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THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT BOWEN MEMORIAL HALL, LITTLE HAVEN, 7 APRIL 2015, AT 6.45 PM

PRESENT

Cllrs Mark Burch, David Faulkner, Matthew Ford, Lawrence Hughes, Peter Morgan (County Cllr), Joan Phillips, Sue Reynolds (Chair), Mary Whitewright, Christine Lewis (Clerk).

APOLOGIES

Cllr Brian Henderson

ADOPT MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were signed by Sue Reynolds [Chair] as a true record of the meeting held on the 3 March 2015.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

MATTERS ARISING

Safe Route to School

The Clerk circulated the comments from PCC regarding this issue. We were advised that the works at the school have approximately a further 10 weeks to run after which they will arrange a detailed inspection to identify any repairs to the highway that might be necessary following the building work.

In terms of enhanced footway provision there are some technical/land issues to overcome. However, more significantly, at the current time, there is unfortunately no funding available to implement a scheme.

Litter / Business Meeting

A letter was circulated asking local businesses to meet in order to help find a solution to this problem. Those contacted were happy to attend a meeting to discuss the issues and the Clerk agreed to contact them further to arrange a suitable time and date. Anchor Guest House has kindly offered to host the meeting.

It was noted there had been an incident during the week where bins, together with the separated inners and rubbish were strewn over the beach. The Clerk will report this to Pembrokeshire County Council to request bin linings are locked after being emptied.

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Cllr Sue Reynolds [Chair]

AGENDA ITEMS

Candidate Introductions

Candidates applying for co-option on to the Council were given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the Council before the meeting begin.

Casual Vacancy

After candidates left a confidential vote was held and Charlotte Alexander, Broadway and Nia Davies, Broad Haven were co-opted on to the Council. The Clerk was asked to thank all candidates for applying.

Flood Defences/Little Haven Petition

A letter was received from PCC advising that a petition against the proposed flood alleviation scheme had been handed to them and forwarded to PCNPA. Cllr Mary Whitewright stressed that she had signed and supported the implementation of the petition in the capacity of a Little Haven resident and not in the capacity of Councillor.

All Little Haven residents and most householders had been appraised of the detail of the proposed scheme and no one was found to be in favour of the proposals as they stand. There was a universal desire to see the design re-addressed or abandoned altogether.

Signatories felt that, in general, the scheme appears to have been prepared with no consideration being given to the effect it will have on:

- Loss of amenity in the usage of the upper part of the beach
- Appearance of the rock armouring, open culvert and flood gate
- Safety of the public, particularly children
- the effect on tourism
- the effect on the environment and habitat of the steam

A list of particular points/concerns they would like to see addressed in relation to the proposal were put forward. A copy of these can be obtained by emailing the Clerk.

Pembrokeshire County Council pointed out that schemes such as this were an integrated whole and it was, therefore, difficult to pick items that were acceptable and omit the unacceptable elements. They pointed out that the Shoreline Management Plan policies for Little Haven are to 'Hold the Line' for the short and medium term with a 'managed realignment' thereafter as sea level rise increases the frequency of flooding to such an extent as to make the village unsustainable.

In view of the above PCC have asked for confirmation of the Community Council's view. The Community Council have advised PCC that, in view of the residents and householders concerns, they fully support the residents' request not to go ahead with the scheme.

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Planning Application Deadlines

Enquiries were made as to why residents and the Community Council received copies of planning applications at different times and were given different deadlines. Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority advised that the deadlines given were laid down in their procedures which stipulated Community Councils should be given two weeks and neighbours should be given three weeks. They explained plans were validated before being sent out and they were often in a position to issue Community Council copies before having identified the neighbours.

PCNPA are required to deal with all applications within an eight week period hence the short deadlines. They have to take into account all comments received within six weeks of receiving an application and anyone wishing to comment after the deadline given should contact the appointed Planner to see if there is any more time available.

Blockett Lane Street Lighting

The Clerk contacted PCC regarding the removal of street lights from Blockett Lane and were advised the installation does not meet their policy for street lighting and did not meet current regulations on over height power cables crossing highways.

Road Fund Licence Renewal

Cllr Joan Phillips felt that now the Road Fund Licence was no longer a printed document required to be displayed on vehicles, payment could be taken at any local Post Office. The Council thought that this may be a possibility and asked Joan to enquire at the local Post Office as to where this suggestion should be directed.

Blockett Lane

A number of emails had been received regarding the planning applications on the above site and it was agreed that as the Council had given their views to PCNPA there was no further action required.

Peasey Park Meeting Feedback

A meeting, held at PCC Offices regarding a piece of land at Peasey Park that PCC would like to retain for affordable housing development, was attended by Cllr Dai Faulkner and Cllr Lawrence Hughes. PCC advised the Councillors that they would be giving us three months notice that they intend to apply for planning permission on this piece of land. They would, however, like us to give up a small adjoining strip of land in order that the plot would be suitable for two affordable houses.

The Clerk has been asked to advise PCC that provided they get permission to build two affordable homes they would have no objection to giving up the additional strip of land.

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Trafalgar Car Park

Construction work at the School will shortly be coming to an end and, in turn, the use of the Community Car Park will no longer be required for either storage of materials or parking of contractor vehicles. A letter will be sent to the Andrew Scott Ltd to enquire as to the arrangements for bringing the car park back to an acceptable condition and for providing a donation to the community for the use of the car park.

Planning Applications

NP/15/0167/FUL	New Studio in garden, Regatta Cottage, Gove Place, Little Haven, SA62 3JF OS @Ref SM85741295	Support
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NP/15/0167/FUL

The Council would like to give their support to this application which they feel will blend well into the environment.

Finance

Broad Haven Village Hall Standing Order	180.00
Little Haven Village Hall	180.00
Clerk's salary £291.20 plus expenses £34.86	326.06
Cleddau Press April Issue	265.00
Plants for flower boxes / Ros Wilson	26.91
HMRC	0.20

National Standing Orders/Code of Conduct

Cllr Sue Reynolds (Chair) reminded Councillors that we will be reviewing our Standing Orders/Code of Conduct and requested they look through them and pass any comments on to the Clerk.

END OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 5 MAY, 2015 IN BROAD HAVEN VILLAGE HALL.

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Cllr Sue Reynolds [Chair]