

ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST ARVANS COMMUNITY COUNCIL held at THE MEETING ROOMS, ST ARVANS on TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2014 at 7.15 pm

Present: **Chairman:** **T. Vickers**
 Councillors: **B. Howells**
 A. Bolton
 V. Kennedy
 M. Davies
 A Jarrett
 S. Gilbey
 B. Howell

In Attendance:

Judith Bolton: Clerk
CO70 Andy Jones
Mrs. Rachel Kellar
Mrs. Jackie Harris
Mrs. Chris Glover
Mr. Terry Fisher

Notes From the Pre-Meeting:

a) Reference the Children's Play Area behind the Memorial Hall.

Terry Fisher told the meeting that the Garden City Football Club were employing a gardener to keep the area around the football storage area and the children's playing area tidy.

b) Reference the Planning Application DC/2014/01223.

Mrs. Kellar stated that she was not against property development on the site but that 5 properties was too many for its size. She agreed with Mrs Harris and Mrs Glover who gave the following reasons for their opposition to the planning application:

- i. The entrance to Fordwich Close, off the A466, is a very difficult junction many drivers, especially those of larger vehicles. More regular vehicle use would be likely to cause more problems and confusion..
- ii. The entrance to the proposed site, off Fordwich Cose, is very narrow and large vehicles could have problems gaining access and exiting. Special mention was made of recycling/household waste vehicles which, if unable to pick up from the proposed houses, would have to have a mass collection point in Fordwich Close.
- iii. The drainage system gives problems to some residents in Manor View at the moment and would need work on it should 5 more properties were added.

The chairman thanked Terry Fisher and the 3 residents of Manor View for their input to the meeting.

2095 APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

2096 REPORT FROM PC LOUISE THORPE

Police report for the area, sent by email and covering the period: 15th October to November 10th 2014:

- a) 25/10/14 – 2 reports of lamping in fields near to Oakgrove stud in the early hours of the morning.
- b) 27/10/14 – Report of the theft of a black iPhone. It was stolen from a coat pocket of a customer at an event at Chepstow Racecourse.
- c) 8/11/14 – Report of a metal drain cover being forced out of the drain by the water pressure near to the Racecourse causing traffic disruption. MCC was contacted.

CO Jones told the meeting that work was in progress to identify a spot on the A466 where the Safety Camera Unit Vehicle can stand. This would replace the motorbike which is weather dependent.

The chairman repeated the request for a meeting with members of MCC Highways, the police and the Traffic Safety Adviser to the Police to discuss traffic speed on the A466. Figures from the cameras had shown that the highest incidences of vehicles recording speeds of over 30mph were recorded in a concentrated period when drivers were most likely to be travelling to and from work.

The chairman thanked CO Jones for his attendance.

2097 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

2098 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER 2014

These were approved, proposed by Councillor Howell and seconded by Councillor Howells. All agreed.

2099 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 14TH OCTOBER 2014 (for information only)

- a) Ref. Minute: 2083a) Starbay.. No more items had been submitted for the web site.
- b) Ref Minute 2085f) Councillor Webb had emailed to report that another cut of the grass along the A466 was scheduled before Christmas.
- c) Ref Minute 2090e) The virtual notice board is now on the web site

2100 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Considered by Planning Group since the last meeting:

DC/2014/01223. Proposed development of 5 properties on land off Fordwich Close. The Council decided to recommend that this application be refused as the land is currently designated as Open Countryside. As such, this is outside the village development boundary and not included in the Local Development Plan (LDP). It does not meet any of the LDP exception criteria. More vehicles entering and exiting Fordwich Close via the junction with the A466 would further exacerbate an already existing problem and there are reports of the present drainage system being unable to cope with the present number of properties in that area. Proposed by Councillor Howell and seconded by Councillor Kennedy

b) Planning Applications Decided by MCC Planning Dept. Since last Council Meeting:

DC/2014/0982 Retrospective Application for Installation of windows in garage and main dwelling at 6 Manor View, NP16 6DY. Decision by delegated officer.

c) To note planning applications/decisions received since the preparation of this agenda. There were none.

2101 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ANN WEBB

Councillor Webb did not attend:

2102 ACCOUNTS

a) To review the current bank balance

The overall true balance of accounts at 25th October 2014 is £13,110.45 and is made up of

- i) HSBC Balance
 - Money Manager Account £ 164.22
 - Community Account £ 8910.55
- ii) Monmouthshire Building Society £4035.68p

iii) No cheques outstanding.

b) To approve schedule of accounts

Invoices/Expenses and Salary Costs presented for Authorisation and Signature of cheques.

To Whom	Reference to Work Done/Expenses/salary etc.	Cheque Number	Value £
Nigel Hoskins	Grounds maintenance	100960	219.75
Judith Bolton	Clerks salary, SCP 18 4 hours web site work	100961	£151.28 £36.04
Merlin Waste	Dog Bin emptying	100962	20.34
Visionict	Hosting of Web site & 7 email addresses Inc. £64 VAT	100963	384.00
S G Luff and Son	Hedge cutting Inc £20 VAT	100964	120.00
		Total	931.41

The accounts were accepted. Proposed by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Gilbey

2103 COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (C & CE) GROUP INFORMATION

The group had not met.

For information to the Council, Councillor Gilbey reported on the Community Led Plan questionnaire which had resulted in a 33% response and a good group of volunteers had come forward.

2104 HIGHWAYS GROUP REPORT

Councillor Howells presented the report.

a) Flyposting

It was agreed to await the publication of the ratified MCC document on flyposting prior to discussing it.

b) Devauden Road and Grange Road. Junction Pavement.

There has been no response from MCC. (Ref. 015145) on this matter.

c) Potholes

There were no further reports and Piccadilly Lane has now been referred to MCC

d) Speeding and Community Speedwatch

It was agreed that Councillor Howells should prepare a paper based on the graphs he had drawn up in anticipation of meetings with police and MCC Highways.

e) MCC Proposal (ref Roger Hoggins/Steve Lane) for it to carry out work for SACC and be paid for this work by SACC.

Councilor Bolton has written to Roger Hoggins for more information.

GROUP

2105 ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION GROUP (ERAG)

Councillor Davies presented the report:

a) Dog Litter bins

New bin now fitted at entrance to KGV. Consideration of moving other bin further down Grange Road to await 3 months appraisal of usage of existing and new bin.

b) Playgroup Garden

Councillor Webb and Nigel Leaworthy of MCC to be consulted reference the feasibility of: re-instatement of the sand pit, removal of brambles, removal of willow tunnel (wigloo to remain). Also refitting the fence along the edge of the playing field using existing fencing plus provision of any additional panels. The Council agreed a spend of up to £250 as required, subject to the work being done by a working party from Prescoed. Proposed by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Gilbey

c) Barbed Wire on Fences Alongside Footpaths

MCC had asked Oakgrove to widen the path with a mini digger. This has made the path wider than the minimum required by law and will enable walkers to keep away from the fence.

d) Budget Implications 2015/16

Items that might fall outside the normal budget for next financial year included:

- i) Refurbishment of the Fountain (painting and plumbing)
- ii) Pruning of tree at Fountain. Clerk to contact Jim Keetch of MCC
- iii) Replacement tree lights dependent on outcome of above.
- iv) Repairs to the fountain display board.

e) DONM

Thursday 4th December at Church House @9.45am

The report was accepted and the chairman thanked the group for its work.

2106 CORRESPONDENCE

To note and consider correspondence received since the previous meeting,

Circulated by e mail and originating from;

- i. MCC. Ref: Cabinet meeting on 5th November
- ii. MCC. Ref: Management of Commercial Obstruction on the Highway
- iii. Nick Ramsay AM. Ref. Devolution of Tax Powers. Clerk to arrange meeting in the New Year.
- iv Resident Ref: Planning Application DC/2014/01223
- iv. One Voice Wales: Ref. Devolution of Services Training
- v. One Voice Wales Ref: Welsh Government Consultations on Gypsy + Traveller Sites.
- vi. One Voice Wales Ref: Children's Commissioner in Wales
- vii. Inspector Giles Roland ref. Speeding
- viii. PC. Thorpe Ref. Chepstow Neighbourhood Team
- ix. Inspector David Morgan ref Police Attendance at CC Meetings

2107 ITEMS FOR PARISH MAGAZINE

- a) Precept and details

2108 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2109 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday January 13th at 7.15pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The meeting closed at pm

Signed: Clerk

Date

Signed: Chairman

Date