

**St Florence Community Council**

**Ordinary Meeting**

**Held at the Village Hall, St Florence**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Attendees: Councillors S Hughes (Chair), D Evans, Cllr P Kidney, R Ruff (Clerk), Robert Davies, Andrew Miles, Jeff Evans, Margaret Littler, Louise Cross**

**Public Participation:** None

- 1. Apologies:** Hugh Morgan
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None declared
- 3. Signing of previous Minutes of last meeting 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019:** Minutes approved by Council, signed by Chair.
- 4. Matters Arising (for information only)**

4.1 Lighting Village Hall -The internal lights for the village hall have been surveyed and given to a lighting expert, this was determined at 6 lights @ 7000 lumens of light, guaranteed for 30 years. The council discussed the lighting plan at it was unanimously agreed that rows of lights with dimmer switches would be the best option for the main hall. The cost will be approximately £1300. The cost for the lighting was added to the 2020 budget. The work will be put into action over the next month or so. The outside car park lights, that are currently still not working, have been looked at by Rob Morgan Electrics, a cherry picker and driver is required to do the work. Chair and Booking Clerk are sorting.

4.2 Rubbish Clearance Village Hall – The removal of the rubbish from the village hall has been highlighted in a recent Fire Risk Assessment report as being a hazard. It was agreed that members of the Council will meet on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the village hall to empty all the rubbish from the garage. A skip will be hired if necessary.

4.3 Electrical Hard Wiring and PAT Test report – The Clerk will chase up Rob Morgan electrics re progressing these two reports for the Village Hall Risk Register.

4.4 Budget 2020 -The Clerk and the Chairman met before the monthly meeting this evening, to set the budget for St Florence Community Council for 2020. The Clerk went through each line item of the budget during the main monthly meeting with the Councillors, there were no objections. The Precept was set at £22,318 for this year, the value will be sent over to Pembrokeshire County Council by the Clerk. The value of the Precept has increased from 2019, this is to cover capital projects: Website £900, Village Hall Lighting £2000, Fire RA £300, Hard Wiring £500, Tree removal £350, Clerk Pay Rise £1460 increase pa, plus sundry increase on hall utilities to cover inflation costs.

Additional items to the agenda:

Wi – Christine Harries head of WI has spoken to the Council with regards to a tree planting initiative they are running. St Florence have been asked if a tree can be planted

on the common land by the Ford. PCC would need to be contacted with regards to this matter, Cllr Kidney said he would speak with Christine and advise her.

Hall Kitchen Cleanliness – Its been noted that the kitchen in the Village Hall needs a deep clean. The Clerk will contact a lady she knows and ask her to carry out the job. £10 an hour was agreed for the work.

**5. Village Hall and Village Hall Matters – To receive and consider the following:**

5.1 Play Park Update Rob Davies – Rob extended the excellent news to the Council that we have been awarded a Comic Relief Grant, to the value of £9451.08, everyone agreed that this was indeed good news. The Swede Roll event was a great success at the end of December, this raised £1389.17. Also a Just Giving page raised £150. The grant value, the Swede Roll and the Just Giving event will be added to the overall play park fund, which will now stands at £15,383.77.

The next grant which will be applied for is ‘The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant’ this is for £13,000 and needs to be submitted by 27<sup>th</sup> January. Further events are planned for the spring/summer a Fashion Show, Summer Fete and St Florence Soap Box Race, all proceeds to the Play Park Fund. More details will follow.

5.2 Website Community Council – The Website for the St Florence Community is now nearing completion; the councillors were asked for their feedback on the website. Target for completion and website to go live February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**6. Accounts and Finances**

6.1 Bank Reconciliations as at 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 – These were presented to be signed off.

6.2 Checking of Bank Reconciliations by non-signatory member – Mrs Louise Cross checked

and signed off reconciliations.

6.3 Invoices were passed for payment

**7. Items for February 2020 meeting** None submitted

**8. County Councillors Report**

Cllr Kidney reported on:

[?] Some dates were given to the Council for a visit by Claire Sweeney; Traffic Officer. She will visit the Village to assess the traffic problems. 28<sup>th</sup> January at 10am was agreed: Cllr Kidney, Jeff Evans, Robert Davies and Peter LePetit will meet with Claire.

[?] An email was received from Rob Evans of Highways with regards to the Bridleway in St Florence, it read: Hi Phil, we have checked the path and the observations are below.

As far as we can establish there is some minor work needed where the stream banks have collapsed but generally it is “fit for purpose” as a Bridleway, Regards Rob.

[?] The Director of Education for Wales has resigned from his post. Currently the number two is standing in until a new Minister is found.

The Budget for Pembrokeshire is not expected to rise above 3%.

Meeting Closed 9.30pm. Next Meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 @ 7.30pm