

<b>St Florence Community Council</b>		
<b>Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>		
<b>St Florence Village Hall – 7.30pm – 9pm</b>		
<p><b>Those present:</b> Sian Hughes (Chair), Rachel Ruff (Clerk), Phillip Kidney (County Councillor), Del Evans (Councillor), Robert Davies, Margaret Littler</p> <p><b>1.Apologies :</b> Jeff Evans, Louise Cross, Hugh Morgan, Andrew Miles</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Rachel Ruff (Clerk and minute taker).</p>		
No.	Detail	Action
2	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None</p>	
3	<p><b>Signing of Minutes from Previous Meeting:</b></p> <p>There was no meeting in January 2021. December Minutes were signed off by the Chairperson – Sian Hughes</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Budget 2021</b> – The budget was presented to the members discussing details on the budget decrease from 2020 showing a saving of £2000 from the previous year. Projects for this year included: continued improvement of the village hall carpark, renewal of external and internal lighting, Leylandii removal, new safety inspections put in place for new play park.</p> <p><b>4.2 Play Park Service Level Agreements</b> – David Astins and his team from PCC will be carrying out safety inspections on the new play park from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 these inspections will be carried out fortnightly with a detailed inspection every 3 months. They will report any defects directly back to the Community Council where a risk grading will be used for repair or maintenance.</p> <p><b>4.3 Broadband to St Florence/Gumfeston area</b> – Adrian Johns is leading a campaign to try and get residents to sign up to lobby improvement of the broadband to the local area. Residents are asked to add their names to the petition.</p> <p><b>4.4 Ashgrove Development, email Blair Webber</b> – Sian Hughes met with developer Jamie Holder with regards to damage to grass verges by contract vehicles to site. He assured her that the roads are being put down as quickly as possible at the new site, contractors have been asked to be considerate to the verges etc when parking.</p> <p><b>4.5 Hall Cleaner Resignation</b> – Sadly due to health reasons the cleaner for the hall has handed in her resignation. The members agreed that we will wait for the current Covid situation to lift before employing a new cleaner for the hall, as it currently not being used.</p>	<p>Clerk to send details to M.Littler who will put on Community FB page</p>
5	<p><b>Village Hall Matters:</b></p>	

	<p><b>5.1 Update – Hall lights and Play Park Robert Davies</b> – New lights for the hall will be delivered to Roberts home address by 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February. Electrician set to do the new lights (Rob to ask him to look at light sensors at the hall also as currently not working properly)</p> <p>Plans for the play park are progressing well. The first £13,000 has been paid to Wicksteed. The first weekend after Easter Phase one of the play park will begin. Members of the Community Council will remove old play equipment before that date and dispose of it. The base will be left down for new play park.</p> <p>Another application for a grant has been submitted to PAVS LNG fund, this would be for a further £5000 if successful to go towards the play park phase 2.</p> <p><b>5.2 VAT Re-Claim</b> – VAT re-claim has been submitted to Customs &amp; Excise by the Clerk for play park Wicksteed, new Goals Broxap, Fencing David Rees.</p>	
<p><b>5.3</b></p>	<p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <p>*Joanne Griffiths a resident from St Florence cut down two trees by the ford in front of her house, she thought they belonged to her, but in true fact were on the common land so should not have been cut down. Jim Dunkley from PCC attending site again to meet the Chairperson. He has stressed that the residents along the ford bank must <b>not</b> use this common land area as an extension to their gardens. Joanne Griffiths will replant two new trees to replace the ones she had cut down.</p> <p>*Blair Webber has asked the council to consider putting wooden posts along the grass verge by the ford to stop people parking. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints the Community Council are unable to help with the request for wooden posts.</p> <p>*It is noted that there is an upsetting amount of dog mess leading from Parsons Green down towards the shop in the village. Residents are encouraged to take photos of anyone <b>not</b> picking up after their dog and send them to the community council Clerk or Chairperson where the matter will be dealt with.</p> <p>*A kind donation was received via Carol Grant from RWE Generation UK of £250 to put towards the new play park.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Accounts &amp; Finances:</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> Bank Reconciliation as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 was presented and signed off by non-signatory member.</p> <p><b>6.2</b> Invoices were passed for payment: Meg Stroud holiday pay. Rachel Ruff postage costs.</p>	

<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>County Councillors Monthly Report:</b></p> <p>Cllr Kidney reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water leaking onto the pavement at the end of Fiddlers Lane – PCC inspected, blocked drain was causing excess water, drain was cleared.</li><li>• Gumfreston Floods – unfortunately, nothing can be done at the current time about the floods in Gumfreston, there is no funding available by PCC.</li><li>• St Florence School 20 mph speed limits – matter has not been forgotten, waiting for PCC Kirsty from Highways to get back.</li><li>• Budget setting time for Pembrokeshire County Council, they are pushing for 5% increase, but more than likely it will be 3% this is to be confirmed.</li></ul> <p><b>Meeting closed at 9pm, next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm Village Hall</b></p>	
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