

**OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 7th MARCH 2011**

PRESENT: Cllr J Maskall (Chairman), Cllr D Burton (Vice-Chairman), Cllr C Hellingman, Cllr D Hughes, Cllr R Lawrenson, Cllr J Kember, Cllr L Pugh, Cllr C Starkey and Cllr H Toone

K Chalk (Clerk)

1. 2180. COMMENTS & QUERIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Longley from The Gables, Station Road addressed the members of the Council regarding his previous correspondence in connection with the Yew trees that are located in the Cemetery and back onto his property. Mr Longley enquired as to why a TPO had been requested by the Council and how the decision not to trim the trees was reached. The Chairman advised Mr Longley that the Council would discuss his concerns and respond to his questions as soon as possible.

Mr Longley left the meeting

Action: The Chairman to draft a response to Mr Longley's questions.

2. 2181. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr E Broad – due to work commitments

3. 2182. TO CONSIDER ANY POLICE MATTERS

One incident - two male shoplifters at Wasons on the 13th of February.

Regarding the parking on Salop road. Beth has delivered letters to residents.

Regarding having a dedicated special constable. Dean Hewitt (commander of the specials) has arranged for his son Keifer Hewitt to assist the two PCSOs in Overton. Keifer knows the area very well.

The Police Cadets are coming to Overton on Thursday the 17th of March and will do something like a letter drop to all residents.

PC Evans thanked all the members for their support during his short stay.

4. 2183. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL & PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ANY ITEMS DISCUSSED IN THE MTG

None disclosed.

5. 2184. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8th February 2011.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the previous Overton Community Council held on 8th February 2011 and the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2011 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

6. 2185. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETING

Planning Committee – 8th February 2011

Website working party – 15th February 2011

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Planning Committee – 8th February 2011

The minutes from the above mentioned committee meeting were agreed and signed.

7. **2186. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Council meeting

3. **2166. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Clerk has advised the Electoral Department of one Community Councillor vacancy

4. **2167. TO CONSIDER ANY POLICE MATTERS**

PSCO White confirmed letters have gone out to all residents on Salop Road regarding parking on the pavement.

10. **2173. TO RECEIVE REPORTS /ISSUES**

- a) The Clerk has written to the residents committee organising the Royal wedding street party advising them of the donation and that further consideration may be given to additional financial support at a later date, if appropriate.
- b) Vulnerable people steering group.

A letter has gone out to all organisations in the area, volunteers and any other interested parties inviting them to a meeting due to be held on 10th March 2011 between 7.30 – 8.30 in the Scout Hut.

11. **2174. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Wrexham County Borough Council

- 1. Wrexham empty property strategy – **Clerk has responded and the procedure of what happens once an empty property has been identified was emailed to councillors.**

13. **2176. TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

The Clerk has written and spoken to the residents at Ty Newydd. They are in full agreement to having the lamp reinstated. The Clerk has advised Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC) of this (enclosing a letter from the property owner confirming this).

The Oak tree on Bangor Road and Cloy Lane junction was reported and checked by WCBC. The tree was not deemed dangerous, dead or diseased.

Planning meeting

P / 2010 / 0928 – a resident whose property abuts the applicants building has commissioned a report highlighting objections to the application. Councillors read through the document. Since the application was discussed at a meeting held on 8th February 2011 (no objections were noted) and the closing date for comments was 14th February, no further submissions, if applicable could be made.

Action: The Clerk to advise the resident that no objections had been raised at the February planning meeting and that his comments, observations and objections had been noted.

8. **2187. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM COUNCILLORS RE: CONSULTATIONS/DRAFT DOCUMENTS/MEETINGS RAISED AT LAST MEETING**

- 1. Wrexham Community South Safety Meeting – Inspector Iwan Jones announced that the restructuring of North Wales Police would take place on May 4th 2011. The Wrexham Division is being reduced from three districts to two, Wrexham Central and Wrexham Rural. Wrexham Rural would be made up by combining the old Wrexham North district with Wrexham South. The new District will be commanded by Inspector Paul Jones (formerly of Wrexham North). CBM's will no longer be given an area but will form part of a team based at Rhos and will be allocated where the problems are occurring. The response team will continue to deal with emergencies where there is a danger to life and limb. The CBM team will deal with ongoing ASB problems and investigate crimes where life and limb have not been at risk.
The PCSO's will continue to be community based and will become the face of the police in local communities, although they do not have the powers a police officer has. Sgt Mark Williams has taken over from Sgt Chris Griffiths

with immediate effect and will be the Sgt for Wrexham Rural. He will be issuing a telephone number for councillors to contact the CBM's in the near future.

There was considerable disquiet amongst the councillors who had fought long and hard 14 years ago to get police officers allocated on an area basis. Inspector Jones said that he was trying the system out now in advance of the 4th May changeover to see how it works. If there are problems these need to be identified early.

PCSO Jenna White has moved to Rhos. PCSO Steve O'Connell from Rhos will take her place. In future Community Council Meetings will be attended by PCSO's, although if the presence of a police officer is required Sgt Williams will either attend or designate a CBM to attend, this may not be PC Evans.

2. Wrexham County Borough Museum and Archives celebration event – Cllr Burton advised how the main exhibits had been redisplayed with interactive elements. There was also a changing digital display of changes in the Wrexham area including one image from Overton.
3. One Wrexham – draft community cohesion strategy 2011 – 2014 – Cllr Starkey advised the meeting that the strategy was exhaustive and not user friendly. The date to reply to the consultation had passed.

9. 2188. TO RECEIVE REPORTS /ISSUES

- a. Vulnerable people steering group – Cllrs Kember and Toone will update Councillors at the April meeting after the first meeting with SOS Knights has been held on Thursday 10th March.
- b. Wrexham Health Awareness Fair – Cllr Kember advised the members of the Health Awareness day due to be held at the Memorial Hall on 30th March 2011
- c. Village Fete – Cllr Kember gave a diary marker for Saturday 25th June 2011. The Chairman asked for a show of hands in support of the Community Councils continued association with the annual fete. **All in favour.**
- d. Approval and adoption of Standing Orders and Complaints Procedure. **The Council approved and adopted both documents.**
- e. Youth Council – Councillor Starkey advised the meeting of her intention to invite young people and their parents to attend a Youth Forum. Councillor Maskall passed on some contact addresses for advice on Youth Councils etc.
- f. Committee membership and forthcoming meetings – The Chairman reminded Councillors that all committees should meet four times a year and that a new Chairman for the Cemetery Committee will have to be elected at the next meeting.

10. 2189. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Wrexham County Borough Council - none received

Police - none received

Newsletters – none received

Other

1. One Voice Wales – Policy Consultation, volunteers' required – **No Councillor available**

Funding request - none received

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (DECISION MADE BY WCBC)

Granted

P/2010/0159 - Land to the rear of 4 & 5 Salop Road. The relevant policies considered were: - EC7, GDP1 and PS1

P/2010/0991 - Queensbridge Hall Farm. The relevant policies considered were: - EC5, GDP1, H3 and PS2

P/2010/1064 – Old Toms Cottage. The relevant policies considered were: - EC5 and GDP1

P/2010/1017 – Bryn Y Pys stables. The relevant policies considered were: - EC5, EC9 and GDP1

Refused – none

11. 2190. BURIALS & MEMORIALS

Paul Martin Arthur C 97 Re-opening £125.00

12. 2191. TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A lantern on Bangor Road not working.

13. 2192. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF INCOME AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

February

EXPENDITURE

Details	£	Cheque No.
O.V.H.M.C – Rent for OCC office	260.00	2147
WCBC – quarterly street lighting maintenance	147.31	2148
WCBC – Clerk's wages for (Nov 2010)	543.12	2149
Katrina Chalk – payment for stamps purchased	8.40	2150
Mr Pat Loughlin – Invoice for December 2010 and January 2011	286.74	2151
Mrs Janine Austin – Caretaker for public toilets	221.00	2152
WCBC – street light maintenance	27.72	2153
Ian Claybrook and Sons – installation of Christmas Lights	764.70	2154
Community Chest Grant for 1 st Overton on Dee Scout Group	300.00	2155
WCBC – Clerk's wages for (Dec 2010)	543.12	2156
One Voice Wales training session (16/11/10)	100.00	2157
All Things Trees trimming back of holly tree on Wrexham Road (obscuring light)	24.00	2158
Mr A Lloyd – repairs to the Pavilion	170.00	2159
Mrs Janine Austin – public toilet cleaning for February	221.00	2160
Mrs Miranda Austin – public toilet cleaning for February (holiday cover)	35.58	2161
I J Woolley – Football Pavilion – repair of frost damaged pipe work.	537.60	2162
Mr R Lawrenson – repairs to the barrier at the Playingfield	25.00	2163
WCBC – invoice for Clerk's wages (January 2011)	543.12	2164
Katrina Chalk – purchase of stamps, Hawthorn quicks, software and extra hours in February 2011.	130.38	2165
Total	4,888.79	

INCOME

Details	£	Voucher No
Reservation of burial plot (A118) Mr Langley and Mr Littleton	75.00	562
Trotting Mare Garage – sponsorship of attraction at village fete (advert to go into the brochure)	50.00	563
Roberts Brothers – burial of Mr Paul Arthur Martin plot C97	125.00	564
Total	250.00	

Approved and seconded by Cllrs Toone and Starkey

14. 2193. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance as at 28/02/11

Current Account	£ 1,000.00
<u>Savings Account</u>	<u>£ 12,356.09</u>
TOTAL	£ 13,356.09

Approved and seconded by Cllrs Burton and Maskall

15. 2194. TO RECEIVE ANY AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND CONFIRM DATE (12TH APRIL 2011)

- SOS Knights meeting
- Youth Forum
- Village fete
- Traffic calming
- Website