

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD TRUST MEMORIAL HALL ON 1st September 2016.

Members Present

Councillors A. Bailey, B. Blackmore, J. Hughes, M Harriman, J Holmes, B. Watson, M. Lightwood, G. Frank-Keyes, M. J. Edwards

Chair: Councillor M. J. Edwards(part), M. Harriman(part)

Clerk: Serena Baxter

In Attendance

PCSO 3464 Lisa Davies

Apologies given and accepted: Councillors J. Dutton, S. Cleaver, M. Lloyd-Roberts, J Macdonald

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.

566. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the Public present at the meeting

567. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 7th July and 4th August 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

568. POLICE REPORT

PCSO 3464 Lisa Davies attended and gave a report for the crime statistics for Gresford East and West and Marford and Hoseley during the month of August 2016. This included 6 instances of Anti-Social behaviour in Gresford and 5 in Marford , a car key burglary, and 4 instances of criminal damage. A discussion took place about reporting of Anti-Social behaviour

569. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OR REQUIRING APPROVAL TO PROCEED.

Revision of Standing Orders. Clerk advised on need to review Standing Orders.

AGREED: Clerk to undertake review

Terms of reference for Committee Meetings. Clerk advised on advice received from One Voice Wales concerning Public attendance at Committee meetings.

AGREED: Matters arising from Committee meetings in Public Interest to be put to Full Council, giving Public opportunity to attend. Otherwise advice of One Voice Wales to be followed and Committee not to be open to Public.

CCTV and Council owned laptop. Clerk had established that this is now in the safekeeping of Company 'Connected Security', who can be contacted if any incident occurs requiring CCTV footage from Allington Park area.

570. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Car Parking

- i) Village – A Bailey has passed details on to Bradshaws. Pedestrians have responded positively to new layout.
- ii) Co-op Store Marford. It was reported that the issue of the sign for customers of the Red Lion was not within the original Plans. Delivery Vehicles have not been too much of an issue. It was noted and agreed that Parking extensions at Woodlands Road should be extended back to the original. It was reported that there is an increase in litter since the opening of the Co-op shop due to the lack of a bin by the Red Lion pedestrian crossing. Agreed that the cost of an additional bin could be supported

Actions agreed: To write to Wrexham Council to request reinstatement of yellow lines in Woodlands Road. To write to Planning Enforcement Officer to highlight the need to remove the sign by the Red Lion. To write to Council to request additional bin in this location. (Clerk)

- iii) Rofft school- It was reported that a site meeting had taken place in August. A report is awaited from Darren Green of WCBC to outline the options discussed. It was suggested that consultation may need to take place with residents nearby. MH had raised the issue of the lack of a 20mph sign and this is to be looked at by Darren Green.

- 2. **7 Chester Road:** It was reported that Planning have been consulted and their view of the current situation was discussed. Concerns were expressed about the ongoing issue of the visual amenity of the site and a discussion took place about any other options to address the matter. **Action: A letter to be sent to Planning, to outline concerns and request attendance at a future meeting to advise. (Clerk)**
- 3. **Street Lighting Column 9 The Green:** Councillors were advised that the order has been placed with WCBC and advice is that the work is imminent. Money has been received from the Insurance company to cover the costs
- 4. **Update on plaque for bench:** It was reported that the plaque is now in situ. Matter now resolved.
- 5. **Broken Bollard on parking area close to Allington Park:** A discussion took place about the need for replacement bollards on the parking area next to Allington Park. **Action:** JH to determine extent of Trust's responsibility and involvement.

571. COMMITTEES

Cemetery Committee

The Chair of Cemetery Committee gave an update on recent activity and presented a report on the following matters:

- i. To seek Approval for raising of Cemetery Fees. **AGREED:** To raise the fees as per the report with effect from 1st September 2016 and to keep under review.
- ii. To seek Approval for progressing with quotations received to install footpath. (Councillor Lightwood declared an interest and left the room while this item was under discussion). The quotations were examined and discussed and it was resolved for the matter to be returned to Cemetery Committee to draft a clear specification and seek quotations further based on the specification to ensure work will be done correctly and quotations are correct.
- iii. To seek approval for expenditure to maintain boundary hedge. A quotation was presented. Cemetery Committee had recommended the work to progress based on this quotation. **AGREED:** Committee recommendation accepted, and to order work based on the quotation received. (Clerk)
- iv. To seek approval for expenditure on quotation received to create a composting area. A quotation was presented. Cemetery Committee had recommended the work to progress based on this quotation **AGREED:** Committee recommendation accepted, and to order work based on the quotation received. (Clerk)

General Amenities Committee

In absence of Chair, Council were advised of progress on matters and recent issues arising:

- i. To seek approval for expenditure on installation of Self Closing gate at Allington Park and removal of spikes on metal fencing by scout hut. This relates to issues previously reported to Council. Quotations were presented. **AGREED:** to go ahead and order the work from Northalls.(Clerk)
- ii. To seek approval for expenditure on levelling of ground under seats at Allington Park and Claypit Lane. This followed Inspection reports on the Play areas received from WCBC. (Councillor Lightwood declared an interest and left the room while this matter was under discussion) It was resolved to return item to General Amenities Committee to undertake further work to draft a specification.
- iii. To seek approval for replacement Community light Unit 94 Narrow Lane. **AGREED:** Light to be ordered from WCBC specifying LED as previously
- iv. To seek approval for replacement lantern Unit 143 Ridgeway Avenue Marford. **AGREED:** Light to be ordered from WCBC specifying LED as previously.

Finance Committee

Council were advised of forthcoming agenda items, including the Model Financial Regulations to be considered at the next meeting.

572. REPORTS

Wrexham County Borough Council: Roadworks are in operation in parts of the Village through the early part of September concerning Gas and BT. Budgets are being considered and will be out to consultation subsequently. The Groves School now has listed status and will be the subject of a Part II meeting.

Gresford Trust: Members are preparing for the Festival on September 11th. It is hoped to generate much interest within the village. Various organisations will be represented.

IMAGE: The Scarecrow Trail has proven very popular with a lot of visitors. The first Sunday of the month is 'Tidy up Sunday' around the lake and other areas. It was noted that in future WCBC may introduce charges for assisting with the lake.

MAES Y PANT- It was reported that dog fouling is still an issue. It has been determined that the quarry area is a public access area and so Kingdom can prosecute and WCBC can receive reports on this area.

Library: A new system to be put in. The libraries will be represented at Rossett and Burton show to publicise activity and opening.

Councillor M. J. Edwards left the meeting , and Councillor M. Harriman took over the Chair.

573. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

- i. *P P/2016/ 0756* - Erection of detached dwelling and associated double garage and construction of new access off village walks- disused shippon on land adjoining Poplar Cottage Marford Hill.- **No Observations**
- ii. *P/2016/ 0755* - Demolition of disused shippon (within Marford conservation area) Disused Shippon land adjoining Poplar Cottage Marford Hill.- **No Observations**

- iii. *P/2016/ 0781*- Erection of Detached Dwelling (Amendment) Plot 12 Quarry Brow Gresford. - **No Observations.** (Councillors A Bailey and MJ Edwards declared an interest and left the room while this matter was under discussion)
- iv. *P/2016/ 0781*- Single Storey Rear Extension (Continuation of Existing Extension) 53 Bodwyn Crescent, Gresford, Wrexham. - **No Observations**
- v. *P/2016/0801*- Two Storey and Single Storey Extensions: Former Caia Farm Cottage, Old Wrexham Road, Gresford. - **No Observations**
- vi. *P/2016/0789*- Rear Sun Room and change of use of land from Agriculture to residential to enable extension to Garden Area, Park Farm, Cox Lane, Rossett. - **No Observations**
- vii. *P/2016/0804* -Erection of Gated Enclosure around Boiler Flues- All Saints Church. - **No Observations**

574. COUNCIL VACANCY. Council were advised of the process that had been undertaken to advertise the recent vacancy and the expressions of interest received. A vote took place. It was proposed and **AGREED:** Mrs J Jones to be co-opted on to Council. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact and prepare necessary paperwork.

575. FINANCE

1. The Following items were approved for Payment:

Date	Item	Cheque No	Amount
1.9.16	N. Route	202279	545.00
1.9.16	Encore Office Systems	202280	39.60
1.9.16	Mrs J Dutton	202281	42.90
1.9.16	Scottish Power	202282	858.67
1.9.16	One Voice Wales	202283	35.00
1.9.16	WCBC	202284	2183.78
1.9.16	Michelle Jones	202286	NJC Salary
1.9.16	Serena Baxter	202287	NJC Salary
1.9.16	HMRC	202288	19.47

2. Council were advised that a letter had been received from the External Auditors Grant Thornton, concluding the Audit process for 2015-16.

576. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. For discussion

- i) WCBC Aled Rowlands- advising Re:Town and Country Planning Act 1990,appeal by Margaret Crewe ,Land at Home Farm, Gresford Road, Llay, Wrexham, LL12 ONW. **ACTION:** Clerk to advise Planning that previously submitted objections should stand. Councillor A Bailey will also attend hearing.
- ii) WCBC- Request to consider receiving Planning Applications for consultation electronically to Clerk, to save on costs. **AGREED:** Receipt of Planning Applications to continue in present format.
- iii) Gresford Sailing Club: response to enquiry concerning overgrown vegetation raised by Councillor Lightwood. Councillor A Bailey to look into the matter further.

To be noted only

- i. One Voice Wales- Wales Audit Office communication: Consultation on fee rates and fee scales 2017-18
- ii. One Voice Wales- Planning directorate Wales Communication Planning Policy Wales questionnaire
- iii. One Voice Wales -Welsh Government Communication on seeking views on abolition of Flood Management Agency and establishment of a new Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee.
- iv. One Voice Wales: Correspondence and information from the Future Generations Commissioner

577. Member’s urgent announcements and requests for future meeting items.

- i. Issue of damage to tree set on fire by Texaco Garage and possibility of a parking restriction under the tree - J Holmes and A Bailey outlined issue and progress so far. **ACTION:** to contact Darren Green with a letter of support for remedial measures proposed.
- ii. Purchase of wreath for remembrance Sunday- To determine expenditure on Wreath and Poppies 2016. Advised matter raised by Councillor Cleaver .**AGREED:** expenditure to go ahead as previously.
- iii. M Harriman mentioned the need to attend Conference of One Voice Wales at Builth Wells. **AGREED** Councillors Harriman, Bailey and Clerk to attend.

578. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

AGREED: The next meeting to be held on the 6th October 2016 at 7.15 pm at the Gresford Methodist Church Hall.

COUNCILLOR M J Edwards

CHAIR **Date**.....