

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Newport Road, Old St. Mellons on Thursday 15 April 2010.

Present Councillor Mrs G Jones (Chairman)

Councillors Mr M Briggs
Mrs D Brown
Mrs A Davies
Mrs P Jenkins
Mr L Phillips
Mrs D Rees
Mrs J Rogers
Mr D Stroud

Clerk: Mrs C Ryan

1. Apologies for Absence.

None

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillor D. Rees - St Edeyrn's Churchyard
Councillor D Rees – Playing Fields/106 Monies
Councillor A Davies – St Edeyrn's Churchyard
Councillor A Davies – Old St Mellons Village Association
Councillor A Davies – Playing Fields/106 monies
Councillor A Davies – Playing fields – Fire – when Insurance issues discussed –
Chairman stated Councillor Davies could remain in the meeting
Councillor A Davies – Playing Fields – Dog walking
Councillor A Davies – Village hall – Nursery
Councillor A Davies – Western Power land behind playing fields
Councillor A Davies – Alley gating
Councillor D Brown – traffic on A48 & St John's school

3. Police Matters.

There was no Police presence at the meeting despite receiving an invitation. The Chairman had once again spoken to the Police who confirmed that in the future there will be no police presence due to shift patterns. They were asked to confirm this in writing and had agreed.

Groups of youths have been congregating in the village, drinking and urinating in public and have done damage to property. The Police were contacted. An e mail was received from the Police stating that they have no power to move on gangs of youths over the age of 18, but had requested that they take their rubbish home with them. A sign is needed stating No Alcohol allowed and then they can be asked to leave the area. It was agreed unanimously to arrange for a sign to be erected on the playing field gates stating No Alcohol allowed in the area.

The issue of the residents of the flats in Ty To Maen Close was raised. Councillor Rogers has full details and will bring back to the next Council meeting. Both County Councillors have been working with the Neighbourhood team to resolve the issues.

Councillor Rees informed the meeting that a parcel had been received at her home following the last meeting of the Council, the contents of which were upsetting. Councillor Rogers also confirmed that she had received similar items at both work and her home and a police investigation is in place. At this point, Councillors Rees and Rogers left the meeting on the advice of the Police.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 18 February 2009.

2. Declaration of Interest – Councillor Davies

For the discussion which took place regarding the Playing Fields/106 Monies/Dog walking/Western Power – Councillor A Davies left the meeting and did not return.

12. 106 Money

Councillor Davies took no part in the meeting.

The Minutes were agreed and signed, subject to the amendments being incorporated

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

5 St Edeyrn's Churchyard

The Clerk has written to Mr C Anderson at the Diocese to arrange a meeting. No response received. The Clerk was asked to write again, for an appointment for the Chair to meet him.

15. Alley gating

The Heritage trail boards have yet to be updated along with the leaflets.

12. Village Hall

The Chairman met with the Chairman of Old St Mellons Village Association to discuss the repaired items. The Builder had found a leak in the wash basin in the ladies toilet and has repaired it. They have also put a kicking board on the fire exit/Disabled access door to the grassed area as it was starting to rot. A vote of thanks was given to Old St Mellons Village Association for the work that has been done to the Village Hall.

11. Working Parties

Village Hall

An advert needs to be written for the Marshfield mail for the vacant post of cleaner and will also be advertised in our Newsletter.

Media Working Party

The Webmaster has stated that he is available to meet after 19th May. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of appointing a volunteer to assist with the web site. This will be discussed with the webmaster. Clerk to send him an e mail

12. Carillion Container

The Caretaker has moved all of the donated items from Carillion into the storage area. A vote of thanks was given to him for doing this.

There is still no response from Carillion re assistance towards the cost of funding the application. As Councillor Rogers has built a good rapport with them, it was suggested that she may be able to enquire if they are in a position to help. The Clerk will liaise with Councillor Rogers.

14. Correspondence

The Dell application was unsuccessful, but it was agreed that the item should still be detailed in the Newsletter in order that residents can see what the Community Council is endeavouring to do for the area.

Community Council lunch.

More money has been raised though the lunches and a further one is to be held on 19th June 2010. A vote of thanks was given to Councillor Jones for all her efforts in organising these events.

Councillor Brown passed the details of the loop system to the W.I. for exploring funding. The Secretary is dealing with it and will submit an application under the DDA.

The Clerk met with the Brownie leader and they have now paid £100 towards the previous charges. There is still £35 outstanding, but they have agreed that they should be in a better position to make regular payments as membership of the group is on the increase. The Clerk will monitor the situation. It was suggested that the Media group contact the Brownie leader to suggest that they advertise in the Newsletter in the hope of attracting even more members.

7. Highways and Planning

Letter to be sent to County Council re right of way at Cefn Mably Farm.

There is severe traffic congestion on Newport Road due to the roadworks and the cars visiting St John's College. Councillor Brown declared an interest – her son attends the school. A letter commenting on the problems will be sent to the County Council from the Community Councillors.

The sign at Bluebell Drive has not been replaced and work was scheduled for April. The Chairman will follow up to the County Councillors to ascertain the current position.

12. 106 Money

The Chairman received an e mail from the County Council detailing the work.

Tennis Courts refurbishment – 4th to 7th May

Laying footpath – 10th to 28th May

Siting of Play equipment – 7th to 11th June

All dates are approximate and subject to Contracts being approved by the Council.

Old St Mellons Village Association have written to ask if they can use the Playing Fields on 12th June for a Treasure Hunt and Boules. They have also requested that the playing fields are prepared for the Village fete on 12th July. The Community Council agree the request and the Groundsman will do the required works.

13. Ty'r Winch Playing Fields

The Chairman confirmed that it was in order for Councillor Davies to remain in the meeting for this item.

No update on the Licence.

6. Local Residents.

It was agreed to the adjournment of the Council meeting for 15 minutes to enable residents to express their views or ask questions on issues within the powers, duties and functions of the Council. Issues raised to be considered by the Council.

7. Highways and Planning.

A/09/00794/E Full Planning Permission **Expected Decision Level:** DEL
Received: **Ward:** PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer: Mark Hancock
Applicant: Mr N P DASILVA, Ybwythyn, Ty'r Winch Road, Old St Mellons
Agents:
Proposal: Dormer to front elevation single storey garden store, railings to boundary wall and alteration works
At: Tbwythyn, Ty'r Winch Road, Old St Mellons

8. Finance matters & Payment of Creditors

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Powergen	Electricity – Village Hall	30.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Playing Fields	10.00	D.D.
Nat West	Voucher Statement Fee	3.25	
Cardiff C Council	Rates	409.00	

Cheques

HMRC	PAYE	561.13	2863
One Voice Wales	Annual membership	266.00	2864
P Barnett	Grass cutting St Edeyrn's	215.00	2865
Heat Elite	Gas annual inspection	50.00	2866
Zurich Insurance	Insurance for Hall & Playing fields	2402.18	2867
S Hull	Groundsman	128.00	2868
R Kimber	Cleansing orderly	72.00	2869
G Lewis	Caretaker	40.00	2870
C Ryan	Clerks Fee	233.46	
	Postage	4.68	
	Rental Telephone & Broadband	18.00	
	Telephone calls	6.80	
	Equipment	15.00	
		277.94	2871

Total expenditure **£4464.50**

Balance carried forward	Current Account less total expenditure to 14.4..2010	£19941.27
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	Capital Reserve	£6639.96
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Total	—	£26581.23
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Income

Precept	£22000.00
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OSMVA – Tennis Court lease payment	25.00
B Dham – Hall hire	45.00
Western Power – wayleave charges	60.00
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Funeral Services – Burial N Jones W27	250.00
B Rossiter – Artists Hall Hire	20.00
W.I. Hall Hire & Table tennis	40.00

Old St Mellons School - hall hire	15.00
PACT Meeting fee	5.00
Fund raising Lunch	81.00
Total income	£22575.67
Income from Newsletter	£360.00

9. To receive Reports from County Councillors

There were no reports from the County Councillors.

10. To receive Working Party reports

Village Hall

The group had met briefly to discuss some possible lettings. There had been an enquiry from someone wishing to use the hall on a long term basis.

Playing Fields

Councillor Davies left the meeting at this point.

Thanks was given to Councillor Davies and her husband for the work they had undertaken in the playing fields. Most of the rubbish has now been removed from the Playing Fields by a Contractor. Any remaining items will be collected by the Groundsman and the Contractor will come back and move it.

Councillor Phillips presented a proposed Management Policy for the Playing Fields for comments and to bring back to the next meeting for further discussion. Thanks were given to Councillor Phillips for his hard work in helping to resolve this issue.

Media Group

The group met to discuss items for the Newsletter. These will include:

Telephone numbers, vacancy for cleaner, message from the chairman, WI, OSMVA, Entertainers, History, Police, Beavers, Scouts and Cubs, Guides and Brownies, Painting class, Playgroup, OSM Village in Bloom competition, article from Phil Bullen, Churches, Coffee & curtains, Grant at the Dell, LDP update, Village hall running costs, OSMCC expenditure, 106 Monies update, what the Community Council has achieved.

Prior to the Newsletter being finalised, a flyer to be sent round the village asking for advertisers.

It was suggested that Community Councillors offer to share the work-load for the newsletter, with the Chairman.

11. Health and Safety

The details of this item was included in the draft document already provided by Councillor Phillips.

12. Waste Management

3 quotes were obtained for Waste management at the Playing Fields, £180, £140 and over £200. It was agreed by Councillors to accept the quote for £140, to remove all the green waste at the field.

13. Playgroup Update

A request has been received from the Playgroup for use of the outdoor space and additional storage. Councillor Jenkins will contact them directly.

14. Newsletter

This item already covered.

15. Correspondence

Letter from Mrs Thomas re work on trees next to playing Fields.

OSMVA – requested a link on OSMCC web site

OSMVA – letter re Community Building grant of £5,000 for enhancing & improving, Fire and Health and safety, accessibility etc. It was suggested that the path at the front of the Village Hall and the car park could be upgraded.

Old St Mellons Farmers Association – Managing organisation of shows and events.

E mail from Gary Morgan re speeding cars and vans using Old Hill for avoiding traffic jams. Clerk to write to police re concerns.

Letter from the Entertainers asking if Fire & Risk Assessments are in place. Clerk to respond.

One Voice Wales – meeting 26th April

St Davids Buses & Top Cat Coaches re bus routes

E mail from Mrs Blake re Freedom of Information request.

Letter from Cardiff County Council re rate relief – stating no relief available

Zurich Insurance – seminar

Info from County Council stating LDP Plan has been withdrawn due to the soundness of the plan.

16 Items for next meeting

Newsletter

Risk Management

Astronomy – Playing Fields

17 Date of next meeting

Thursday 20th May 2010

The meeting closed at 9.30pm