

**Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, 3rd June, 2014**

Present: Mr. B. Williams, Chair
Mr. W.B. Davies
Mr. M. Jones
Mr. J. John
Mrs. T. Morgan
Mrs S. Morgan
Mr. P.A. Hamilton
Councillor D. Cole
Mr. J.I. Burge (Secretary)
1 Member of the public present

1845. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. Knox, Mr. D. Merriman, Mr. H. Bates and Councillor D. Cole. Mr. L. Jones was absent.

1846. Disclosures of personal interest.

None.

1847. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May, 2014.

Approved.

1848. Matters arising from the minutes.

Minute 1838 (1834(iii)) Maintenance at Park: Mr. W.B. Davies informed Members that the broken bench near the Park had been removed in the past few weeks and it was hopeful from speaking with an officer in the Parks Department that a replacement would be put back in situ within the next week or two.

The Secretary informed Members of the response he received from the Parks Department following an inspection of the damaged to the black soft rubber matting. Officers advised that whilst there was damage to the mat it did not pose a health and safety risk and was still sufficient for its purpose. Members were unhappy with this response and commented how it only needed patching not replacing fully so could not be too expensive to rectify. Cllr D. Cole advised that he would follow this up with the Parks Department.

Minute 1839(iii) Barrier at end of Station Road. Cllr D. Cole advised Members that the barrier at the far end of Station Road had now been installed in a bid to prevent fly tipping taking place at this site.

Minute 1839(v) Pedestrian crossing. Mr. W. B. Davies read out an email he had received from Alan Ferris of Swansea Council advising that subject to

the continued Welsh Government funding of the safe routes initiative, a pelican crossing will be installed in Grovesend during 2015/16.

Minute 1844(i) Fly tipping on Box Road. Mr. M. Jones reported that the tyre dumped on Box Road had recently been removed by Swansea Council.

1849. Local Members Report.

Councillor D. Cole reported on the following:

- i) Mrs. Cherry Hinton, High Street, had suggested to him that the former tip area off Station Road should be designated as a SINC site (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation). Cllr Cole advised that he had spoken to the Council's Ecologist who suggested that from initial discussions the site seemed to fit the criteria for a SINC. A further appraisal would need to be carried out;
- ii) There had been 12 Police reported crimes in the Penyrheol/Grovesend area within the past three months. Only 1 recorded for Grovesend and that was in relation to a motorbike knocking into a parked car on New Road;
- iii) Resurfacing work would be carried out over a 4 day period on parts of Coalbrook Road starting the following week;
- iv) He had spoken to Ian Jones of the Highways Department who advised that the drains through Pentre Road in Waungron have all been cleared. Mr. B. Williams said he did not agree and will check himself and report directly to Cllr D. Cole his findings;
- v) A new Grovesend/Waungron sign would be erected in the next few days by the junction to Allt-y-graban;
- vi) A complaint had been made regarding the grass not being cut at the side of pavilion near the park. The Secretary advised that Mr. M. Jones had previously made him aware of this so he had already contacted the Parks Department and been advised that due to severe financial reductions the grass cutting programme across the City had been reduced. Members also noted that the grass behind the football pitch leading up to High Street had also not been cut this year. As a result dog owners could no longer take their dogs for a walk meaning they were exercising them on the football pitch adding to the dog fouling problem. Members also noted the loss of a public piece of green land used for play and exercise.

Resolved: That the Secretary asks the Parks Department for a breakdown on the cost of not cutting these areas of grass and point out the problems being experienced.

1850. Ten-minute Public Questions.

Mrs. Margaret Williams, Waungron, was present to discuss the possibility of a history group being set up within the village to study and share history of

the village. Mrs. Williams reminded Members that two important anniversaries were coming-up, the first being 100 years of the great war and the second in 2016 being 100 years since Pengelli Primary School opened to pupils. Both should be remembered and celebrated. Members felt this was a worthy project and something the pupils of Pengelli Primary could be involved with and possibly a book produced. Mrs. Williams asked whether the village hall could be used as a venue for the history group and was advised that this was something she would need to discuss with the Trustees.

Members agreed to support the creation of a history group and would be prepared to promote it via the Community Council's newsletter and website. Mrs. T. Morgan agreed to discuss the suggestion with the Headteacher of Pengelli Primary and to ask for the school's involvement.

1851. Planning Applications – Mrs. S. Morgan.

Mrs. Morgan informed Members that there had been no planning applications received this month for consideration.

1852. Review of Secretary's Salary.

Due to the absence of the Chair and several other Members it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

1853. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported that an invitation had been received from Swansea Council to send a representative to a review workshop session be organised by Swansea to look into the current street scene services provided. The workshop was being held on 11th June at 5.30pm in the Civic Centre.

Resolved: That Mr. J. John and Mr. B. Williams would attend on behalf of the Community Council.

1854. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair.

- i) Mr. W.B. Davies and Mrs. T. Morgan advised Members that there had been a high level of interest expressed regarding the possibility of a table-top sale in the village hall. Members discussed the issue of whether to charge per table for those that live outside of the village and the discussed public insurance for the event.

Resolved: Following a discussion it was agreed: i) To hold the table-top sale on the first Saturday in August. Mr. W.B. Davies would discuss the hall arrangements with Mr. H. Bates; ii) The Community Council would pay the cost of hiring the welfare hall which was estimated to be approximately £50; iii) The event would be promoted via the Community Council website, village flyer and school newsletter when the final details had been agreed.

- ii) Mr. J. John mentioned to Members that the pavements throughout Waungron remained overgrown from hedges causing pedestrians to walk on the carriageway. Cllr D. Cole informed Members that the hedges had been cut back recently; however, Mr. B. Williams advised that only part of the hedges were cut and not all of them.

Resolved: That Councillor D. Cole would walk the area and request any follow-up action is taken by Ian Jones of the Highways Department.

Mrs. S. Morgan gave her apologies for the July meeting of the Community Council.

Issues awaiting resolution

Issue	Key dates	Current Position	Action required by
Request for Pedestrian Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originally requested several years ago. • Followed-up: August, 2013 • Followed-up: October, 2013 • Site meeting in December, 2013 with Ward Members and Jeff Green • January, 2014 local Cllrs meeting with Jeff Green • May, 2014 funding rejected. 	Funding via Safe Routes to School rejected for 2014/15. Placed on waiting list with hope of receiving funding during 2015/16.	Traffic Section, Swansea Council (Jeff Green); Cllrs J. Curtice & D. Cole.