

Minutes of the Grovesend & Waungron
Community Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 3rd October 2017

Present: Mr D Gwynn, Vice-Chairman
Mr W B Davies
Mr H Talaat
Mr M Jones
Mr B Moon
Mr D Cole
Mrs S Morgan
Councillor J Curtice
Mrs. Y. Hamilton (Secretary)

2238. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr W D Merriman, Mr L Jones, Mr A Hamilton and Councillor A Stevens.

2239. Disclosures of personal interest

None

2240. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2017

Approved

2241. Matters arising from the minutes

2231 (2203) (2191) She had received the application from Cariad for the provision of 3 defibrillators to be placed in Grovesend and Waungron. Funding towards these will come from the Big Lottery Fund if the application is approved. Suggested areas are Waungron; Miners Club and one by the park.
Action: Secretary to complete the application on behalf of the Community Council.

Further Action: Secretary to contact Clerk to Gorseinon Community Council for assistance with the application.

2237 (ii) Mr Merriman advised that he had been approached by a resident of 'Meadgate Homes' site asking whether the Community Council could help regarding the blocked ditches. A discussion was held and it was suggested that if they could find out the costs to have the works carried out that they could apply to us for financial support and that we could maybe match fund the works to be completed.

Action: Mr A Hamilton to provide a quote for the repairs to be carried out and inform the resident.

2242. Local Members Report

Councillor J Curtice reported on the following: -

(i) She advised members of the difference between UDP and LDP and

confirmed that even though the LDP expired in January until the UDP is adopted then the LDP is still applicable.

(ii) She mentioned that she had received information stating that the application from Pant y Blodau had included an offer of £20000 to assist with speed calming on the road going through Grovesend. In comparison she advised that a different planning application for 72 houses to be built in Waungron had put in an offer of £12000 to assist with speed calming.

2243. Ten-minute Public Questions

None

2244. Planning Applications

Mrs S Morgan informed Members that a planning application had been received from the following: -

Pant y Blodau, 152 Coalbrook Road, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 4GP for a residential development (indicative total of 19 bungalows, access road and associated infrastructure)

Resolved: Objection due to the following: -

1. Green Wedge

The site is located within a green wedge area and is therefore not suitable for building and is protected under both the UDP and/or LDP policy.

2. Joining of the two villages.

This development would go some way to joining the villages of Grovesend and Gorseinon together. This is something that the council has always disapproved of under local planning policy.

3. Highway

The road proposed to be built into the site would be on a very dangerous position on a bend on a busy road at the entrance to the village of Grovesend. The number of houses would generate additional traffic into Coalbrook Road which is already suffering severe traffic problems.

4. Sewerage

The proposed development would not be able to be joined without a separate system because of the level of the site being below the level of the sewerage system already in place. The present development at 118 (next door) of three houses and one bungalow means that only two of them have been able to be joined to the system.

5. Surface Water

The Coalbrook stream runs to the left of the main house, under the road and between the houses opposite and down into the River Llan. All the surface water from this site at the moment runs into this stream. This would mean that the system would overflow and cause flooding to the neighbouring properties.

6. Social Housing

There is no provision for social housing on this development which is required under the UDP and will be adopted under the LDP for a development of this size.

7. Businesses

At this moment in time there are no shops/post office/dentist or doctors in the village. The bus service runs once an hour until 6:00 p.m. with a limited service after this time. This would increase the already busy flow of traffic running through the main road within the village.

Action: Secretary to send a letter to the planning department with a list of our objections.

2245. Armistice

Action: Jan to find out when the celebration will take place and to forward information to the Secretary.

Action: Secretary to advise Pengelli Primary School of the date this will happen and to ask if the choir will perform.

Action: Secretary to find out how much was donated to the Church last year and all Members agreed to support this again.

2246. Secretary's report

None

2247. Any other urgent items of business at the discretion of the chair

(i) Mr D Cole advised all members to be aware of the current sites listed under LDP in our area.

(ii) A member raised the question whether the number of emails been sent via the Secretary was practical as felt that some of the emails were not necessary. The Secretary advised that she was still learning the job and wanted to ensure the information was been cascaded to all. Members felt that this was the right way to communicate and could choose whether they were appropriate or not.

(iii) It was noted that the police had recently contacted a resident on Plas Road to move their van that was causing an obstruction on the corner.

(iv) Mr D Gwynn mentioned that a resident in Waungron had a near miss with a van due to the overgrowth next to the bus shelter and needed to be dealt with to prevent an accident.

(v) Further to the email received from Martin Collison, Planning Officer regarding the temporary accommodation granted to 152 Coalbrook Road, members felt that the information received was vague and requested a follow up email to be sent.

Action: Secretary to ask Martin Collison for more information