St Florence Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14th February 2022

St Florence Village Hall – 7.30pm-9pm

Those present: Sian Hughes (Chair), Rachel Ruff (Clerk), Cllr P Kidney, Cllr Del Evans, Louise Cross, Jeff Evans,

Margaret Littler, Andrew Miles

1.Apologies: Robert Davies

In attendance: Rachel Ruff (Clerk and minute taker).

Public Participation: None

No.	Detail	Action
2	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
3	Signing of Minutes from Previous Meeting:	
	December 2021 Minutes were signed off with no changes. No meeting in January 2022.	
4	Matters Arising:	
	 4.1 Common Land Update from Chair – The chair updated the situation from December meeting reporting churned up land from vehicles parking and turning; access is very tight by the clapper bridge. More houses have been applied for with Planning but turned down, an appeal was made by builders but turned down again. The community council will continue to monitor the situation and progress. 4.2 Budget 2022 – The budget was discussed by the Councillors for 2022, it was felt that provision for tractor/playing field machinery was needed, £900 was agreed. 4.3 Quote from CentreGreat Ltd, Car Park Lights – The quote was received and discussed, all members voted in favour of work being carried out. The second homes tax grant will need to be applied for to fund the work. Chairperson to complete forms. 	
	4.4 Audit 20/21 completed – Notes from Audit Wales – The Clerk read out the notes from the Audit Manager, Deryck Evans to all members, everyone agreed they were happy with the findings. The Audit is available for members of the public to view on the Community Council Website.	
	4.5 Email Correspondence Ivan Grainger – this matter was discussed by the council members; the Chair will reply back to Mr Grainger's email.	

5 Village Hall Matters:

- **5.1 Quote for removing the remaining Leylandii** Clay Park Farm have asked for the steel frame (cricket pitch) to be removed when they cut the trees down. Jeff Evans said that was possible. The Clerk to get back to them and get the final price for work before going ahead.
- **5.2 Defibrillator Village Hall Football Club –** Email received from football club asking permission to put a defib machine on the wall outside the Village Hall, the club would pay for the machine. All members agreed this was a good idea.
- **5.3 Two Trees In memory of Michael Charles and Des Hughes –** Two memorial trees have been requested for the Village. Members discussed and agreed that two ornamental trees no bigger than 15ft max could be placed as memorial trees, the land at the Village Hall was suggested to plant them. The Chair will get back to the requesters with this information.

5.4 Any Other Business -

Playing Fields and Tractor – Tyre repair has now been carried out by Tenby Tyres.

The current finishing mower won't cut the grass around the edges of the field because it is too long. Another cutter for long grass is needed. Jeff Evans has sourced a reconditioned one for £400, if this is purchased the long grass cutting wouldn't need to be outsourced and so cheaper done in-house. All members agreed in favour of purchasing the new grass cutter. Jeff Evans will pursue this.

The goal mouth areas are bare of grass, new turf is needed to replenish the areas. The new turfing can be done at the end of this season. Council to buy turf. To be put on agenda again towards the end of the year after football season has finished.

Long Course Weekend 2022 – It has been confirmed that the Long Course weekend will go ahead this year after two years of cancellations due to Covid. The dates this year will be $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$ July 2022.

Queens Platinum Jubilee – The Council Members agreed they are very happy for WI to have free use of the hall and playing fields for any planning and celebrations to take place for the Jubilee this year. Chair will email Chair of the WI and let her know.

6 Local Planning St Florence:

Hall House have re-applied for planning permission – no information has been given to the Community Council – Cllr Kidney will chase this matter with PCC and forward any documents pertaining to this to the Clerk for circulation to other members.

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7 **Accounts & Finances:** 7.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 1s January 2022 was presented and signed off by nonsignatory member. 7.2 Invoices were passed for payment. 8 **County Councillors Monthly Report:** Cllr Kidney reported for this month: 1.Ridgeway View – the kerb dropping work will be carried on the 3rd week of February. 2. 2nd homes are high on the agenda for PCC as to what to do about the situation in the Pembrokeshire area. The Council Tax premiums are up to 100% so no more can be done there, its posing a real dilemma to the County Council. Currently it's been discussed whether something can be implemented at planning stage to help with this problem, but most feel that won't fix the existing problem, talks continue. 3. Audit report regarding the large pay off to the Chief Executive has been deemed 'illegal' now the council must decide what to do; 3 options available - Claim back, leave as it or alter budgets, the decision was made by PCC execs to leave as is. 4. Member Louise Cross asked Cllr Kidney to look into the large pothole in the road at the entrance to Parklands; something needs to be done about it. Cllr Kidney said he would speak to Highways about it. 5. 9% increase on budget reported – still pushing for 5% increase on Council Tax. Meeting closed at 9pm, next meeting Monday 14th March @ 7.30pm