

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TREWERN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

Present: Councillors David Morrell (Chair), Rob Breakwell, David Corfield, Gill Corfield, Peter Davies, Rex Turner, Fiona Warburton and County Councillor Amanda Jenner

2006 Apologies

Apologies were received from Sasha Hart, Ida Hughes and Philip Hughes.

2007 Minutes of the Meeting of 15th August 2017 for Approval

The previous minutes were amended to show that David Corfield was co-opted onto the Council.

2008 Declarations of interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to windfarms, school moderation and school transport

Peter Davies declared an interest in The Fron, Middletown.

2009 Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere on Agenda

None.

2010 Playgrounds, ROSPA Recommendations, Boundary Trees and West Pour Tenders

Two trees along the boundary of Trewern Playground have been inspected. The Solicitor from the Legal Department is trying to establish ownership. One was included in the report raised on the schools' behalf after strong winds. The ivy has been cut back as required. A report has been requested as to how often the trees need inspecting and their current condition.

Two tenders had been received previously for the wetpour work required. The Shrewsbury based company said they will honour their original price but couldn't do during half term. The other raised their price. DM to find out when the Shrewsbury company could carry out the work and how much disruption would take place.

ACTION – DM

The Asset Register will need to be updated and insurance increased as it would now cost £80,000 to replace all the equipment in both playgrounds.

ACTION - DM

2011 Highways

A458 Sign Showing Right by The Smithy

The signs have gone from the Welshpool end and some repeater signs needed. GC to speak to Andrew Jones.

ACTION - GC

Biomass Application

An enforcement order has been placed and they had 21 days to submit application. Nothing received as yet. CC Amanda Jenner looking into.

ACTION – AJ

White House

Planning permission has been granted for the new building.

2012 Burgess Land Trust

Nothing to report.

2013 County Councillors Report

One bin will be put on trial in Middletown for recycling of cellophane. The Village Hall will be approached to see if they are able to accommodate it. The contract will be Cae Post and TCC and each collection will cost £8.50. CC AJ to draft a letter to Cae Post and will advertise the new facility.

Planning permission has been given for 8 houses at Gate Farm on Criggion Lane. A condition has been included that 3 extra street lights are added which means that the speed limit can be reduced to 30mph. CC AJ to start the process for this to happen.

Issues of parking by parents dropping off and collecting their children on Parc Caradog continue. Chris Lloyd, Head of Traffic Enforcement is willing to put double yellow lines near the access to the A458 but it was recognised that this could cause problems further into Parc Cardog. Educating the parents is vital. There is room for 65 cars in the school car park if properly parked. CC AJ and FW to discuss at next Governors' meeting.

DM will e-mail all Councillors asking if there are any other areas in Middletown, Trewern, Buttington and Hope where they feel double yellow lines would be of benefit. Response will be discussed at next meeting.

ACTION – DM

CC AJ has been unable to find out who the owner is of the hedge on the left of Burnt Lane. It needs cutting and she will continue to try to ascertain ownership.

A revised speed limit on the A458 needs to be petitioned to the Welsh Assembly. To be discussed at next meeting.

ACTION - DM/AJ

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Head of Planning at PCC expressing our concern about the number of planning approvals for new houses and the lack of any corresponding improvement to infrastructure.

ACTION - DM

2014 Finance

Audit Recommendations

The report has now been received and it was recommended that two figures are moved into different categories for the purpose of auditing.

Payments

Direct Debit payment to Powys County Council – Payment for Cemeteries - £1249.08
Proposed GC, seconded PD.

Andrew Evans Landscapes - Payment for first 3 months - £471.00.
Proposed GC, seconded PD.

3 local people in Middletown look after the garden in front of the village hall. They requested funds for some bark and it was suggested that Woottons are approached as they have given bark in the past. The land is owned by Enterprise Inns. DM to speak to both Enterprise Inns and Woottons.

ACTION - DM

2015 Planning

VAR/2017/0017 Middletown Residential Park, Discharge Section 106

Removal is supported, subject to compliance with the conditions set out in the planning permission.

P/2017/0010 Housing Next to The Fron, Middletown, Removal of Car Park

The application for 25 new houses has been approved. The car park was removed from the application as the Welsh Assembly and Highways Agency required further information and time was not allowed in the planning process for this.

It is still the intention of the landowners to provide land for a car park. It was suggested that a sub committee be put together with the landowners, CC Amanda Jenner, the local Vicar and some members of TCC. It was felt that it might be possible to get the car park reinstated once the developer has been chosen. AJ to make some enquiries as to whether this is possible. Rev Val Tate to be kept updated on progress.

It was felt that support locally for the application was strongly influenced by the inclusion of a car park. The road is, and continues to be an issue for the church especially when there are wedding and funerals.

There is a condition in the approval for a recreation area. This will need clarification by the developer once appointed. There is a further condition that a contribution is made towards the school car park.

P/2017/0942 Pigeon House, Trewern - Erection of a Dwelling

An outline application has been made for a bungalow providing disabled facilities. TCC supports the new application which meets the needs of a local disabled person. CC Amanda Jenner will be supporting the application.

ACTION: DM to write to PCC to support the application

P/2017/0949 House Near Hill Cottage, Middletown, Removal of P106

The applicants are putting in a new application for it to be an open market house. If the property has a P106, it is not possible for the owner to get a mortgage. The house is not yet built (foundations have been done). TCC supports the new application as it meets the needs of a local person.

ACTION: DM to write to PCC supporting this application

DIS/2017/0161 Offas Dyke Business Park, Discharge of Sections 3, 4, 8 and 10 of P/2017/0597.

This relates to landscaping and drainage and as it is of a technical nature the Community Council felt that they were unable to pass comment.

ACTION: DM to write to PCC accordingly

P/2017/0978 Middletown Farm, Egg production unit

A Pre planning application had been received but a planning application has now been made. It closely reflects the pre planning application. Whilst there were no objections to the egg plant itself, there are still concerns about vehicles going to and from the site. GC had spoken to Andrew Jones but has yet to get an official response.

ACTION – DM to write to PCC expressing concerns about access onto the trunk road and the need to bring it up to current safety standards . AJ to pursue with Highways Agency

P/2017/0943 Barn Conversion – Fox Lane (DM to provide details)

The existing access will be blocked off and new access will be made via Fox Lane. The Community Council supports the development but only on the basis that the access from Fox Lane onto the trunk road is brought up to current safety standards.

ACTION – DM to write to PCC accordingly

2016 Any Other Business

Judy Evans has given the old Middletown Village Hall noticeboard to the Council after it was damaged in high winds. The glass will need replacing. DM is currently storing the noticeboard.

The Local Development Plan is due out in February/March. There are going to be public consultations on the proposed changes. Details are on the CC website for anyone interested.

2017 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 17 October 2017 at Middletown Village Hall.