

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2017

Present: Councillors David Morrell (Chair), Colin Jenkins, Fred Mountford, Gill Corfield, Judy Evans, Tim Hilditch, Ida Hughes, Peter Davies and Phillip Hughes

1929 Apologies

Apologies were received from John Evans and County Councillor Dawn Bailey.

1930 Minutes of the Meetings from 21 February 2017 for approval

Agreed and signed

1931 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, school modernisation and school transport

Tim Hilditch declared an interest in Hill Cottage.

1932 Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere on Agenda

GC obtained a quote from Wootton Tree Services regarding the 2 pine trees and one conifer tree in Middletown that require topping. The quote is to reduce either all 3 trees by 30% or alternatively to reduce the 2 pines by 30% and remove the conifer. The conifer has become very large and is dying back at the bottom. There are concerns about the safety of the tree. The total quote is for £180.00.

Middletown Councillors to look at the trees and a decision to be made at next meeting.

Playgrounds

DM has spoken to G L Jones and asked for quotes for repairs to both Trewern and Middletown playgrounds.

Noticeboard in Trewern

GC had obtained information regarding prices for noticeboards. Peter Davies to look at and advise at next meeting suitability of various styles of noticeboard.

ACTION – PD

Fox Lane

DM had inspected the lane, talked to local residents and spoken to PCC Highways. He had written to Ken Llewellyn and was awaiting a response.

Sale Lane

Telephone cable has now been re-hung.

Domain Name

The domain name had been retained at a cost of £25.17.

Code of Conduct Advertisement

After further discussion it was agreed that advertising in the Border Gossip was sufficient.

Planning Application Responses

DM had responded to all the planning applications discussed at the February meeting.

Playgrounds

ROSPA inspections

ROSPA inspections are due to be carried out on both Middletown and Trewern playgroups. Payment is required up from at a cost of £72.00 per inspection.

ACTION – DM to confirm to PCC that inspections are required and make payment.

1933 Highways

Nothing to report.

1934 Burgess Land Trust

Nothing to report. Next meeting to be held in April.

1935 County Councillors' Report

No report received as yet from County Councillor. Will attach as addendum if one received.

1936 Communications not covered elsewhere in Agenda

DM said that he e-mailed all relevant electronic communications that he received. In addition, he had received an Agenda from North Montgomeryshire Local Council Forum and a request for a donation from Bobath Children's Therapy Centre.

1937 Finance

Audit for 2016/17

Papers have been received and the requirements for the audit are very similar to the previous year. There is particular focus on the Code of Conduct and a copy of the minutes showing when this was adopted is required together with a copy of Councillors' Register of Interests.

ACTION - DM

Tender for Grass Cutting

The contract for the grass cutting contract is due up in April. Advance notice of this to be put in the Border Gossip.

ACTION – DM to prepare the tender document and advise on advertising

Chairs' Fund

It was noted that nothing has been paid out from the Chairs fund.

Payments

C A Bowen	£1,914.00
Trewern Community Centre	£40.00
Middletown Village Hall	£60.00
Karen Weaver – Outstanding salary	£816.81
One Voice Wales (if membership is renewed)	£169.00
D Morrell (ink and mouse)	£30.98
Powys County Council – ROSPA inspections	£144.00
Border Gossip	£600.00
Jane Shaw – Domain name payment	£25.17

It was decided not to renew the membership for One Voice Wales for the present. All other payments were accepted and cheques raised. Proposed Peter Davies, seconded Tim Hilditch.

1938 Planning

D1S/2017/0045 - Land off Fisher Road, Offas Dyke Business Park

This relates to discharge of two conditions. Having considered the conditions, TCC had no comments to make.

NMA/2017/0010 - Hill Cottage land, change to siting of dwelling and garage

No comments to make regarding this.

P/2017/0117 - 8 Hazel Close, Trewern

The fence by the road has now been taken down and a revised planning application has been put in for fencing to the front of the property on land actually owned by the property. It was decided that no comment was needed.

Land Next to Severn Oaks

It was noted that planning permission has been granted for 5 houses on land next to Severn Oaks in Trewern.

1939 2017 Elections

The Clerk gave a brief outline of the meeting she attended regarding the upcoming elections. All Councillors have received an electronic version of the Power Point Presentation shown at the meeting and been provided with a nomination package.

1940 Community Matters

Additional Light Down Criggion Lane

Monitoring to get residents reaction to the revised weight limit. Ongoing.

Old Shop Cottage

There is flooding along the lane near Old Shop Cottage.

ACTION - DM

Criggion Lane

A hole has also appeared in the road just past Pigeon House, Criggion Lane and there is a large area of water on the road.

ACTION - DM

1941 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 18 April 2017