**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Minor Hall on Tuesday 11th July 2017**

There were no members of the public present.

**1. PRESENT;**

Present were: Cllrs. Adrian Hughes (chair), Deb Vine, John Mahoney, Dan Dyson and the Clerk, Andrew Berry.

**2. APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Peter Bowen-Simpkins apologised for absence.

**3. TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST FROM MEMBERS.**

There were none at this time.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

The Clerk stated that Cllr. Bowen-Simpkins had asked for the September meeting to be postponed to a slightly later date. There was discussion of a possible alternative dates, but due to various clashes this will be arranged by the Clerk after communicating with all the Councillors.

Jennie Clements had shown an interest in becoming a Councillor and will be proposed by Cllr. Peter Bowen-Simpkins at the next meeting.

The Clerk will look in to BACS electronic payments.

It was confirmed that the old gravel quarry on Cefn Bryn is not in Reynoldston.

The Clerk raised the problem of motorcycle riding on Cefn Bryn. The chair confirmed that this is illegal and suggested that the police are informed of any such activity with registration numbers if possible.

The Clerk was not sure if the tractor mower needed an MOT. The Clerk had recently renewed the licence. Cllr. Hughes will check with the police. It was agreed that the tractor mower should be serviced in the autumn / winter and the Clerk will arrange this.

The Clerk suggested that a pay rise of 1% was legal as far as could be ascertained and thanked the Chair for his suggestion of 2.5% at the last Council meeting. This was accepted by the Council.

The Clerk thanked Cllr. Mahoney for his help with responding to questions regarding this year’s audit.

It was decided that the bus shelter outside / opposite Brynfield will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

**6. QUESTIONS FROM MEBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were none

**7. THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 11th JULY 2017**

The Clerk distributed copies of this (attached)

The financial statement was agreed. (The clerk has subsequently altered the amount paid as remuneration as it should have been net not gross).

**8. VILLAGE GREENS**

Cllr. Dyson asked for more information about the discussion last meeting regarding Arthur’s Stone. Cllr. Vine has been appointed to the AONB steering group and said that there had been a discussion about parking as leaving the site is often dangerous as it is on a blind summit. There had been a discussion about bunding and stones to separate the road and car parking area; however it now appears that the area is not actually in Reynoldston.

Cllr. Vine suggested that at Weobley near Leominster there are information boards around the village and that could be done here.

Cllr. Dyson pointed out that there is more traffic now and that this needs managing. Cllr. Hughes said that the exit to and from the car parking area needed access away from the brow of the hill. There needed to be a clear unobstructed view for 40 to 50 metres each way either side of the entrance and exit. There is a plan for a 30 mph limit at the quarry

Cllr. Hughes said that Mike Scott had agreed in principle £1,000 to be spent as a grant on the greens this financial year. Cllr. Dyson suggested that the proposed information signs could be not large signs but just in the form of readable email links with a mobile phone.

Cllr. Vine declared an interest in the above (AONB Steering Group) as did Cllr. Hughes (fire station manager)

Cllr. Hughes stated that a possible site for a sign could be the Post Office Wall or The King Arthur. This needs design and planning (next Meeting?)

Cllr. Hughes said that restoring the verge near the Post Office could be a possibility. The Gower society has funds to restore the path from Reynoldston to Frogmore. Would they contribute to the path across the Higher Green? Cllr. Bowen Simpkins had discovered a porous surface that would make the path safe for the disabled/ child buggies and brides/ wedding parties in high heels. The lottery is another option.

The Clerk will draft a letter to the Gower Society stressing access, health and safety, healthy lifestyles, connectivity and minimal visual impact of the scheme.

Cllr. Vine suggested that the SDF could perhaps be approached next year, or that the precept could be increased as a last resort.

**9. VILLAGE MAGAZINE.**

Cllr. Hughes suggested that as there was still another vacancy on the Council this should be advertised in the next issue.

**10. HIGHWAYS**

Cllr. Hughes asked that the Clerk write to the director of Swansea Highways asking them to come to the next meeting to discuss possible speed limit signs. It is seven or eight years since the scheme was first mooted. There have been meetings in the past.

**11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

There had been planning applications with Reynoldston quoted as the address; however it was found that these were outside the area covered by the Council. There had been one in Little Reynoldston and one in Llandewi. Cllrs. Mahoney and Dyson will in future consider planning applications forwarded by the Clerk before meetings of the Council.

Cllr. Vine raised concerns that had been raised with the vicar at a Village Hall meeting about parking and possible obstruction of busses and the fire engine due to an increase in the number of weddings at the church.

Cllr. Dyson asked if it might be possible to use a field for temporary parking.

It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the vicar suggesting that parking at weddings and funerals is the responsibility of the church and that it needs real care. Could it be suggested that guests arriving at a wedding or event at the church are advised of the possibility of stranding and getting stuck if parking on The Lower Green without due care and attention. Visitors must be made aware of the need for access to buses and the fire engines around the Green.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE.**

The Clerk had received a letter from Western Power about the removal of poles on Cefn Bryn and the location of a new substation.

The Clerk had rung the Highways Department after receiving a letter from Penny Henderson about the state of the road surface in The Downs. The Clerk had been told that Swansea Council would take a look but it was doubtful that this would take place until 2020. (However it transpires that the Council have repaired the road surface since the meeting). The council also suggested ringing the water company about a hole in Stouthall Lane and this was repaired around a manhole cover the next day – and repaired very well.

**AOB**

Cllr. Mahoney reported that the Post Office car park was pooling with water again. Cllr. Hughes suggested that NRP could be asked to look at this again and carry out repairs in the autumn.

Cllr. Bowen-Simpkins had attended a meeting at the YMCA with Helen Grey from Swansea City Council about European Funding as a result she will talk to the Hall Committee.

Cllr. Hughes will try and attend a Peoples Lottery Meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Although set for the first Tuesday in September the Clerk will circulate dates to see if this can be rearranged and publicised well in advance.