

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of virtually held AGM meeting at 6pm on Thursday 13th May 2021

a) Apologies for absence

Cllr Derek Stroud – holiday
Cllr Ashley Bishop – work commitments

b) Report of the Retiring Chairman

Report of Retiring Chairman –Old St Mellons Community Council

AGM – 13th May 2021

In May 2018, I was voted in as Chairman following the retiring Chairman, Cllr Rosemary James who was elected vice Chairman. It was the first year of what is usually a three-year term, although the position is contested at each AGM for the next three years.

In March 2019, the Community Council held its last Community Council meeting in person in the Village Hall, for what would amount to 15 months to date. The Covid 19 Pandemic enforced a lockdown in the midst of rising infection and death rates. The Westminster Government brought in a lockdown which was so serious that people were required to work from home and not to leave their homes unless for medical need or for food and supplies.

The Old St Mellons Community Council's Village Hall closed its doors to the community, along with the playing fields, children's play area, outside adult exercise equipment. All activity stopped in the community save for one short period of exercise outside the home. As a community council we were anxious to comply with the rules but decided that we would continue to pay our cleaner and caretaker as they were not able to work from home. The Clerk and our interim RFO continued to work from home.

Normally, the AGM would have taken place in May 2020, but this was not possible. We sought help from One Voice Wales, our governing body and as soon as it became legally possible, with permission from the Welsh Government, we held our first remote council meeting in June after a trial run. I am very proud to say that we were one of the first community councils to achieve virtual meetings on a monthly basis.

Having sought advice we were advised that as long as we held an AGM before the end of 2020, we would be complying with the law. So, In November 2020 an AGM was held for 2020.

It was a strange year with no ability to run events or let out our facilities to create income. Regular hall users were advised that the law required us to observe Covid 19 regulations, that no one was to meet indoors.

We had signed a contract with Courtstall to renovate the tennis courts in the playing, one month before lock down was imposed but of course no work could start until July when restrictions were eased. The park remained closed because of the extensive works which could not be fully completed due to bad weather delays and the onset of cold weather. Finally, the painting of the courts was completed once nights began to warm up in April 2021.

A further lengthy lockdown ensued in December 2020 for the Winter months when once again there was a massive spike in cases and death rates. We have come through that second wave and hopefully the gradual easing of restrictions will enable us to reopen and recommence our usual activities very soon with organised activities for fifteen persons being able to be held indoors from next week.

Despite there being no public face, the community council has been very active with looking after our property and plans for better and improved facilities, including replacing the 40-year-old, unfit for use pavilion in the park. For the tennis courts and pavilion, we will be utilising section 106 monies from the developments on Newport Road. We have also been able to reroof the Village Hall. We also have further plans underway regarding drainage and car park improvements at the Village Hall and gate and wall upgrades at our burial ground at St Edeyrm's Church.

In 2020 we upgraded our website making it easier and more attractive to visit. This was done with the assistance of the Clerk and local web-designer, Rhys Welsh. New notice boards were installed in St Edeyrn's and at the village hall, replacing damaged and worn-out boards.

During 2019 and 2020, two long serving members retired and we were able to recruit two new members from the St Edeyrn's area. One, Cllr John Summer joined us in April 2021 and Cllr Ashley Bishop in the summer of 2020.

I should like to thank the Deputy Chair for her support and all other members who each in their own way has contributed to the smooth running of the community council, in unprecedented times and achieved near full attendance at zoom meetings, a remarkable improvement on past attendance records. It has been difficult and arduous organising quotes and estimates for projects, so special thanks are extended to those members involved.

It would be remiss not to thank the team of gate keepers who give up their time so readily, including planting trees and responsibly enabling the public to enjoy the playing field facilities. Finally, I should like to thank our Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer for their calm efficiency and advice during a very unusual year.

Councillor Dianne Rees

c) Election of Chairman

Cllr Rosemary acted as Chair

Cllr Dianne Rees was proposed by Cllr Joel Williams and seconded by Cllr Gaynor Hassan.

It was resolved: All Agreed

Cllr Dianne Rees accepted the post as Chair.

d) Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Rosemary James proposed by Cllr Joel Williams and seconded by Cllr Gaynor Hassan

It was resolved: All Agreed

Cllr Rosemary James accepted the post as Vice-Chair.

e) Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Clerk to send declaration of acceptance of office to Cllrs via email, to be signed and completed by all at next meeting.

f) Appointment of Working Parties:

i. Village Hall Working Party

Cllr Derek Stroud

Cllr Rosemary James

Cllr Gaynor Hassan

It was resolved: All Agreed

ii. Playing Fields Working Party

Cllr Dennis Matthews

Cllr Derek Stroud

Cllr Ashley Bishop

Cllr John Summers

It was resolved: All Agreed

iii. St. Edeyrn's Church

Cllr Rosemary James

Cllr Joel Williams

Cllr Dianne Rees

Cllr Ashley Bishop

It was resolved: All Agreed

iv. Governor representative for St Mellons Church in Wales School

Mr Stephen Ashton (as agreed via email)

It was resolved: All agreed

v. One Voice Wales representative

Cllr Rosemary James

It was resolved: All agreed

vi. Village Association Representative

Cllr Derek Stroud

Cllr Gaynor Hassan

It was resolved: All agreed

AGM meeting closed at 18:16

Opening of Community Council Meeting: 18:17

Present:

Chair: Cllr Dianne Rees (DR) - Zoom

Vice Chair: Cllr Rosemary James (RJ) - Zoom

Councillors: Cllr Gaynor Hassan (GH) - Zoom
Cllr Dennis Matthews (DM) – Zoom
Cllr John Summers (JS) – Zoom
Cllr Joel Williams (JW) - Zoom

Clerk to the Council: Mrs N Evelyn-Gauci (NEG) - Zoom

RFO to the Council: Mrs Nadine Dunseath (ND) – other commitments

1. Declaration of interests (1 min)

Accepted annual declaration of interest –
Clerk had sent out forms to be completed and signed

2. Minutes – to approve as a correct record of the minutes of the virtual meeting held on 8th April 2021 (5 min)

It was approved as a true and accurate record

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 8th April 2021 (15 min)

- St. Edeyrn's Church – update re Ministerial meeting
See 14.
- Police Reports specifically for St. Edeyrn's Village – Clerk update
There are two new PCSOs for St. Edeyrn's Rob Notley & Jordanne Hallett who will be asked to produce the report for future meetings.
- Village Hall moss and paint to steps – update
Clerk has enquired about the paint for the steps and Arco can supply a yellow slip-resistant floor paint 5l for £70.61 also a First Aid Kit is required for the Village Hall at a cost of £20.96 also from Arco.
It was resolved: all agreed
- Charter Meeting – Clerk update
It was noted that a training plan needs to be in place, there are WG guidelines on this as soon as further information is received this will be forwarded on to CC's. OVW is still proven to be the cheapest and informative training provider.
- DM wanted to note that in April's meeting item 4.7 to further add:
with regards to the wording of paragraph 7 & 7.1 of the draft PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION (DOG CONTROL) ORDER 2021 also refers to 'games areas' (see extract below) but CC will not monitor areas in the park outside of the children's playground. As the playing field, including the outdoor exercise equipment area & the newly refurbished tennis courts are 'games areas' I do not understand why the PSPO cannot apply to these facilities, despite CC not wishing to commit to monitoring them or in the placement of any signage. A written explanation of why this is the case would be helpful.

7. Dogs Excluded (Enclosed Children's Play Areas, Games Areas and School Premises)
7.1 A Person in Charge of a dog is prohibited from taking that dog onto or permitting the dog to enter or remain on any enclosed children's play area, games area or school premises shown and described in Schedule C to this Order.

(SCHEDULE C refers to Enclosed Children's Play Areas, Games Areas and Schools & goes on to cover Multi-use Games Areas).

It was noted that CC will only monitor parks under the Public Spaces Protection (Dog Control) Order 2021 and exercise its power under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 and the Council will put up their own signage on children's play areas. CC will add Old St Mellons children's play facilities in Ty'r Winch Road to their list of authorised areas where dog fouling will be enforced by law. The Community Council already have 'No Dogs' signs affixed to the park & playing fields entrance gates.

4. Local Residents (15 min) – via web link available on request

Under Standing Order 84 the meeting may be adjourned for up to fifteen minutes for a public session. Each member of the public may speak only once and may express observations only. Members of the Council should not enter into any discussion. The Chair may limit an individual's speech to provide equal opportunity to all members of the public.

None attended.

5. Finance (10 min)

(RFO to present financial report)

Presented to the Council 13th May 2021

Bank-statements have been received dated 30th April, and the financial report has been completed using this information.

The expenses and cheques that need to be approved and paid are as per the Bank Rec. Expenditure is monthly expenses for March and April for the Clerk and April for the RFO, an admin fee for Burial Charges, and costs for materials to repair the Village Hall Boiler Vent.

Courtstall Ltd has supplied the final invoice for the works at the tennis courts. This invoice has not taken into account the amount not paid previously when they advised work would not be completed until spring 2021. In October 2020 meeting the Community Council agreed to send a part payment for the previous invoice which should guarantee Courtstall would complete the project and in the eventuality they did not, then there would be funding to hire an alternate contractor. £1620 + VAT has not been paid to Courtstall Ltd and has not been accounted for in their final invoice amount. To pay this additional amount would mean that the full contract price of £25480 + VAT has been paid. RFO kindly requests that the Community Council discuss this matter to determine whether to request a further invoice from Courtstall or to provide them with written confirmation that the full amount will not be paid due to their delay in completed the works.

Cardiff Council have paid the 2021-22 Precept as requested amounting to £48794.

HMRC have reimbursed the 2020-21 VAT reclaim totalling £4736.41 for the year.

The Annual Rental charges for Wayleaves at the Playing Fields have been received from Western Power Distribution totalling £99.55

Personal Hygiene Services (PHS) have confirmed there is no outstanding amount owing on the account.

Following a discussion and advice provided at a recent Charter meeting between Clerks and the Monitoring Officer, RFO has determined that the Community Council does not appear to have earmarked reserves for the eventuality of costs incurred for a bi-election. RFO kindly requests permission to contact Cardiff Council Electoral Services Manager for advice on likely charges. Neighbouring Community Councils suggest that this cost could be in the region of £3000-£4000. RFO advises that an earmarked reserve is put in place to ensure funds are available if needed.

It was resolved: all agreed to set aside £3000

5.1 To approve the RFO and Clerks Expenses

Clerks' expenses £17.88 March £29.26 April and RFO's expenses £21.49 April

It was resolved: all agreed

5.2 Courtstall invoice – discrepancy
Defer to June to discuss final sum

6. Annual Planner (10 min)

- 6.1 Electrical safety check
Defer to next meeting
- 6.2 Book Electrical Assessment – Hall & Pavilion
Defer to next meeting
- 6.3 Agree Financial figures RFO Annual Return
Defer to next meeting
- 6.4 Annual VAT claim
VAT reclaim has been reimbursed see 5.
- 6.5 Review Financial Risk Assessment
Defer to next meeting
- 6.6 Green Flag renewal
It was noted that DM has already submitted the application – judging will take place in June.
DM to contact Mr Bill James to obtain a quote to put up the new flagpole.

7. One Voice Wales (5 min)

RJ attend the Meeting 19th April - presentation on Place Plans given by Karen Probert, Planning Engagement Officer, Planning Aid Wales

It was explained that Place plans could form part Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG), it is a local level land use plan and planning guidance, it is Community Council or community led, and it can link to a community plan and strategies. It can be adopted as SPG.

Benefits of a Place Plan

- *Process empowers the community*
- *Community led and community needs focused*
- *Better influence on local decisions – material planning considerations*
- *Local knowledge and expertise gained*
- *Enhances work relationships*
- *Raises projects for further action*
- *Evidence can be used broadly e.g., for funding applications*

Topics included in Place plan

- *Character & Heritage*
- *Housing and Future Development*
- *Community Facilities*
- *Business, Learning & Employment*
- *Health and Well Being*
- *A Safe & Tidy Town*
- *Open spaces*
- *Active Travel & Transport*
- *Climate Change & Biodiversity*
- *Tourism, Culture & Attractions*

The Planning Wales Aid website contained guidance on place plans: - www.placeplans.org.uk

8. Pavilion – Project (10 min)

8.1 Pavilion – DM possible additional facilities – for discussion for future meetings

- a) All-weather non-slip decking area
To essentially increase the appeal of the pavilion as a community hub and obtain quotations for the supply & construction of an all-weather non-slip decking area, at the same time incorporating a wheelchair access/exit ramp to the front of the pavilion.

It was noted that this is not feasible as very expensive, suggestions of patio/terrace area will be cheaper.

- b) Supplement the facilities in the children's play area
The children's play area equipment are looking a little tired, but also to make it more attractive to those wishing to hire the pavilion for children's parties. There is at least as much space in the existing green area of the children's play area to provide new & varied play equipment as is currently utilised by the existing play equipment area.
- It was noted that this play area is managed and maintained by Cardiff Council
- c) Outside lighting fitted to the pavilion to deter potential wrongdoers
- d) Security camera surveillance fitted to the building front, back & sides (the camera type being those which record only when triggered by movement). Whilst appreciating there may be some background cries of GDPR infringements there is also a strong argument that we need to protect the community council's investment from vandalism & burglary.
- e) A security camera focusing on the park gate area
There will no doubt be some similar GDPR arguments, but again there are strong counterarguments relating to the overriding requirement for public safety & protection of what is essentially community property. You may recall that in a previous Green Flag review of park facilities the fact we had only one entry/exit gate was of concern because of the incidence of assault taking place in parks. A camera would also help deter dog walkers & those who may otherwise cause mischief in the wider park area because if any such instance occurs the camera would have recorded those entering & leaving the park & the times of those movements, all of which should prove helpful to the police.
- f) A steel security fence back of pavilion with a lockable gate
A steel security fence similar to that already around the park could section off the back of the pavilion. A lockable gate within the fence of similar structure would allow authorised access to the pavilion rear.
- g) Lighting focussed on the pathway from the main gate to the pavilion
What has also been suggested is that the park would benefit from lighting focussed on the pathway from the main gate to the pavilion. OSMVA ambition to have a buried power outlet in the field (under locked casing) to facilitate the power requirements for the annual fete, as well the pavilion.
- h) Internet facilities in the pavilion
DM mentioned the need for internet facilities in the pavilion. These may not need to be hardwired as not considered operating a regular business from the premises. An internet cable firstly to run to the park & then to the pavilion to efficiently provide Wi-Fi. This will require a costing from Open Reach.

8.2 Quotations received – demolishing & removing old Pavilion

The construction of a new base for the pavilion & associated work – DM has had quotations,

It was noted that demolition and removal of existing pavilion quotes received:

Quote 1 = £14340.00 Quote 2 = £5375.00 quote 3 = £3980.00 quote 4 = £4800.00 there were other quotes but significantly more expensive.

- Noted: all agreed in principle for the cheapest quote of £3980.00 but this is on the proviso that once the structural survey has been carried out that the rest of the works be conducted by the same company.
- It was noted to make sure that the electricity and the water be shut off prior to the removal and this would be the liability of the company carrying out the disposal.
- DM to check with the potential building company to see if quote will be held for a period of time.
- It was noted that Western Power would need to bring a cable to the new pavilion and a new meter box would need to be built.

- It was noted to source electricians to carry out this work
- While demolition in progress to temporarily close the park?
- It was noted that the Playing Field Working Party needs to set up a meeting and it was agreed to co-opt Mr Bill James for the purpose of his advice.

It was agreed the approach that should be adopted to the groundworks for the pavilion is as follows:

- 1) Seek the services of a structural surveyor as to likely cost of obtaining a report to confirm the ground bearing pressure of 100Kn/Mtr² at 1Mtr depth. Given that we have had a building standing on site for over 40 years the ground bearing pressure should be fine for a new building, except of course the new build will be wider by 8 foot & therefore encroach on to new ground at the back of the current building.
- 2) RFO to advise on insurance coverage re demolition & removal of pavilion (This may be down to the contractor to prove that they have public liability insurance)
- 3) Subsequent to 2) above to instruct the contractor to demolish & remove pavilion building as per their quote, remove block base & concrete foundation & to make safe electric & water connections & hide from public view by burying in ground.

8.3 Disposal of old pavilion re advice from OVW

After seeking advice from OVW – it was now agreed that the old pavilion is not fit for purpose as it is a 40-year-old container - and no longer feasible to repair.

It was resolved: all agreed

9. Village Hall Working Party (5 min)

- Village Hall – Drainage
Clerk notified Cllrs that due to unforeseen circumstances the works to be carried out will now be started August/September

Clerk to contact the company to see if the start date could be brought forward, due to the continuing rainfall we have had in May the car park situation is getting worse.

- Opening of Village Hall
DR, RJ, GH and Clerk to meeting in the Village Hall to carry out risk assessments and make sure that procedures are put in place.

It was noted that the June meeting will be held at the Village Hall and public will need to attend via Zoom to enable adequate social distancing.

10. Playing fields working Party (5 min)

Rob Gaunt joined the meeting (Tennis Coach) – DR noted that to register with the LTA this would allow Members/non-members to use our Tennis Courts and to book and pay online, the gates would be locked and accessible via codes. OSMCC would need a constitution to set this up and a welfare officer needs to be in situ prior to opening the Tennis Courts for use. A zoom meeting with Ms Pam Griffiths from Tennis Wales local governing body part of the LTA hosted the meeting and gave an informative presentation on what is needed prior to setting up the club – RG would be able to help with the set-up of the club – RG noted that monthly membership as well as annual membership is available, as most people preferred the commitment of monthly. RG went on to explain the various locking mechanism in place with other clubs. RJ noted that a code system is the cheapest option, RG noted that this has not been successful in another club.

JW suggested a volunteer perhaps to be remunerated if we had a locking system that required a manual open/close gate facility.

JS asked if this would be the same as Tennis Wales in the park – we would not be part of Tennis Wales in the park, more of a local club.

RG LTA need a minimum of 4-5 people Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer etc, RG would be happy to be an advisor.

10.1 a) Tennis Courts - opening/Tennis club
DM noted there is an old & well-worn OSM Tennis Club sign on the court entrance gates. This needs to be removed. From previous enquiries if we are to seek grants relating to enhancing the tennis facilities in the future, need to focus on their inclusive rather than exclusive use; the sign suggests the latter. Such grants may for example extend to enhancing the new pavilion facilities by adding a further module for changing rooms & showers.

b) Tennis Club – provision
Noted to source a Welfare Officer and ask for volunteers to commence this process.
See notes 10. Above

It was noted that a meeting took place between LTA and members of OSMCC with regards to sourcing information to set up a club.

Clerk to send out information to Councillors including a power point presentation by Tennis Wales – Mrs Pam Griffiths.

10.2 Large Conifer
The large conifer near the bench at the front of the park has brambles growing through it & is gradually destroying the tree. The brambles need to be removed & its roots removed.

It was noted: Clerk to ask existing landscape gardener to carry out this work as a matter of urgency.

10.3 The seating in the park
The seating in the park is either in need of a coat of clear absorbent wood protection or is in need of removal & repair or replacement.

It was noted to ask the Clerk to put up a notice in the notice boards requesting volunteers or to receive quotes for:

To repair the seating and/or renovating the seating in the playing fields – contact the Clerk volunteer or quotes to carry out the work.

10.4 Odd Jobs to Playing Field
DM suggested to extend the OSMCC caretaker role to include odd jobs, light groundwork, keeping the park tidy & opening & locking the park gate. The latter being particularly important when the new pavilion is put into place so as to ensure there is far less opportunity for any potential wrongdoer to gain access to the park out of its normal opening hours. There is also likely to be a requirement for someone to open up & close the new pavilion facility once we start renting it out.

It was noted that this would be for future discussion.

RJ asked if Mr M Greenwood would be able to plant a tree and place a plaque to the base of the tree in memory of his wife, all agreed on the proviso this would be a small tree such as a flowering/blossom tree.

11. Police Matters (5 min)

Police Report for St Edeyrn's Village - 9th April 2021 to 7th May 2021

During the above period there have been 15 occurrences recorded in the St Edeyrn's Village area. These occurrences are broken down as follows: -

*1 x Theft – Plant equipment from the building site
2 x Concern for welfare
7 x ASB
6 x Violence/Harassment*

As can be seen, the majority of the calls relate to anti-social behaviour and violence/harassment. It should be noted that although categorised as violent offences, a neighbour dispute involving aggression or any public order offence, for example, fall into this category so local residents should not be unduly concerned that they are not safe to walk the street.

There was no specific pattern for these occurrences, so no redirection of resources is planned. The same applies to the ASB occurrences in that none are specifically linked by way of suspects or locations.

Obviously, Police advice for residents is to always ensure you lock your doors and secure your vehicles. Thankfully, the only incident of theft in this period is commercial theft of plant equipment, so no offences against residential property.

If there are any crime trends or patterns in the future South Wales Police will endeavour to allocate suitable resources in order to prevent and detect crime.

PC Paul Hinchly

Police Report for Old St. Mellons 8th April 2021 – 12 May 2021

Figures are calculated specifically for the Old St Mellons area.

Call Categories

All other Theft	0
Criminal Damage & Arson	1
Vehicle Crime	0
Violence without Injury	1
Violence with Injury	0
Public order offences	1
Burglary - Dwelling	0
Other Sexual offences	0
Miscellaneous crimes	0
Drug offences	0
Shoplifting	0
Anti – Social behaviour	2
Transport	1
Public Welfare / Concern calls	1
Suspicious incident	2

Ward Priority

The priorities identified by the local community are:

- Off Road motorcycle annoyance
- Inconsiderate parking

Actions / Activities by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

As we see the number of Covid-19 cases in Wales reducing, South Wales Police's response to the Coronavirus critical incident has ended and we are now moving into the recovery phase. Please be aware that restrictions are changing quickly so it is important that you keep yourselves up to date with what the current restrictions are. For the latest Covid-19 regulations please see www.gov.wales/coronavirus

We are looking to re attend the access point as soon as the Coach House opens back up. I have spoken to the manager and this is hopeful for the first two weeks in June. Please feel free to pop in and see us there if you have any questions.

Off road motorcycle annoyance is a still a priority for the neighbourhood team. We continue to work with the council in relation to running operations that target those responsible. We are also looking at organising other road traffic operations that will help educate the public around road safety.

Emerging Trends

Off-road motorbikes continue to be an issue for the community and the local Neighbourhood Policing would encourage reports to be made via '101' whereby intelligence can be gathered to target offenders. South Wales Police are addressing the issue via Operation Red Mana in conjunction with the local authority.

Access Points.

As the below locations are opening back up to the public then these will start to take place again.

Initiative	Frequency	Location	Attendees	Overview
PACT	Quarterly	St Mellons community centre, Crickhowell Road	PCSO and / or NBM	TBC due to Covid-19 regulations
Community Access Point OSM	Weekly	The Coach House, Ty'r Winch Road	PCSO	Every Tuesday (11:30-12:30)
Community Access Point St Mellons	Weekly	St Mellons Hub	PCSO	Every Thursday (1700-1800)

PCSO JO Pritchard

12. Planning (5 min)

- Application No. / Rhif Cais: 21/01025/DCH Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to rear 3 Ty'r Winch Road

Noted

13. St. Mellons Primary CiW School (5 min)

Old St. Mellon's Community Council Report-St. Mellon's CIW Primary School-13.05.2021

Covid

School continues to operate in bubbles and with the same Health and Safety protocols already in place. Risk Assessments are continually under review; arrangements are in place to ensure social distancing at the beginning and end of the school day while bubbles restrict opportunities for transmission throughout the working day. School regularly communicates with parents regarding these matters.

Summer Term

Following the Easter Holiday children have returned to school and settled well into their routines. They are enthusiastic about learning and perhaps, most important of all, are enjoying being together. This is reflected in their levels of attendance which is over 94% with one class recently achieving 98.8%.

The breadth of children's learning and the values they are encouraged to develop are reflected in school's Award Systems. This term children have been acknowledged for producing amazing writing, always doing their best, remaining focused on their work, demonstrating resilience, for excellent understanding of addition and subtraction as well as for hard work and focus when faced with times table challenges. Children will also have the opportunity to demonstrate their learning skills while investigating the Olympics-their context for learning and reflecting on the importance of "Respect."

A Fond Farewell and New Adventures!

At the end of the Spring Term school said a fond farewell to Mr Meurig Thomas who retired as a school governor. Meurig has been associated with school for many years successfully undertaking a variety of roles on the Governing Body. In a farewell letter to the school community, he encouraged the children with a Star Trek reference "To boldly go where they had not gone before." In the same spirit let's hope we can, subject to procurement, move towards the expected occupation of the new school site in September 2022.

Stephen Ashton
Community Governor

14. St. Edeyrn's Church (5 min)

Finance and ministerial meetings are still taking place, no decisions yet made – ongoing.

15. Correspondence (5 min)

15.1 Email from Marshfield CC re Planning Enforcement letter.

It was noted that a letter received from the Marshfield Community Council has raised concerns with regards to number of planning enforcement matters on-going in its area. It has been suggested that co-operation with other community councils in the area could lead to a review of options available to local authorities to intervene early in situations where matters requiring planning consent are breached.

Noted: OSMCC are willing to participate.

15.2 An enquiry was made with regards to the Tennis Courts if they could also be used as a netball and/or basketball area.

It was noted that perhaps look at another area in the playing fields for this activity.

16. Items for next meeting (2 min)

- Courtstall invoice
- Electrical safety check – annual planner
- Electrical assessment hall & pavilion – annual planner
- Agree financial figures RFO annual return – annual planner
- Review Financial risk assessment – annual planner
- Village Hall drainage – Clerk update
- Opening of Village Hall for events
- Tennis Club – update
- Large Conifer brambles - update
- Seating in the Park repair/replace - update

Next meeting 10th June 2021

Meeting closed: 20:35



*Cllr Dianne Rees
Chair to the Old St. Mellons Community Council*