

## BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

**Present:** Cllrs Paddy McNamara, Michael Pettit, Scott Sinclair, Laurence Price, Alun Williams, Iain Wood, Robin Howells, Derek Jones; Peter Horton (Clerk).

**Apologies:** C'llrs John Evans, Nia Phillips; County Councillor Rob Summons.

#### Declarations of known interests

None.

#### Minutes of September 2017 monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'lr Alun Williams, seconder C'lr Iain Wood).

#### Matters Arising

**Playpark equipment.** C'lr Laurence Price mentioned the grant application. A further quotation had been requested to validate the application. Matter to be left with C'lr Price to get the remaining quotation. Clerk to send an email to P.C.C. to inform them that there is a third quotation on the way.

**One Stop Property Development.** Clerk to contact them to ask them to meet C'llrs Laurence Price and Scott Sinclair regarding clearance work at The Houghton Playing Field and Barnlake Community Area, and C'lr John Mathias regarding ground maintenance in Church Road.

**New Wells Road traffic issues.** The Clerk informed Members that only a holding response had so far been received from P.C.C. to the concerns expressed to them following the September meeting. C'lr Robin Howells expressed concern at the ongoing situation at the junction with Ashdale Lane, where there had almost been a three car collision the previous day, and close calls were an almost daily occurrence. Clerk to chase up Darren Thomas in P.C.C. for a substantive response, mentioning the incident referred to by C'lr Robin Howells.

**Sardis bus shelter.** Members very happy with the work carried out to renovate the outside of the bus shelter. Members agreed that further work should be carried out to paint the bargeboards, inside walls and seat (proposer C'lr Alun Williams, seconder C'lr Laurence Price).

#### Planning

##### **Applications received**

**17/0566/PA (Erection of dwelling. Including temporary caravan on site during construction works within land ownership : Plot 1, Vale Road, Houghton, MILFORD HAVEN, SA73 1NN) [NOTE : C'lr Laurence Price declared a personal interest in this planning application, as he had some contact with the applicant, and took no part in the discussion of the application].** Members were concerned with potential drainage issues, feeling it important that the stream crossing and bounding the site was dealt with properly. There was also concern that the trees bounding the site should be properly protected. In connection with this it was noted that the Clerk had already spoken with the Landscapes Officer in P.C.C. to request a Tree Preservation Order on the stand of trees along the main road. There was also concern at the possible adverse impact of construction traffic if the development was to go ahead, especially if the adjacent development site should happen to be under construction simultaneously. Clerk to convey all these concerns to the Case Officer as a formal consultation response.

**17/0614/PA (extension and alterations : 3, Ashtree Close, Sardis, Milford Haven, SA73 1LZ) – no comments.**

**17/0620/PA (Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and 10 (window details) of Planning Permission 15/0977/PA : Milton Farm, BURTON, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1LG) – no comments.**

**17/0652/PA (Conversion of Existing Attic Space to Create Two New Bedrooms : Myton House, Kiln Park, BURTON FERRY, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1NY) – no comments.**

**Consents issued (for information)**

**NP/17/0450/FUL (Side extension, Woodside Farm, Port Lion SA62 4JT).**

**NP/17/0435/S73 (Extension of time for implementation of planning consent NP/12/0416 for development on land at Port Lion).**

### **Correspondence**

- 1) P.C.C. – Proposed traffic orders – noted.
- 2) GoSafe Wales – Letter regarding speeding problems in communities, and seeking support for a 20mph speed limit along the main Burton Road – Clerk to reply to express support for the attempts to reduce speeding, but to express the view that proper enforcement of the existing 30mph speed limit was felt to be a preferable option
- 3) Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority – Consultation on Draft Corporate Plan 2018-2023 – noted.
- 4) P.C.C. - Proposal to increase direct fees and charges – noted.
- 5) P.C.C. – Community meetings to discuss proposals including possibility of three-weekly bin collections – C’lfr Alun Williams pointed out that, from information he had received, the meetings were to be more like briefings than genuine consultations. C’lfrs Alun Williams and Scott Sinclair expressed the possible intention to attend one of the meetings. Matter to be placed on November agenda for any necessary further discussion. In the meantime, any interim documentation to be circulated to all Members by the Clerk if and when available, to inform the discussion.

### **Accounts**

#### **Payments**

St. David’s Diocesan Board of Finance (lease of Houghton Playing Field) :	£ 200
Chris Owen (renovation work on Sardis bus shelter) :	£1050

#### **Budget Review**

The Clerk reported to Members on the current standing of the Community Council accounts. The expenditure for July – September 2017 had totalled £1180-41. The only non-routine expenses included in this sum had been £120 for the replacement of the Houghton Playpark picnic bench, and £54-30 for the plaque for the pedestrian shelter at Bowlings Corner. This being the case, Members were informed that the accounts were in good shape.

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’lfr Laurence Price, seconder C’lfr Alun Williams).

### **Discussion of works needed on playing field**

**Fencing works.** C’lfr Paddy McNamara informed Members that the fencing works at the entranceway were scheduled for commencement the following week. It was noted that the grass on the playing field had not been cut at all. C’lfr Paddy McNamara undertook to find out from Chris Campbell who had been supposed to do this, and try to arrange to get it done.

**Cricket nets.** Members agreed that the nets should be removed as they were largely redundant, and unsightly (proposer C’lfr Paddy McNamara, seconder C’lfr Iain Wood). C’lfr Paddy

McNamara undertook to seek a quotation to remove them. Matter to be placed on agenda for further discussion in November.

**Football pitch.** C'llr Laurence Price had been asked if it would be possible to mark out a football pitch. Members were happy for this to be done. C'llr Laurence Price to ask the enquirers if they would be willing to cut the grass on this area as well. C'llr Price also mentioned the possibility of installing combined football / rugby posts, though no detailed discussion was held on this aspect. .

### **Discussion of possible works at the Burton Ferry recreation area, to include discussion of possible relocation of noticeboard and possible replacement of old picnic benches**

C'llrs Laurence price and Scott Sinclair had visited the site and inspected it. They circulated to Members photographs of the various points of concern / interest. One of the two picnic benches was in poor condition, and in need of replacement. Members were informed that Mr. Clive Walters had offered to provide one the same as the one at the Houghton Playpark for the same price of £120. This was agreed (proposer C'llr Laurence Price, seconder C'llr Scott Sinclair). C'llr Laurence Price to make the necessary arrangements. Members agreed in principle that the verge opposite the junction (on the left hand side as approaching the Jolly Sailor) was a good potential location for the noticeboard, at the location of the existing metal sign. Clerk to check on ownership of this piece of land. If in P.C.C. ownership, Clerk to seek permission to relocate the noticeboard to there. Matter to be placed on agenda for further discussion in the November meeting.

Members noted that there used to be a directional sign to Pembroke Dock on the wall of Trinity House by the junction, but that this had disappeared. Clerk to ask the P.C.C. Highways Department to replace this sign, and to trim back growth from around the other signs in the locality.

It was noted that the electricity cabinet by the wall below the Jolly Sailor was in bad condition and in need of removal. C'llr Scott Sinclair to look at this in detail, and report to November meeting. This item to also include discussion about the possible need to re-set / remove the stone edgings around the picnic benches, to facilitate wheelchair access.

It was noted that the new bench purchased in memory of C'llr Laurence Price's father was still awaiting installation, due to the lack of a sufficiently large concrete slab. C'llr Iain Wood undertook to obtain a quotation from Chris Owen to put a slab in. Once received, this to be emailed to Clerk for circulation to all Members for approval.

### **Discussion of trees / school hedgebank, Houghton**

Covered in 'Planning' above.

### **Any other business**

**Cleddau Bridge.** C'llr Scott Sinclair suggested a possible discussion of the potential impact of the future removal of tolls from the bridge. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in November.

**Sewage pumping station.** C'llr Laurence Price reported that the pumping station had failed the previous day.

**Computer.** The Clerk informed Members that a problem had arisen with the laptop computer, with several of the keys having failed simultaneously. Clerk to report to November meeting once it had been possible to look at the problem in more detail.

### **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting ended at 8-10pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017