**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at 1930 on Tuesday 12th January 2021**

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM. ANYONE WISHING TO LISTEN IN OR ASK A QUESTION COULD CONTACT THE CLERK ANDREW BERRY BEFORE TUESDAY 12th. JANUARY OR USE THE MEETING CODES SHOWN ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Vine (chair), Bond, Ashelby, Clements, the Internal Auditor Paul Sizer and the Clerk Andrew Berry

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Dyson

Cllr. Vine welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST:** These would be takenduring the meeting if they arose.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** These were approved and will be signed by the chair
3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Bond had approached a person interested in becoming a councillor. He may become a councillor when meetings are held in the hall and not via Zoom.

It was regretted that Debbie Sizer could not be a councillor at the present time due to avoiding a perceived conflict of interest. Cllr. Vine will ring to thank her for volunteering.

Cllr. Vine had approached two other members of the community who may be interested.

Cllr. Bond had an anonomous donation of a new replacement bench in Robins Lane. The council will pay for it to be installed. Cllr. Bond will approach Daniel Morris to see if he can install it. The council expressed thanks for the donation.

Paul Sizer will arrange for the plaque with the names of those who died in the service of their country to be put on a wooden plaque to be fixed to the standing stone. Cllr. Bond said that the names are those in the church and in the chapel.

The unmade road at the side of the Higher Green has been filled in. The Clerk had contacted the Badminton Estate about this, but it is thought that the repair may have been done by the householders themselves.

Paul Sizer suggested that spoil from the eventual removal of the old bus shelter might be used to fill in the holes. This was felt to be a very good suggestion.

Cllr. Bond had contacted Wales Water. The works on the Bryn have now been cleared away.

The Clerk wanted to thank the water company for working late in to the night to fix a leak that affected the village. Cllr. Clements agreed.

Cllr. Vine said that new email addresses for the Chair and Clerk had been trialled. The suggestion is that Cllrs will change theirs to for example Cllr. 1, 2. This is ongoing work.

1. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES):** There were none. There are items from members of the public later in the meeting.
2. **APPROVAL OF AUDIT REPORT FOR 2019-2020:** This was formally unanimously approved by the council
3. **2021 -2022 COUNCIL BUDGET APPROVAL:** This was formally unanimously approved. The Clerk will inform Swansea City and County of the precept request of £12,500. This is the same as last year.
4. **VILLAGE GREENS AND HIGHWAYS – CEFN BRYN MOTORBIKES:** Both the chair and the clerk had spoken to a member of the community who had raised the issue of motorbikes causing damage to the Bryn. The police had asked that they be rung when this was still happening on their non-emergency number. Members of the public should avoid confrontation. One biker that had been politely approached had been quite aggressive in response and far from an underprivileged local person. It was noted that sheep, horses and cattle are often herded and checked on by The Commoners on quad bikes.

Cllr. Vine will contact Steve Heard regarding the verges and parking on the way up to the top of Cefn Bryn.

1. **THE POST OFFICE BIN:** The overflowing bin outside the post office was discussed. This was overflowing on the 3rd January and there had been problems in the summer where individuals had emptied rubbish from camper vans filling the bin. The Clerk said that Swansea Council have apologised for bins not being emptied due to staff absence and Covid 19. It was agreed that the bin should stay.

Debbie Sizer was thanked for picking up rubbish around the village. Paul Sizer said that someone had filled a number of black bin bags at the top of the Bryn. The Council would like to publicly thank them.

1. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS - SUGGESTION FOR RAISING AWARENESS:** The Clerk had been approached and asked whether new planning applications in the village could be put on the village noticeboard as not everyone sees the applications. This used to be done a while ago. This was agreed.
2. **GRANTS:** A grant to the Village Magazine for £150 was unanimously approved.
3. **VILLAGE MAGAZINE + POSSIBLE FACEBOOK USE:**

Cllr. Ashelby will mention the following items in the magazine:

Litter picking

Contacting the police for problems on the Bryn

Thanking the water company

The new seat.

The Census on March 21st (the Clerk will pass on the information to be forwarded to Rachel) This was received after the meeting.

It was agreed that there would be a link to the Community Council site with dates of meetings posted on the Reynoldston Facebook site. The Community Council Site will be upgraded over time.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk had circulated correspondence over the last two months. Cllr. Bond was interested in courses for councillors. These cost about £30. She suggested the idea of a village flagpole. There was some discussion about where this might and might not be sited. It was thought that this could be positioned outside or near to the King Arthur if they agreed. There was some discussion as to whether this might be temporary rather than fixed. The Clerk will approach the King Arthur for their views.

The day after the meeting the Clerk had a call from the local census coordinator who has sent information regarding the census on 31 March this year. The Clerk will forward information to the Village Magazine and advertise on the board outside the post office.

There had been a request from Llanrhidian Lower to ask whether the council would support their application for a Local Area Coordinator. This was unanimously supported.

1. **FINANCIAL POSITION AND BILLS FOR PAYMENT:** Cllr. Vine said that the bank signatories had now been changed.

The Clerk stated that the current account balance will be £13,007.05 after:

the audit payment of £276.45

The Clerk’s salary of £556.89

HMRC: 139.22

Reynoldston Magazine £150.00

1. **AOB:** Cllr. Vine said that there are several defunct pages on the village website. They need to be culled. The Community Council pays for the site and Cllr. Vine will talk to Hugh Jones about updating it.
2. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday March 9th 2021 at 1930.