**REYNOLDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Held at Minor Hall, Reynoldston at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th January 2023**

**Present:**Cllrs. Vine, Bond, Twitchett, Clements, Ashelby, James, Clarke,

Clerk Paul Sizer and Internal Auditor Aimee Dyer

 **Apologies:**There were no apologies

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.

The chair had been approached with regard to cooperative working between Community Councils on Gower and a meeting had been planned for December 2022 but to date, she had heard nothing further.

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

There were no members of the public present.

1. **VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS**

The chair proposed writing a page article in the Village Magazine about the request for a defibrillator for Little Reynoldston and to locate a suitable site. She would include an invite to residents to attend the March meeting to discuss the matter and location.

The clerk is still sourcing a new cabinet for the Methodist Church as this is broken although the defibrillator is in perfect condition. The red warning lights have been lit twice recently but with the assistance of the previous clerk, the present clerk has managed to solve the issue. The clerk reported the issue to “The Circuit” but they declined to assist. One Voice Wales also could not assist with regard to purchasing of a new cabinet and have asked Phil Hill to assist. At date, no response has been received from him.

The church have requested that their defibrillator is located in the porch of their premises rather than inside. A cabinet will be sourced at the same time as the replacement at the Methodist Church is located.

All defibrillators have been recorded on “The Circuit” but there is now a request to regularly update the information after inspection of the devices. The Clerk suggested he take this role back from Cllr James as he is the listed contact for the devices. He will inspect the devices as soon as he can and report the finding back to “The Circuit”

1. **VILLAGE GREENS AND HIGHWAYS**

Cllr. Vine has chased up with the contractors to complete the work on the upper green and hopefully this will be completed in early spring.

John Alexander has been approached to repair the culverts in the village and this will be undertaken as soon as possible.

There is no news to report on the bus shelter at present but Cllr Vine will approach Richard Lewis, the local Swansea Councillor to assist with getting support and completing the work.

1. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**Little Reynoldston Farm**

[*Use of land for a camping rally for a maximum 5 units from Good Friday or 1st April (whichever is earlier) to 31st October during the 2023 season*](https://planningapps.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RMQ7EUEV00300&activeTab=summary)

This was an application for renewal of planning permission to site 5 touring caravans and not a new planning application request. The Council had no comments to make on this application

**Belvedere**

[*Demolition of an existing garage and the erection of a detached dwelling in the grounds of an existing dwelling (outline)*](https://planningapps.swansea.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RLSYVQEVI7I00&activeTab=summary)

The Council agreed this was a new application to make adjustments to the previous application. The Councillors felt there could be access issues into Applegrove and would contact Swansea Council to request being updated with any decisions or updates to this application. Cllr Twitchett agreed to make this representation.

1. **GRANTS**

Cllr. Vine proposed grants be paid to:

St Georges Church for maintenance of the graveyard for £1,000 Reynoldston Village News for £150

Air Ambulance for £500

These were seconded by Cllr Bond and agreed by all councillors.

1. **VILLAGE MAGAZINE**

Cllr Ashelby was asked to place the usual article in the Village News and to cover the defibrillator in Little Reynoldston and to signpost to the article being written by Cllr Vine. *(post meeting note, Cllr. Vine did not write the article but Cllr. Ashelby added a larger section in her Village Magazine article)*

To remind readers if they have any queries with regard to any planning applications to refer them to the council via the e-mail address

Not directly related to the Village Magazine but in keeping with social media the clerk recommended the council should make more use of the Village Facebook page to advertise the agenda for meetings themselves and any events that the council were organising. He recommended Cllr James undertake this task as she is used to working with social media etc. It was agreed by all this would be an excellent idea and Cllr James agreed to the role.

**10. Clerk’s update**

Bank Balance stands at £27042 however several accounts require settling.

The clerk had still not received the report from the audit office and would chase this up again.

He has now received notification from the new Payroll accountant regarding the salaries and this would be paid immediately.

The Clerk noticed that the pay structure was incorrect and was being paid at the 2020 rate rather than the 2022 scales. It was agreed to make an adjustment in the March salary payment.

It was also noticed that the previous clerk had been slightly underpaid for his last year in tenure. It was agreed to adjust for this in the current clerk’s salary in March and he would give this to the previous clerk. The correct tax would be deducted as both clerks are on the same tax scales. The Internal Auditor approved this suggestion.

**11. AOB**

Both Cllrs Vine and Bond notified the council they planned to step down

 from their roles with effect from the next meeting. Cllr Vine agreed to act

 as chair for the May meeting until a new chair has been agreed.

**12.Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Minor Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.45

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