved to support the management committee in its bid to obtain finance for the survey and to send a letter of support to Wrexham Council.***

Councillor A C Bailey

It was reported that IMAGE would now meet every second Monday of the Month. Judging in the best kept garden competition would take place on 14th July.

26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of planning applications received from the Chief Planning Officer and which had been available for Members prior to the meeting, were dealt with as follows:

P/2008/0367 – Variation of condition No. HOL P/2002/0969 to allow for the importation of limestone fines and recycled glass fines for blending purposes, Borrass Quarry, Holt Road, Wrexham – ***No representations***

P/2008/0496 – Single storey extension to rear, 23 Gresford Park, Pant Lane, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2008/0521 – Conversion of Barn to Dwelling and alterations to access, Walnut Tree Farm, Borrass Road, Borrass – ***It was resolved to express deep concern over the high visibility of the site and poor and narrow access to the site***

P/2008/0524 – Extension to side and rear with new roof over to match existing, 23 Woodridge Avenue, Marford – ***It was resolved to point out that the height of the extension was significantly higher than the present building and would impact on the local street scene***

AMENDED PLANS - P/2008/0124 – Demolition of existing bungalow and replace with 2 No. four bedroom dwellings and alteration to vehicular access, Clapper Lane Gardens, Clapper Lane, Gresford - ***It was resolved to support the Council's previous views on this proposal***

P/2008/0545 – Erection of conservatory, 13 Claypit Lane, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2008/0550 – Removal of 2 No. sycamore trees (WCBC No. 1) rear of garden, 10 Whiteway Drive, Gresford - ***It was resolved to support the views of Wrexham Tree Officers on this proposal***

P/2008/0557 – Variation of condition No2 of planning permission No p/2003/0579 to allow for the importation of both limestone and pre-processed granular glass for blending purposed, Borrass Quarry, Holt Road, Wrexham – ***No representations***

P/2008/0560 – Single storey extension to side and rear to form kitchen and utility with sun Lounge, 44 Hillock Lane, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2008/0577 – Single storey extension to living room, Derwen Cottage, Pant Lane, Gresford – ***No representations***

27 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Wrexham County Borough Council, Lighting – Additional work	£113.83
Wrexham County Borough Council, Provision of Youth Work 2007-2008	£1,501.25
Mr S A Pugh, Grave Making	£200.00
Mr C A Route, Grass Cutting and maintenance of cemetery	£545.00
Clerk of the Council, June Salary,	NJC Rates
Postages & Sundries to 31.03.08, refund of materials to Lakeside residents	£242.22
HM Revenue and Customs, Income Tax and Employers NI, April 2008	PAYE Rates

The Council asked that a letter be sent to the residents thanking them for their continued efforts to look after the lake

28 NOTICE OF AUDIT

It was noted that Hacker Young, had fixed 31st July for the external audit. A Summary of the Accounts for the year was received, amended and approved.

The Council resolved

That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were authorised to approve and sign the Annual Return if this is not received from the Internal Auditors in time for the next meeting on 3rd July 2008.

That the quotation from the Council's Insurers in the sum of £638.71 in respect of increased Fidelity Guarantee be approved for payment and added to the annual premium

29 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence which had been received was available for members was noted or otherwise dealt with as follows:-

Dog Control Orders – The Senior Environmental Enforcement Officer should be asked to exclude dogs from all play areas in the Community, that the maximum number of dogs to be exercised at any one time should be limited to two per person and the matter should be referred to Gresford Trust for them to comment.

Invitation to attend Annual Meeting and Conference of One Voice Wales on Saturday, 11th October at Pontrhydfendigaid, Ceredigion - **Deferred to next meeting**

Northern Marches Cymru Newsletter

Invitation for two representatives to attend the Civic Visit to St Giles Parish Church on Sunday, 22nd June at 2.50 p.m. – **Councillors J Dutton and J L Jones to attend**

Wrexham Area Civic society – Annual Awards evening on 12th June 2008-06-26

Gresford Recreation club crown Green Bowls Section – A letter was received from the Chairman of Gresford Trust seeking the Council’s support for their intention to replace the existing bowling shelter and seek grant aid - ***The Community Council was delighted to support the proposal to replace the existing bowling shelter with a more usable facility, as the bowls club was very active and involved a wide age-range.***
(Councillors Bailey and Blackmore declared personal interests in the matter and left the meeting whilst it was being discussed)

29 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING It was confirmed that the next Meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday, 3rd July at 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR J DUTTON
CHAIRMAN**

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