**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held in the Minor Hall of Reynoldston Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th September 2018**

**Present**: Cllrs. John Mahoney, Paul Lloyd-Davies, Jennie Clements, Susan Ashelby, Deb Vine and the Clerk Andrew Berry.

**Apologies**: Dan Dyson.

Due to the Absence of the Chair, Cllr. Mahoney agreed to chair the meeting.

**1.Disclosures of Personal Interest**: It was agreed that these would be taken if and when they arose during the meeting.

**2**. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

These were read, approved by the Council and signed by the chairperson.

**3.Matters Arising**: Cllr. Lloyd Davies reminded the meeting of his intention to stand down after the November meeting of the Council.

The Clerk had forwarded communications regarding ownership of the rights of way around Applegrove following a freedom of information request. Cllr. Ashelby said that itis now clear that the roads and pavements have been adopted by Swansea, but not the snicket. This is supposed to be maintained by another organisation. Cllr. Mahoney asked whether it could be cleared of weeds again by himself and the Clerk. This was agreed.

The Clerk will contact the council again regarding disabled access via the narrow gates next to the cattle grid facing the Bryn.

Cllr. Ashelby said that Swansea Council do clear the grass at the top. Cllr. Mahoney said that they do clear the pavement of overgrowth.

**4.Questions from members of the public.**

There were none.

**5. Village Greens and Highways.**

There had been a meeting that morning regarding the bunding and verge on the Higher Green opposite the King Arthur Hotel. Present were Rob Vine, Deb Vine, John Mahoney, Bob Griffiths and Mike Scott. The meeting was to discuss the plans that had been drawn up. The Clerk had previously circulated members with plans sent by Mike Scott.

Cllr. Mahoney reviewed the am meeting. The plan was to infill the verge with rubble. After much discussion it was agreed that Nigel Fitzgerald (Highways) would be asked to look at a 12 inch pipe to take storm water from the telegraph pole down to the culvert at the lower end of the Higher Green. Highways would then sort out the infill. Stones would be set in to the side far enough in to allow cars to park but not to allow them on to the Green. The Community Council would restore the ground around the telegraph pole with infill to prevent erosion. Cllr. Vine suggested that Neil Pritchard be approached to place soil in and around the post. The Clerk will arrange this with a site visit from Neil and Cllrs. Vine and Mahoney. The group has asked for costings. Highways will be asked to pay for drainage and scalpings. Bob’s son can store material on his farm prior to use. Mike Scott will take the proposal back to Highways. The Council voted to agree to the plan.

**6. Planning Applications**

Cllr. Mahoney outlined three planning applications of interest. There were no objections to two of them, one had already been refused and there was no news about Fairy Hill car park.

**7. Grants**

The Clerk will reapply for permission to proceed with the grant for the hall. There seemed to be a misunderstanding about its purpose.

**8. Audit**

The Clerk read out the audit report, this and the audit were accepted by the Council. There was one issue raised, the Council agreed to the RFO signing the annual return prior to approval by the Council. This was unanimously approved.

**9.**  **Village Magazine**

Cllr. Vine asked about news items for the village magazine. It was agreed that the vacancy on the Council would be advertised. Cllr. Vine also suggested that people be asked to comment on how they would like to see the village improved over the next five years or so. Cllr. Mahoney said that he had been approached by several people not happy about the amount of parking on the Lower Green. It is possible that the Lower Green may need stones to prevent parking in future. Cllr. Clements said that most villages of this size do have a small car park. Cllr. Mahoney said that there was erosion by cars of the Higher Green at the top end and that this may need a bund in future. Cllr. Lloyd – Davies said that he had in the past had a conversation with the King Arthur about alternative car parking. It was suggested that there could be a possibility of asking for temporary planning permission for parking in a field for special events as happened elsewhere.

**10. Correspondence**

There had been a great many emails forwarded to members of the Council by the Clerk in recent months.

The Clerk had forwarded letters and correspondence from Ms. Neilson to members of the Council following her accident on the Lower Green. It was felt that this was not the responsibility of the Community Council, however the Council wished to thank her for the information. The Penrice Estate and the Highways Department are aware of the incident.

The Clerk read out the substance of a telephone call from Mrs. Williams concerning lights from the fire station, dog poo, the lack of a no through road sign towards the fire station and problems of with caravans on very narrow roads. She was concerned about road widening on Cefn Bryn, however the Council considered that these were repairs and not widening.

There had been letters from the local Assembly member regarding remembrance events, from the community / town council forum, and the CTC Review panels findings, all of which the Clerk read out to the Council.

**11. Financial Position and Bills for Payment**

There were three cheques to be signed, two for the sum of £12 each to RVHA for the hire of the hall. The Clerk has had problems with Lloyds online business banking accepting the recipient as RVHA. The other cheque was to Cllr. Paul Lloyd – Davies for £21.01 for fuel for the motor mower.

The current account stood at £10,443.32 on the 5th September.

Deposit Account £77.64

**12. AOB**

Cllr. Mahoney mentioned the Clerk’s new contract of employment that had been agreed by the council and signed by him on the council’s behalf and by the Clerk.

**13. Date of the Next Meeting**

There being no other business this was agreed as being Tuesday the 13th November at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.