

# **MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2017**

Present: Councillors David Morrell (Chair), Rob Breakwell, Peter Davies, Sasha Hart, Ida Hughes, Philip Hughes and Rex Turner and County Councillor Amanda Jenner

## **1984 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Gill Corfield and Fiona Warburton. Ida Hughes was welcomed back.

## **1985 Minutes of the Meeting from 20 June 2017 for approval**

Minutes of the last meeting were signed and agreed.

## **1986 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport**

Philip Hughes declared an interest in Priors Cottage in Middletown, White House in Buttington and the Middletown Egg Production Unit.

Ida Hughes declared an interest in the Middletown Egg Production Unit.

## **1987 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda**

None as discussed elsewhere.

## **1988 Playgrounds , Grass Cutting Contract**

The ROSPA reports have only just been received Overall the rating is low risk for both playgrounds. As discussed previously, the wet pour needs to be looked at but any decision regarding this will be deferred until the next meeting once Councillors have had a chance to read the reports.

### **ACTION - DM**

Andrew Evans is the newly appointed contractor. References have been received and Andrew is due to start work at the end of the week. A letter was sent to the previous contractor telling him the result of the tender.

## **1989 Highways**

### Middletown Hill Pot Holes

The Supervisor from Powys County Council has agreed that the pot holes on Middletown Hill are a problem. They now have a special machine that can repair these.

### Parc Caradog Curbs

These have not been dropped enough to allow access by a wheelchair. This will be rectified over the next week by adding a small tarmac ramp.

### Parc Caradog Potholes

As this relates to the unadopted part of the development, Amanda Jenner will chase the developer.

**ACTION - AJ**

### Criggion Lane Speed Limit

AJ is trying to see whether it is possible for the speed limit along Criggion Lane can be reduced. This will take time and she will keep the Council updated on progress.

**ACTION – AJ**

### Signs on Road Leading to Rodney's Pillar

It was felt that some signs are required to warn people of horses on the road. AJ to look into.

**ACTION – AJ**

### Hedge Along Criggion Lane

DM has written to the resident regarding the hedge that requires cutting. Due to habitation by wildlife, the hedge can't be cut until 01 August at the earliest.

### Speed Limited on the Buttington Road between Buttington Cross and Cefn Bridge

There are plans for the speed limit to be reduced to 50mph along this stretch of road.

## **1990 Burgess Land Trust**

The next meeting will be early next year.

## **1991 County Councillors' Report**

### Recycling

The recycling centre will be open 5 days a week from September. This will include Saturdays and Sundays. The ban on commercial vans and agricultural vehicles has not been fully lifted. Those residents with these vehicles can apply for yearly permits and it is understood that these will be free.

### Rodney's Pillar

Although this is not in the ward, AJ has been approach by Llandrinio Community Council to say that a grant has been given of £12,000 for a feasibility study. It is felt that the Pillar should stay and be used to promote tourism in the area. A further £4,000 is required and this will be need to be raised by fundraising. A meeting is due to be held on 03 August to discuss this.

### Hazel Close Playground Tree Issue

The Supervisor has looked at the tree and there is bindweed around it. This has been passed on to Recreations and will be looked at. It is uncertain as to who is responsible for the bind weed being removed and nothing further will happen until ownership is confirmed.

### Cae Post

Cae Post are now recycling plastic. They are offering Community Councils a bin that can be put in a communal area free of charge. Pickup and emptying of the bin would be £8.50 each time. There was concern that other rubbish would be dumped other than plastics. Residents can request a box but they would again have to pay for it to be emptied.

## **1992 Finance**

### Audit for 2016/17

The audit papers have now been sent.

### First quarter financial position

The Clerk went through the Bank Reconciliations to the end of May 2017. There is currently £12,738.31 in the savings account, £15,262.09 in the main account with unrepresented cheques of £1,302.97. This leaves a healthy balance of £26,697.43 but as serious funds are required for the playgrounds and the grants for the halls being stopped, a good proportion of this will be used.

### Payments

The following payments are to be made. Proposed Philip Hughes, seconded Rex Turner:

Enterprise Inns	£225.00
Time Release (Internal Audit)	£125.00
HMRC	£87.40
Noticeboards - Roy Evans	£390.00

## **1993 Planning**

### School Parking

Whilst the Council has no responsibility with regard to school parking it is something that they are willing to help with where they can.

Fiona Warburton sent in a written report from the last Governors' meeting to all Councillors.

The Governors consider that there is sufficient parking at the school as long as cars are parked responsibly and if everyone parks properly. School numbers are dropping and they are going to "educate" the parents in September on parking.

Concerned residents from Parc Caradog and Hazel Close attended the meeting. They are finding that their driveways are being blocked, people are not only parking on the road but on the footpaths, that when they ask people politely not to park that they are being verbally abused. They are extremely concerned that should the emergency services be required at any of the residences then access would not be possible. It was felt that parents are parking there for ease and that it isn't because there is insufficient room in the school car park. The problem becomes much worse when there are special events such as Sports Day. PH to raise with Governors. The Police have suggested that concerned residents should keep phoning. Complaints will be logged and something will be done – eventually!

### **ACTION - PH**

This matter to be discussed at October meeting once parents have been educated.

### **ACTION - DM**

P/2017/0747 Priors Cottage, Middletown

The existing cottage is in the development area. The application is for two detached houses.

There have been objections made and two concerned residents attended the Council meeting.

There are a number of concerns regarding development of the area as a whole and the Council again felt that due to the number of applications being made, that this could not be looked at in isolation.

Concerns included the proposed development site being on a blind bend on a hill leading to poor visibility for oncoming traffic, that the sewage system is limited and already pushed to a max, the development is on a gradient on a retaining bank, that the proposed properties would reduce the light in an existing properties garden as well as issues with surface water. It was also felt that there is very little in the way of local amenities.

Amanda Jenner mentioned that she has been speaking to Rachel Mulholland and has asked whether it would be possible for all the applications to be considered on the one day so that applications could be looked at as a whole rather than individually.

DM to respond similar to last time mentioning concerns on sewage road, infrastructure, difficulty in prioritising as well as loss of light and gradient of the land.

**ACTION - DM**

P/2017/0606 and 0607 White House Buttington

A large building has already been erected near to the farm house. This was erected without planning permission and an enforcement investigation is now in place. A further application has been made for two additional buildings which look to be the same size of the extremely large one already erected without planning permission. Whilst the application is for two separate buildings, they do look that they are joined.

Buttington New Hall Farm

This relates to a retrospective application. A new barn was erected which is larger than the previous with a biomass burner in the middle. The owners, Powys Castle Estates have 28 days to submit an application.

DIS/2017/0124 6 Pentre Gwyn

This relates to discharge of preconditions and these have already been approved. As this is a technical issue, the Council felt that had no comments to make.

Middletown Farm Egg production unit pre planning

This is at the preplanning stage and any comments and concerns should be directed to the developers.

The proposal is for the farm to have 16,000 birds(all female) which are free range. The proposed feed store will be painted sympathetically and there will be some fans that run all the time. Feed will be delivered around 3 times a month and it is expected there will be 6 to 8 lorry movements for this. Eggs would be collected in a 7.5 tonne vehicle.

Notwithstanding the sound, vehicle movement and smells, it was felt that the main issue was the vehicles coming onto the trunk route via Fox Lane. The speed limit on the main trunk road is 60mph at that point.

## **1994 Any Other Business**

### Communication between Councillors

It was asked that when councillors are communicating with each other whether it should be to individuals or a round robin (in that all Councillors are copied in). It isn't necessary for everything to pass through the Chair, only decisions which need to be taken formally.

### Welshpool Town Plan

Comments can be made on the consultation plan between now and 07 September. To be put on the Agenda for next meeting. Rob Breakwell to e-mail everyone prior to the meeting.

**ACTION – DM/RB**

### Website

The website needs updating with the new Councillors and their contact details added.

**ACTION – KW**

## **1995 Date of Next Meeting**

Date of the next meeting is 15 August in Middletown Village Hall. Karen Weaver sent her apologies in advance as she is unable to attend the meeting.