

**St Florence Community Council**

**Ordinary Meeting**

**Zoom Meeting**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm**

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

**Public Participation: None**

- 1. Apologies:** Hugh Morgan, Del Evans
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None declared
- 3. Signing of previous Minutes from last meeting:** None signed as Zoom meeting, due to Covid 19 - Jeff Evans raised his concerns about the fact that the proposed new village hall lights have still not been finalised. He was informed by the Chair there has been problems trying to get an Electrician to the hall for advice. Cllr Kidney suggested Peter Brace, he will forward his number to Robert, who has kindly agreed to meet him at the hall. Matter to stay on Agenda for December.

**4. Matters Arising (for information only)**

4.1 Re-opening of the Village Hall – It was agreed by all council members that the Village Hall will remain closed for gatherings for the time being, this will be reviewed at the next meeting in December.

4.2 Common Land, St Florence – It is recognised that there is parking on the common land down at the Ford which is causing damage to the grass. Some residents have asked PCC for bollards to put in the area to stop parking, PCC's Jim Dunkley isn't happy about bollards but he has said that if the problem continues with the parking, they will send out an Enforcement Officer to try to stop it. It seems that the contractors working at the Ashgrove development are using the area to park, Dunkley said he will call out to the development and speak with the contractors about parking in the area. This matter will stay under review with the Community Council.

4.3 Field Fencing Update – Jeff Evans – Jeff, Margaret Littler and Andrew Miles met with Dai Rees Fencing Contractors, it was agreed that a gate wasn't necessary at the end of the fence near the village hall, also one continuous height fence of 1.8metre all the way along would suffice. Quote was received of approximately £5000 to proceed (remaining Covid 19 grant will be used to fund work). All council members voted in favour of work being done by Dai Rees, Clerk to email to confirm acceptance of quote, Jeff Evans as Contact.

4.4 Email – Sean Tilling, Countryside Officer – Since the agenda was prepared, the owners of Oak House has decided against having the tree cut down at their property. So no further discussion was needed on the matter.

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

5.1 Goal Posts update – Finishing Mower update – Tallis Amos has confirmed that the finishing mower will arrive in their Narberth depot on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. The ground works for the goals to be erected is complete, football club to erect the posts into place.

5.2 Any other Business – Play Park - Robert Davies reported that he has a revised scheme for the play park. The initial scheme was for £50,000. The contractors providing the park quote have removed a couple of items (roundabout and basket swing) and have come up with a revised scheme value of £30,000. With the funds already raised and the Pembrokeshire County Council Grant, there is enough funds available now to go for the £30,000 scheme. All the Councillors agreed this was good idea. Robert will continue talks with contractors with regards to payment etc before works get underway. It is hoped the new park will be in place by March 2021.

Skate Park - Robert also approached the Council members with regards to a possible skate park at the playing fields in St Florence, quite a lot of residents are asking for something for the older children to do. The Council agreed for Robert to make initial enquiries with PCC planning. This matter will stay under review.

Traffic Calming St Florence School – The Headteacher has voiced concerns about the traffic around the school, especially now the Covid one-way system is in place. Cllr Kidney has said he will call at the School and speak with her.

The school are also looking for new Governors, there has recently been two Governors that have left. If anyone from the Community is interested, please call the School.

## **6. Accounts and Finances**

6.1 Bank Reconciliations as at 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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

## **County Councillors Report**

Cllr Kidney reported on:

- Frustration has been voiced with regards to the lack of commitment from PCC about traffic calming in the village. A new Highways Officer has been appointed after the retirement of Ben Blake. Steve Bengner is now in office. Cllr Kidney has spoken to him about his frustration; trying to get the 20mph speed limited from Greenhayes to Grove Court. Mr Bengner will meet Cllr Kidney in St Florence; where he will be asked to go to the Primary School and look at the problems there too.
- Penally Camp – PCC have been told by the local MP that there was nothing he could do about the Asylum Seekers using Penally Camp. This was a decision that was made by the Home Office.
- PCC Budget is usually set in early December for the coming year, it has been delayed this year due to Covid 19. The budget will now be released in the New Year. County Councillors were told to expect more hardships.

Meeting Closed 9pm. Next Meeting back at Hall Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 @ 7.30pm