

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron Community Council Meeting held on

Wednesday, 13th October, 2010

Present:

Mr. J. John, Chairman

Mr. M. Jones

Mrs. T. Rees

Mr. B. Williams

Mr. A. Hamilton

Mr. D. True

Mrs. S. Morgan

Councillor D.I.E. Jones

Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)

2 Members of the public present

1381. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Jones. Mr. B. Moon and Councillor A. Jopling were absent.

The Secretary informed Members that sadly Mr. Moon's father had passed away recently. Both he and Mr. J. John attended the funeral to represent the Community Council.

1382. Disclosure's of personal interest.

None.

1383. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September, 2010.

Approved.

1384. Matters arising from the minutes.

1376 (1372i) Mrs. S. Morgan informed Members that the new park equipment had been installed.

1380 (i) An application for financial assistance to Pengelli AFC was discussed.

Resolved: To make a donation of £200.

1380 (ii) Mr. D. True reported that the shell of a car was still in the front garden of a house on Coalbrook Road which looked unsightly to both neighbours and passers-by.

Resolved: That the Secretary would write to the home-owner and ask politely if it could

be removed.

1385. Local Members Report.

Councillor D.I.E. Jones reported on the following items:

The official opening of the new bus station at the Quadrant would be 6th December, 2010.

An announcement had recently been made declaring Councillor Jopling bankrupt. Advice was currently being sought of the Local Government Ombudsman by the Legal Section regarding his position as a Councillor.

Given the financial challenges facing the Council a decision had been taken to reduce the amount of gritting activity on the roads over the winter months. Gritters will now not be deployed until the temperature drops to 0°C instead of 2°C.

1386. Ten-minute Public Questions.

Mr. B. Davies was present to discuss the speed of traffic through the village problem and need for a pedestrian crossing. The Secretary read out a letter he had received from Jeff Green of the Authority's Transport Section. The letter stated that the results of a recent traffic survey showed that the average speed of passing cars was 28mph in both directions. Mr. Davies suggested that the results were inaccurate as the survey was carried out in the wrong location and that it should be done again.

Resolved: That the Secretary would ask for a further site meeting with Mr. Green.

1387. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.

Mrs. Morgan reported on the following planning application which had been received:

i. 118 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend for 4 detached houses.

Recommendation: No objection providing the equivalent number of sapling trees are re-planted that are removed.

1388. Application for financial assistance from West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse.

A letter requesting financial assistance from the above organisation was discussed.

Resolved: To note the application.

1389. Application to register a public footpath consultation.

The Secretary read out a letter received from the Countryside Officer at Swansea Council which explained that several individuals had submitted an application claiming that between then they had used the access route from Box Road in excess of 20 years.

Resolved: Not to object to the application consultation to create a recognised access route subject to the agreement of the owner of the land.

1390. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the following matters:

i) He had received the renewal notification from the Open Spaces Society. The subscriptions for the 2010/11 year remained the same at £40. It was noted by Members that the Community Council had not used the services of Open Spaces for several years.

Resolved: Not to renew the membership for the coming year.

ii) Correspondence had been received from Members of Porthcawl Town Council requesting support for the campaign to protect the 24/7 search and rescue service from RAF Chivenor. A protest march was being organised for Councillors throughout South Wales and West of England at Rest Bay, Porthcawl on Sunday, 31st October, 2010 to oppose the reduction in service proposed by the Government.

1391. Any Other Business.

i) Mr. B. Williams informed Members that the Right of Way to the old church at Llandeilo Fach was blocked and asked if the Secretary could request the ROW Officer at Swansea to walk the route himself and take action.

Resolved: That the Secretary would make enquiries with the ROW Officer.

ii) It was mentioned that dog fouling remained a problem along Box Road.

Resolved: That the Secretary would once more ask Swansea for further signage to be erected in the vicinity.

iii) Mr. A. Hamilton reported that the large hole along Box Road had still not be filled in.

Resolved: That the Secretary would report the problem to the Highways Section once again.

iv) Members agreed that following the success of the joint Christmas concert with Mount Pleasant Church last year, a similar event should take place this Christmas.

Resolved: That the Secretary would speak to both someone from the Church and Pengelli Primary to confirm this is acceptable to all concerned. In addition, it was agreed to fund pop and sweets at any children's Christmas party that would be held by the Miners Club.