

OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2014

PRESENT: Cllr D Burton (Chairman), Cllr P Coles, Cllr C Hellingman, Cllr J Kember, Cllr Lynch, Cllr Pugh and Cllr Rogers

PCSO Ahmed

K Chalk (Clerk)

1. 2744. COMMENTS & QUERIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Pat Loughlin addressed the meeting regarding storage of some of his personal items in garage. Council stressed that if the garage was kept in a tidy state, with no trip hazards and items placed on the work bench, then this would be acceptable.

It was also agreed and approved that the charges for the rental of the ride on mower would be (£40 per month in high season March to Sept only). The annual maintenance cost (approximately £250) would be split between Lomac Ltd and Overton Community Council.

2. 2745. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S England - working

Cllr R Hewitt - away

County Councillor Lloyd Kenyon - away

3. 2746. TO CONSIDER POLICE MATTERS

RTC involving one vehicle in collision with a fence - No injuries.

RTC Cae Dyah Lane, vehicle overtook a horsebox and collided with it - No injuries.

Road disruption on Wrexham road - car with puncture causing traffic problems.

Road disruption in Plas Madoc Overton - car parked by someone's drive.

RSPCA Fundraisers have been in the area, I checked these out and they were legitimate

The agreed for last month was speed checks on Station Road and Wrexham Road. Members noted that vehicle speed does seem to be reducing as a result of this monitoring.

The priority for this month is to patrol the Playingfield in the evening as there has been an increase in people drinking by the Football Pavilion.

4. 2747. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL & PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ANY ITEMS DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING – None received

5. 2748. TO CONSIDER ANY COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS – no items raised

6. 2749. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2014.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the previous Overton Community Council meetings held on the above date were received and confirmed as a correct record.

7. 2750. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETING

Website meeting – 7th January

Planning meeting – 14th January

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

8. 2751. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10. 2736. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND ISSUES

Playingfield minutes

Ceiling in garage repaired

Website minutes

It was agreed that Cllr Hellingman would contact the Trotting Mare and the garage in Ellesmere to enquire if they wish to renew their advertisement and if so the format that would be required. Once this has been agreed the invoice will be raised.

9. 2752. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM CLLRS RE: CONSULTATIONS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

- Planning Wales draft bill – Cllr Pugh advised the meeting that previous comments submitted on the draft bill have been taken into consideration. The bill sets out to simplify and modernise the planning procedure.

10. 2753. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND ISSUES

- a. Overton Village Fete – members were advised of a potential claim for personal injury and associated losses sustained as a result of an accident at the village fete last year whilst riding on the bucking bronco ride. The council's insurance company are now dealing with this claim.
- b. Events to mark 100 years since WW1 – Cllr Burton advised that the British Legion would be marking the event with a Service of Commemoration on the 3rd August and of an article in The Oracle for each person who lost their life during World War 1.

Centenary Poppy Campaign – this is for local public bodies/organisations to purchase poppy seeds and sowing them on their own land.

Action: Cllr Burton to speak Eastwick Nursery regarding the best options for planting the poppy seeds. It was agreed that the British Legion would work in conjunction with the community council on this project.

- c. Confirmation of courses available for Community Councillors and costs £270.00 – this expenditure was approved by members.
- d. Consideration of the feasibility for a skate park in Overton. – A short discussion took place regarding the skate park. It was decided that this would be the 2nd phase to the current upgrade of the play equipment.
- e. Feedback from St Mary's School Governor Meeting – Cllr Rogers gave feedback from the recent meeting. The following items were covered;
The School Governors Report is available on the school website
The Estyn inspection is due to go ahead during the summer term, but no date has been set.
The Headteacher gave a presentation to parents recently regarding the inspection
Governors are currently attending compulsory training
An internet safety meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday afternoon (12th February)

- f. Agreement and Approval of criteria and appointment for internal auditor – adequate independence and competence to meet the council's needs – the Council approved the internal auditor services of JDH Business Services Ltd.

Action: A letter will be sent advising the auditors of the appointment.

- g. Beer Festival Event – Cllr Coles updated the members on the arrangements for the festival. It is due to be held on 18th October. It has been agreed with the licence holder that the all the profits from the selling of ales will be allocated to the Community Council, whilst all the sales of lager, wine and soft drinks will go to the licence holder. Volunteers will be required on the day. Cllr Coles will arrange the first meeting of the working party for the event.

Action: Cllr Coles to organise first meeting of the beer festival working party

- h. Wild weekend voucher application for wild flowers - Cllr Coles explained that Keep Wales Tidy is offering vouchers to purchase wild flowers to be planted around the village. It was agreed that this application should be submitted.

Action: Cllr Coles to submit voucher application

- i. Update on play equipment grant applications
- Consideration and approval of costs received (additional costs will be added to the grant application for installation and ground finishes).

Company	Wooden train	Nesting swing	Activity net
EPS	2552.00		
Safe & Sound Playgrounds		2140.00	6004.00
Play Quest		172000	5700.00

- Consideration and approval regarding the required 11½% (third party funding)

Resolved: Council approved the prices received from Play Quest for the activity net and nesting swing, with rubber matting (£14,145.00 plus VAT) and ESP Play for the Train and 2 carriages on artificial grass (£3,249).

Resolved: Council agreed and approved to be the third party funding for the grant application which would be 11½% of the total grant application (£20,000). The project would also need to fundraise 10% (£2K).

Action: Cllr Rogers will speak to the Sunflowers group to clarify fundraising options. The grant application will be completed.

- j. Consideration and approval to purchase fireproof cabinet £590.00 ex VAT

Resolved: Council approved the expenditure

- k. Executive Board Meeting – The outcome from the address to the Executive Board was not promising. The following actions were agreed;

Action:

To research into how to lobby Central Government to release monies for Highway maintenance.

To request the support of Ken Skates AM, Susan Elan Jones MP and County Councillor Lloyd Kenyon

To consider getting residents involved by asking them to sign a petition and/or write letters to the Local Authority and Central Government.

11. 2754. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. The Overton Oracle – thank you for grant for 2014/15 – information only
2. Susan Elan Jones – copy of Hansard and letter thanking Community Council and residents for support – information only
3. Wrexham County Borough Council – confirmation of areas of grass in Overton which WCBC normally cut – information only
4. Mr James Glover – correspondence regarding the damage to his property from increased traffic and potholes- emailed out prior to meeting.
5. Mr Steve Dodwell – correspondence regarding the potholes on the High Street and increased noise levels – emailed out prior to the meeting.
6. Email from Mr Gordon Emery to Wrexham County Borough Council, Rights of Way, serving two notices on the department in connection with Bridleway 41 – information only, email circulated prior to the meeting.

12. 2755. BURIALS & MEMORIALS -

Mr Desmond Francis Moraghan – plot B 49

13. 2756. TO CONSIDER ANY HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Action Clerk to contact CADW asking for advice regarding the effect on poor road maintenance on properties within a Conservation area.

14. 2757. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of proposed extension to Argoed Cottage – the size of the extension means that it does not require planning permission – submitted to the members for information only

15. 2758. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF INCOME AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

JANUARY EXPENDITURE

Details	£	Cheque No.
Cemetery non domestic rates	33.00	D/D
Pavilion garage – non domestic rates	50.00	D/D
(Jan 1)		2479
Bebbington & Wilson Limited – installation and removal of Christmas lights (Jan 2)	777.30	2480
Bryn y Pys Estate – annual rent for the Millenium Meadow (Jan 3)	490.00	2481
O.V.H.M.C – Office rent (Jan 4)	280.00	2482
All Things Trees – trimming of weeping ash and purchase and planting of replacement tree (Jan 5)	132.00	2483
WCBC – invoice for Clerk and Caretaker's December wages (Jan 6)	698.02	2484
	204.27	
	86.66	
St Mary's School – Community Chest payment for the purchase of two trees (Jan 7) approved 11. 2702. 12 th November 2013	175.30	2485
Les Hughes – repainting of the public toilets after graffiti was found (Jan 8)	90.00	2486
WCBC – Street light maintenance (Jan 9)	150.46	2487
Total	3084.01	

INCOME

Details	£	Voucher No
Edgertons & Sons – Burial of Mr Desmond Francis Moraghan (plot B 49)	300.00	655
TOTAL	300.00	

Proposed by Cllr Rogers, Seconded by Cllr Lynch – all in favour

16. 2759. COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance as at 28/01/2014

Current Account	£ 1,000.00
Savings Account	£ 42,394.94
TOTAL	£ 43,394.94

Proposed by Cllr Kember, Seconded by Cllr Hellingman – all in favour

17. 2760. TO RECEIVE ANY AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND DATE (11TH MARCH 2014)

Clerk's Appraisal
Overton Fete
Grant Applications
Website minutes
Traffic issue report

Meeting closed 9.40pm