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THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT BOWEN MEMORIAL HALL, LITTLE HAVEN, 3 FEBRUARY 2015, AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Cllrs Mark Burch, David Faulkner, Brian Henderson, Peter Morgan (County Cllr), Joan Phillips, Sue Reynolds, Ian Whitby (Chair), Mary Whitewright, Christine Lewis (Clerk).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Little Haven residents, George Bevan, Vivienne Grey, Mark Griffith, Andrew Grey, Emyr Williams, Pembrokeshire County Council.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Matthew Ford, Lawrence Hughes, Sue Reynolds.

ADOPT MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were signed by Ian Whitby [Chair] as a true record of the 6 January meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

MATTERS ARISING

Street Lighting in Broad Haven

The Clerk was advised by Pembrokeshire County Council that all lights in Broad Haven are switched off at midnight and on again at 5.30 am. Cllr Brian Henderson advised that the lights in Sandyke Road were on all night and asked for this to be reported to PCC.

Actions : Clerk

Wind Turbine Development

Tiers Cross Community Council advised that they did not support the planning application for a wind turbine in Portfield Gate for the following reasons:

- too many turbines in the area
- too close to the road
- too big for the site
- would have a detrimental effect on the local area and not on the absentee landlord.

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The Clerk was asked to advise the Planning Department that HCC did not support the application for the same reasons as Tiers Cross Community Council.

Action : Clerk

Clerk's Duties

Councillors were given details of the clerk's duties and asked to comment on the hours allocated. It was unanimously decided that the hours should be increased by 3.5 hours per week bringing the total weekly hours to 7.5 hours per week. This will take effect from the new financial, commencing April 2015.

Action : Clerk

Play Park

It was agreed that as soon as the weather permitted the clerk would place an order for the wet pour repairs. In the meanwhile Cllr Mark Burch will familiarise himself with the Repair Kit available which will be ideal for small repairs in the future.

Action : Cllr Mark Burch and Clerk

Flood Alleviation Scheme Little Haven

Emyr Williams, Assistant Engineer, Construction, Pembrokeshire County Council, joined the meeting to discuss residents concerns regarding the Planning Application for the Flood Alleviation Scheme in Little Haven. The main points raised were as follows together with Emyr's responses in italics.

- The affect the planned scheme will have on the various amenities and activities held in the village throughout the year that brings many tourists from across both the UK and Europe to the area.

This scheme is the least we can do to provide a level of protection to the village from flooding. We have met the main objections raised in the public meeting as far as we can.

- The loss of beach used by local and visiting families due to the considerable volume of rock armour.

The rock armour volume is the minimum that will provide protection. The width is not very great and will only affect the use of the beach for very few minutes each tide. The scheme will however give a much dryer beach as the flow from the stream will now go down the culvert instead of tracking along the base of the wall and then out all over the beach.

- The loss of facilities for visiting boat owners throughout the summer season.

The boat owners association said that there were very few boats stored in front of the wall and they could be accommodated the other side of the slipway when we had a discussion with them at the public meeting.

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- Anticipated problems created by pebbles and other debris building up behind the flood gate during storms eg unable to open the gate, unable to launch the life boat, unable to have contractors clear the area within the timescales required.

This is an issue that we will need to address as part of the detailed design of the gate. My immediate thought is that we can make the gate "lift off" so that a JCB can clear the pebbles immediately behind the gate, lift it out of the way, clear the slipway and put the gate back

- The effect on the beach the other side of the slip road due to interrupting the flow of the tide on one side.

The new culvert will act as a groyne and limit the cross beach effects.

- What will stop the gaps in the rock armour filling up with pebbles, sand and debris and eventually providing an easier route over the wall rather than dissipating the tidal energy.

The energy in the waves washes shingle out as well as carrying it in. We do not have any problem with this issue at any other location where we have put rock armour.

- The rock armour would be a magnet to youngsters thus creating a safety hazard.

The armour is present on several beaches around Pembrokeshire but we do not have any problems with this issue.

- Is the scheme acceptable for a conservation area.

This is a matter for the planning authorities. However there is no alternative source of suitable boulders other than Bolton Hill or Carew which produces limestone. Both of which are "concrete grey"!

AGENDA ITEMS

March Surgery Day

Cllrs Mark Burch and Dai Faulkner will be on duty at the next Surgery which will be held on Monday, 2 March, 6.30 pm in Broad Haven Hall.

Action : Cllr Mark Burch and Cllr Dai Faulkner

Boardwalk Update

The Clerk confirmed that the steel for the underlying structure had been purchased and that it was agreed with all parties that the bulk of the steel would be stored at the supplier's premises until required. She advised that she had submitted a payment request for the first draw down of £14,496 and a VAT Refund request for £2899.20. These amounts will be paid to Agriweld when received.

Action : Clerk

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Pavement for Broad Haven School Road

Cllr Dai Faulkner met with Marc Owen, Street Works Co-ordinator, Pembrokeshire County Council, on the 2 July 2014 after which hedges were cut back and a promise was made to come back and look at the area from the public toilet block to the existing pavement with a view to providing a safe walking area to the school. The Clerk was asked to contact Mark Owen for an up to date report on the latest position.

Action : Clerk

Planning Applications

NP/15/0040/S73	Removal of condition 5 of planning permission HR/9706. Redlands Caravan Park, Hasguard Cross SA62 3SJ	Support
NP/15/0036/FUL	Residential development comprising of five dwellings [one affordable unit] land at Blockett Lane, Little Haven SA623UH.	NB 1 Not Support

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This new planning application is not supported by the Council as we do not feel that it addresses any of the issues raised during previous meetings and previous declined planning applications. A sample of which are listed below:

- The proposed entrances to the site involve the removal of a long lengths of hedge and foliage which will spoil the character of this lane considerably and remove wildlife habitat.
- The site is too small for the proposal and local residents consider the adjoining lanes are not suitable for the resulting traffic.
- There is no public transport to and from Little Haven

Finance

Broad Haven Village Hall Standing Order	180.00	SO
Clerk's salary £155.07 plus expenses £43.03	198.10	101689
Cleddau Press September Issue	230.00	101688
Giles Howell The Havens Website Hosting Subscription	25.00	101690
Cheques signed/checked by Cllrs Phillips and Whitwright [Chair]	£633.10	TOTAL

END OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 3 MARCH IN THE BROAD HAVEN VILLAGE HALL.

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Cllr Ian Whitby [Chair]