**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Held at Minor Hall, Reynoldston at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th November 2022**

**Present:**Cllrs. Vine, Twitchett, Clements, Ashelby, James, Internal Auditor Aimee Dyer

 **Apologies:**Clerk Paul Sizer, Cllrs. Clarke, Bond

In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr. Ashelby took the minutes.

Councillor Vine welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

It was agreed that any Disclosures of Personal Interest would be discussed as they arose during the meeting.

1. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chair asked if everyone was happy with the minutes of the last meeting and they were agreed.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Chair suggested taking points as they came up on the agenda.

An article concerning the village defibrillators had been put into November issue of the Village News.

1. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

There were no members of the public present.

1. **VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS**

An article had been placed in the Village News, November edition, highlighting the need for a location for a defibrillator in Little Reynoldston.

The replacement cabinet for the defibrillator outside the Chapel has not been organised yet.

Cllr. James confirmed that she is checking the defibrillators located in the Church, Chapel and Village Hall regularly.

1. **VILLAGE GREENS AND HIGHWAYS**

Cllr. Vine had asked Neil Pritchard to move the date of the works on the Upper Green to avoid the wedding at the King Arthur and Bonfire night. They agreed to leave the work until early Spring. The contractor gave a new price of £1360 plus VAT for the stones at either end of the Higher Green, new soil and bunding near the entrance to the footpath. Bigger stones would be required at either end so they could be partially buried to prevent them being moved, as had happened on Bonfire night. Cllr. James thought that this was a reasonable price. Cllr. Twitchett agreed and asked that the walkway should not be made any narrower so that the mower can get through. Cllr. Twitchett also said that the gorse bushes had been allowed to grow taller so that parked cars were not so visible. Cllr. Vine proposed that the work should go ahead, seconded by Cllr. Clements. All agreed.

Cllr. Vine reported she had sent photos of the bus shelter to Charlotte Collins, City & County of Swansea, as it is very dilapidated. The reply from Charlotte Collins is attached pointing out that the proposal for work has to go to the Legal Department and Planning. There have been delays due to COVID. The Council will need written confirmation from the Commoners that they are happy with moving the bus shelter.

Cllr. Twitchett reported that he had contacted Steve Avo with an offer of RCC contributing financially to the work on road signs if this would expedite matters. Steve Avo had responded that the Applegrove sign was awaiting delivery to the depot. The directional signs were waiting for stronger rails.

1. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllr. Twitchett reported that the environmental impact assessment for the following application had been passed:

**Pendragon**

[*Reconstruction of porch to front elevation, demolition of rear two storey extension and construction of new 2 storey rear extension & associated alterations to dwelling house*](https://property.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RH0JYTEVGH400&activeTab=summary)

1. **GRANTS**

Cllr. Vine proposed, seconded by Cllr. James, that the Community Council sends a donation of £100 towards a Christmas Tree to the Church. All in agreement.

1. **VILLAGE MAGAZINE**

It was agreed that a reminder to be placed in the December Village News asking residents in Little Reynoldston if anyone “had a wall” they would be willing to fit a defibrillator to.

Rhossili Community Council are looking for a Clerk.

Ilston Community Council had suggested cooperative working among Gower Community Councils.

Grant towards Christmas tree.

Higher Green update.

**10.** **Cooperative working with Community Councils**

Ilston Community Council has suggested a meeting of Chairs of Gower Community Councils to discuss cooperative working. All agreed that this was a good idea and Cllr. Vine was happy to attend. A date will be set once other Community Councils have replied to the invitation.

**11. Clerk’s update**

Bank Balance stands at £23,040.84 but still holding funds for the Bus Shelter when approved

We have been warned to expect an invoice from Swansea Council for £165 for Community/Town Council elections recharges even though we did not have a contested election!

David Deer the Special Events Manager of the Swansea Ironman is holding a “Teams” meeting on the 16th November at 4pm

The Clerk has recently received the recommended pay structure for 2022/2023 for Clerks. He was hoping to discuss with the Chair and Cllr. Clements tonight but will have to rearrange as he had to give his apologies due to illness. It was agreed for the clerk to advise Dan Perrin the accountant to arrange payments based on last year’s pay structure and any alterations be carried to next pay run.

Rhosilli Community Council have in touch asking if we know anyone who might be interested in being their Clerk. I see there is a notice in the Post Office. If anyone knows of anyone?

**12. AOB**

The annual Carols on the Green is on December 19th.

**13.Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Minor Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.20

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