**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held via Zoom at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th March 2021**

**This meeting was advertised on the village noticeboard and website with the access codes for five full workdays beforehand**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Deb Vine (chair), Margie Bond, Sue Ashelby, Jennie Clements, Internal Auditor Paul Sizer and the Clerk Andrew Berry. The vice-chair, Dan Dyson could unfortunately not connect to the meeting for technical reasons.

**APOLOGIES:** There were none.

1. **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTEREST** It was agreed that these would be taken if they arose during the meeting
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.** These were read and agreed by those present. They will be signed by the chair as soon as practically possible.
3. **MATTERS ARISING.** The work to the car park at the top of Cefn Bryn appears to have ceased at the moment. It was agreed that planning applications would be published on the village noticeboard for those that were in the parish. Paul Sizer asked if the names for the remembrance plaque could be discussed with Justin and Mick as soon as possible. Cllr. Vine agreed to contact Justin and Ian Campbell about this. Paul will give the names to Isaac. The Clerk had circulated an email about a possibility of a mobile coffee business in the car park at the top of Cefn Bryn. The Clerk had suggested that the correspondent contact Llanrhidian Lower.
4. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** There were none.
5. **TOP OF THE HIGHER GREEN.** Cllr. Vine had circulated to councillors a plan drawn up by Rob Vine to limit parking and prevent cars driving on to the Higher Green. There had been a meeting with Bob Griffiths (Commoners) and Chris Lindley (AONB) on site with Cllrs. Vine and Bond. Cllr. Vine had pointed out that the poor surface was dangerous for locals and visitors to walk on. Also, as parking at the top of Cefn Bryn has been further restricted, there would likely be an increase in cars using the area for parking. This would get much worse particularly as the King Arthur Hotel will get very busy this summer with the lifting of Covid restrictions. Bob Griffiths stated that The Commoners would prefer all parking along the Higher Green to be restricted but Cllrs Vine and Bond, and Chris Lindley put forward their concerns that total parking restrictions would result in increased parking around the rest of the village and cause further problems. Chris Lindley said there would be funding available for any agreed work. Cllr. Vine has suggested that at least the area should be levelled to make it safe and agreed to contact John Alexander to discuss levelling the area to make it safe and to put a limited number of stones where parking is dangerous. The Clerk did query the new Welcome to Gower signs on leaving the village (and possibly Gower.)
6. **APPLEGROVE SIGNS.** Cllr. Ashelby said that the signs at the top of Applegrove were worn out and needed replacing as they were illegible. The Clerk will write to Highways and ask that they be replaced. The Clerk will also enquire about replacing the no parking signs at the top of the lane on the Higher Green These were placed there by the Community Council a few years back.
7. **VILLAGE GREENS AND HIGHWAYS.** Cllr. Bond asked what had happened to plans for a one-way system in the village given the congestion particularly on the Lower Green and Stout Hall Lane last summer. The Clerk remembered that the local Swansea County Councillor Richard Lewis had promised new signage to redirect heavy vehicles at the junction at the top of the village. The Clerk will write again. Cllr. Ashelby mentioned the water running over the road on Back Lane. Paul Sizer said that the water company had been contacted sampled the water and concluded that this was water coming off the Bryn and not a leak from a water main. Cllr. Vine will phone Stuart Thomas about this.
8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** Three were discussed and all approved.
9. **GRANTS.** The Clerk said that he had been asked by Valerie Beynon if another grant of £150 could be made toward the village magazine in April. This was unanimously approved. The Clerk said that he would not be surprised if the village hall might need a further grant in the light of current corona virus circumstances. It seems that this is not the case at the present time.
10. **VILLAGE MAGAZINE.** It was agreed that Cllr Ashelby would report on the Higher Green, signage and the bench replacement.
11. **CORRESPONDENCE.** There had been an email from IlstonCommunity Council asking for support with regard to a letter they had sent to Swansea County about the various problems facing Gower last summer with a huge rise in staycations and day trips to the area. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Vine would contact the chair and then we would either write our own or support their letter. The Clerk had accidentally deleted his copy. Cllr. Bond will email it back to him. The Clerk had received a letter from Heartbeat Trust UK about the positioning of defibrillators on Gower. Their map only had one defibrillator shown for Reynoldston and that was in the King Arthur. The Clerk will email them with the position of the other two, one outside the village hall and the other outside the Methodist chapel opposite the village post office. The Chair had asked the Clerk how these had been paid for as she had been asked whether they needed servicing or repairing / updating by Hugh Jones. They were bought with contributions from the Lottery Fund, Community Council, the Reynoldston Ramblers and the Reynoldston Film Club. They had been installed by Cariad.
12. **FINANCIAL POSITION AND BILLS FOR PAYMENT.** The Current account balance is £14,866.16. There has been a been a VAT refund of £1,163. The Village magazine has received a grant of £150, they had not received a grant the previous year. Audit Wales had been paid £276.45 since the last meeting in January. The Clerk’s remuneration for the last four months is £556.89 with payment to HMRC of £139.22. The Clerk has paid £50 to ‘PC Homecall’ for a service and re-installation of Kaspersky to the Community Council laptop. The cost of planning applications for the three village signs will be £120 in all. This April the precept payment will be £4166.66.
13. **AOB.** The Clerk had spoken to Kim about the possibility of a villageflagpole that would be temporarily located when required on land leased by the King Arthur for short periods. Kim thought it would be acceptable. The Clerk will come back to the next meeting with alternative flagpole suggestions. The idea was to raise a flag for the NHS in June and then as appropriate. Cllr. Clements asked about the tree that was damaged on the Lower Green. The Clerk had been asked about this by Kim. The Clerk will contact the Somerset Trust (Chris Smith) about this. The Commoners had been asked about the tree but it was not their responsibility. Cllr. Bond had circulated details of the replacement bench in Robins Lane, a generous gift from an anonymous benefactor. Cllr. Bond will contact Dan Morris about installing it. It is a direct replacement for the current bench in exactly the same position.
14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** This will be the Annual Meeting of the Council. It is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 11th May.