

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton, on Wednesday 3rd July, 2019

Present: Cllrs Paddy McNamara, Laurence Price, Michael Pettit, Nia Phillips, Alun Williams, John Evans, Iain Wood, Scott Sinclair (vice-Chair); Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C'llrs Derek Jones, Robin Howells.

Declarations of known interests

None.

Minutes of June 2019 monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'lr Laurence Price, seconder C'lr Scott Sinclair).

Matters Arising

Sewage disposal issue. Everyone was reminded of the N.R.W. Pollution Hotline number to be called to report any incidents. C'lr Laurence Price informed Members that the sign had been put up on the fence as agreed, but had since become water-damaged.

Flower boxes. Still in hand with C'lr Laurence Price.

Drainage problems, Rhooseferry Lane. C'lr Paddy McNamara mentioned that the issue was one of undersizing of the pipe running beneath the road. Clerk to contact P.C.C. again to specifically raise the issue of the inadequately sized pipe.

Satellite dish on land adjacent to Old School site, Houghton. Members reported that the satellite dish had been removed.

John Colnet. Nothing further had been heard from Mr. Colnet.

New wells Road ditches – Nothing further had been heard from P.C.C. Maintenance Department, and no work had been carried out on the site. Members to monitor the situation.

Visibility at Ashdale Lane junctions with Main Road and New Wells Road. P.C.C. had passed this to their Streetcare section for investigation / action. C'lr Laurence Price thought that some trimming had been carried out. However, Members were of the view that, if so, it was insufficient to properly address the problem. Clerk to make contact again to request further action to resolve the situation.

Replacement goalposts, Houghton Playing Field. Members asked the Clerk to directly arrange the purchase of these, to be delivered to C'lr Nia Phillips' home if necessary.

Possible footpath between hall and Jubilee Hall. P.C.C. were unable to provide any timescale for provision of the footpath. Members discussed the possibility of arranging the work directly. C'lr Laurence Price thought the likely cost would be in the region of £5000. Members were in favour of further investigating this possibility, for a 2m wide path with bullnose kerbs along either side. Clerk to ask P.C.C. for their comments on this. Members suggested James Belton, Karl Sutton, Evan Pritchard as potential contractors to be invited to tender for the work. Regarding contract drawings, Clerk to ask P.C.C. if they would provide drawings. Clerk to ask Jim Dunckley if there would be any issues in connection with the Common Land designation of this area. C'lr Alun Williams mentioned the possibility of applying for funding assistance via the Pembrokeshire Enhancement grant scheme.

Houghton Playpark. C'lr Laurence Price mentioned that P.C.C. operatives had been working in the playpark the previous week. They had carried out some remedial works, including grinding work to the steps of the slide. C'lr Price also mentioned the leylandii tree, which P.C.C. had said needed cutting back. He was willing to undertake this work, but was concerned about reimbursement for the fuel needed. Members assured him that this would not be a

problem. C’llr Price to carry out this work, and let members know when it was in hand, in case anyone else would be available to help.

Burton Ferry noticeboard. C’llr Scott Sinclair reported that the noticeboard had been removed by Tom Greenwood, and the alterations were in hand.

Pavement obstruction, Burton Ferry. The Clerk had reported this matter to the Police, and received a follow-up call from them about it. They had asked that any incidents should be reported to them at the time they occurred, in order to best facilitate action. They also mentioned the importance of providing details of the vehicle, in order to enable them to speak to the owner if necessary. Members noted this information for future reference, and to be passed on to any interested / affected residents.

Smells from sewage pipes, New Wells Road. The Clerk had reported this matter to Welsh Water. They had subsequently met C’llr Robin Howells at the site to look at the matter. Their investigations indicated no problem with the main sewerage pipe. They had suggested that the odours were most likely to be coming from a private sewage line, over which they would have no jurisdiction. C’llr Howells had been given a number to contact Dwr Cymru again should there be any further problems and he would arrange to contact them directly if the matter should persist. However, he noted that if the problem was found to originate from a private sewer pipe from one of the houses in the road then there would be nothing more Welsh Water could do and the matter would be a matter for the householder to deal with privately.

Plans

Applications

19/0242/PA - Variation of Condition 2 of outline planning permissions ref: 08/0687/PA and 11/0430/PA to allow minor amendment to approved plans; Site Address: Plot 10, Ashmoor Gardens, Former Houghton Nursery Site, Houghton, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1NW – no comments.

Consents issued

18/1298/PA - Proposed timber garage to be located adjacent to the existing dwelling.

Site Address: Highland, Ashdale Lane, LLANGWM, Haverfordwest, SA62 4NU

NP/19/0134/FUL – Extension, reconfiguration and balcony, Newton Farm, Houghton SA73 1NF

Correspondence

- 01) P.C.C. Highways – Response to issues raised at June meeting – dealt with in ‘Matters Arising’ above.
- 02) Welsh Ambulance Service – Carers’ survey – noted.
- 03) Welsh Government – Information on reform programme – noted.
- 04) Woodland Trust – Tree of the Year competition – noted.
- 05) O.V.W. – newsletter – noted.
- 06) 1st Johnston Scout Group – Invitation to A.G.M., Friday 6th September, 17-45 – noted.
- 07) Hywel Dda – Consultation on proposed trauma provision arrangements in West Wales – documentation circulated round to those present.

Accounts

Payments

Michael Pettit (Member’s allowance, 2019/20) : £150-00

Laurence Price (Member’s allowance, 2019/20) : £150-00

Quarterly budget review

Members discussed the report in some detail, and were satisfied with the current state of the accounts.

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’llr Laurence Price, seconder C’llr Scott Sinclair).

Discussion of any necessary actions at common land at Sardis, including arrangements for placing boulders across site frontage

C’lir Paddy McNamara thanked those involved in planting the trees on the land. Regarding his boulders, he thought it unlikely that they would be quite big enough to be effective, and had obtained a quotation from G.D. Harries. This had come in at £26/tonne, or approximately £52 each for two tonne ones, delivered to the site. For the ten boulders needed, the cost was estimated at around £500 in total, plus the cost of placement. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Welsh Water, and ask them if they would be willing to cover the cost of purchasing the boulders, if the Community Council covered the cost of placing them. To this end, C’lir Paddy McNamara to forward the quotation received to Clerk.

Any necessary follow-up discussion of annual risk assessment actions required, including concrete path to Sardis bus shelter, bollards, and fencing works at Houghton Playpark.

Boundary fence, Houghton Playpark. C’lir Laurence Price mentioned that it was difficult to get a contractor at the moment, due to the good weather. Also, he had heard that prices were rather high at the moment, partly due to this, and partly due to reportedly high materials costs for timber. As the work was not considered urgent, it was left with C’lir Price to obtain a third quotation in advance of the September meeting, and for the matter to be reconsidered then.

Seesaw safety matting. C’lir Paddy McNamara undertook to research the cost of replacing this. Matter to be placed on September agenda for discussion.

Sardis bus shelter access footpath. C’lir Iain Wood had obtained a verbal quotation of £1250 to lay a 1.5m wide footpath, and lay bollards (excluding price of obtaining bollards). It was suggested that a further quotation could possibly be obtained to repair the most badly affected part of the path, near the carriageway edge. It was left that C’lirs Iain Wood and Laurence Price would look in detail at the path and check the actual width of it, to see if it actually needs replacing in its entirety or not. Also, C’lir Iain Wood to research the cost of wooden bollards, like those currently used on Houghton Green.

Any other business

Feedback on Fun Day held on Saturday 29th June. It was reported that the Fun Day had been very successful, with almost £500 having been raised, after a £100 donation to Sandy Bear Bereavement Care had been accounted for. It was mentioned that Valero had kindly arranged the marquee, and B.D. Summons had been very generous in offering additional parking on their land. The general feedback received from attendees was that they were pleased to see the field being well used.

It was mentioned that the funds raised were planned to be used towards the cost of an extension at the back of the Hall, for additional storage. The Clerk was asked if planning permission would be required for this, and confirmed that it would.

Camper van in Playing Field car park. Members had noticed a camper van parking overnight in the car park on a number of recent occasions. Concerns had been voiced locally about a possible escalation of this. Members undertook to monitor the situation, with a view to taking action if this should become necessary.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the meeting

The meeting ended at 8-30pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 4th September, 2019