## **St Florence Community Council**

### Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022

St Florence Village Hall - 7.30pm-9pm

**Those present**: Rachel Ruff (Clerk), Robert Davies, Louise Cross, Jeff Evans, Margaret Littler,

Andrew Miles, Cllr Phil Kidney

**1.Apologies :** Cllr Sian Hughes, Cllr Del Evans

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:	
	February 2022 Minutes were signed off with no changes.	
4	Matters Arising:	
	<b>4.1 Chat Bench for Village –</b> The Chairman has applied to PCC for a 'Chat Bench' to be placed in the village, this is a free of charge bench under a community service project with PCC.	
	<b>4.2 Mr Miller, Dove Cottage</b> – Correspondence between PCC and Chair have taken place about two fir trees at Dove Cottage. It has been agreed by Council Officer that the fir trees can be thinned out, they overshadowing the property. The trees are young and show no danger to the public.	
	<b>4.3 Email Jack Beynon</b> – email refers back to previous meeting with regards to purchase of defibrillator by football club to keep at the Village Hall. Jack has confirmed that the football club have now been issued with a portable defib machine; they carry this with them to every game. So, a permanent one at the Village Hall is no longer necessary.	
	<b>4.4 Community Nominations for Local Elections 2022 –</b> Paperwork has been received by the Clerk for local elections. A notice has been added to the website for the public if anyone wishes to stand to be a Councillor.	

#### 5 Village Hall Matters:

- **5.1 Tree's Common Land –** Chairperson not at meeting to give an update on situation.
- **5.2 Topper Update Jeff Evans –** Jeff confirmed the topper for the playing fields has been received and is in the garage; this will be used on the playing fields very soon when the growing season is back in April Mid Spring.
- **5.3 Three remaining Leylandii Playing Fields –** It has been agreed to the 3 remaining trees will be removed by Clay Park Trees, this job will commence around the beginning of May after nesting season.

#### 5.4 Any Other Business -

- Diesel leak on the tractor in the garage still to sort Jeff Evans is dealing with this. Dan Williams to do the job.
- A quote for floodlights on the playing fields has been obtaining for possible training sessions. The quote for floodlights for half the pitch would £22,000. The council all agreed that it wouldn't be a good idea to have flood lights not only due to the cost but also damage to the pitch this would cause.
- A member of the public approached Robert Davies with regards to the possibility of offering the Village Hall out to Ukraine refugees. The council discussed this matter at length and a decision was reached and voted on all in favour to offer the Village Hall to the PCC for them to use as they see fit with the Ukraine situation. Cllr Kidney gave feedback that PCC discussed using a village hall as a possible 'Hwb' for any refugees that may come to Pembrokeshire to use for any help or assistance during their stay.
- Bins in the village were discussed some bins have been removed from the village recently. A survey was undertaken regarding the number of residents and the amount of waste bins required; the result was that St Florence had to many. Dog waste is a problem, Cllr Kidney said he would speak with John Sutton from PCC and ask about St Florence having some yellow dog waste bins specifically for that purpose.
- A number of requests have been received over recent months for memorial trees to be placed in the village – the council have asked if anyone would like them to consider a memorial tree placement, please submit a google earth map of the location with an 'x' marking where the family would like the tree; the council will then consider and reply.

#### 6 Local Planning St Florence:

Objection received from local resident regarding the planning put forward on proposed new dwelling Causeway Annexe 21/1081/PA – The council were asked for their support in this matter by resident – Cllr Kidney will look into planning application and come back to the Chair on the matter.

# 7 **Accounts & Finances:** 7.1 Bank Reconciliation as at 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 was presented and signed off by non-signatory member. 7.2 Invoices were passed for payment. 8 **County Councillors Monthly Report:** Cllr Kidney reported for this month: 1. The specialist learning centre planning for Greenhill School was voted in 86% in favour by PCC. This is a learning centre dedicated to children with specialised learning needs. The staff to man this unit will be additional to Greenhill School existing teaching staff and not supplemented by them. 2. Cllr Kidney has been back in touch with Mr Grainger from Ivy Cottages, correspondence from last month. No planning has been received with regards to the 5 parking spaces placed in front of his property at Ivy Towers. Planning Officers have said that is likely the retrospective planning will need to be put in for 3. Permission has been received for Quarry Cottages to thin out the trees, they do have TPO's on the trees but permission has been given to thin. 4. PPC are asking for support for young people coming out of care/foster homes, the initiative is called 'supported lodging' Cllr Kidney will email some more details to the Clerk for inclusion on the website. 5.

Meeting closed at 9pm, next meeting Monday 11th April

2022 @ 7.30pm Village Hall