

## ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the monthly meeting held online via the Zoom videoconferencing platform, on Tuesday 7th May 2024

**Present:** C’llrs Caroline Haley (Chairman), James Milne, Gery Rostan, Jill Gibson, Stu Gray, Jackie Prest, County Cllr Danny Young; Peter Horton (Clerk).

**Apologies:** None.

#### Declarations of known interest

None.

#### Approval of the minutes of the April 2024 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and held by the Clerk for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C’llr Stu Gray, seconder C’llr Jackie Prest).

#### Opportunity for public representation on tabled agenda items

There were no members of the public present who wished to comment.

#### Matters arising

**Monthly defibrillator checks.** C’llr Jackie Prest had checked both defibrillators, and all was in order.

**Grit bin.** The grit bin had been installed (and filled) at The Beacon, and Members were very content with it.

**Benches opposite The Huntsman.** Tom Greenwood had sent a message to indicate that he hoped to complete the necessary repair work within the next few weeks.

**Watery Lane.** C’llr Jackie Prest was concerned about the condition of the lane, with concrete edges broken away, and porous / fragmented surface and potholes creating hazardous conditions for motorists and pedestrians alike. Clerk to send a message to P.C.C. to ask what they considered their duty of care to be, and to highlight the perceived danger to pedestrians and motorists. C’llr Danny Young also undertook to also make an approach to P.C.C. officers about the matter.

**Reminding the community about ways to keep updated with news from Community Council.** Information on methods of contacting the community council and obtaining details on community council activities had been posted in the community council noticeboards, and also on the community council and Friends of Rosemarket Facebook pages.

**Resident concerns around Pavement parking.** A response from P.C.S.O. Adam Thomas was read out. This was noted, and members recognised the limited possibilities for improving the situation. Members undertook to monitor the situation on an ongoing basis.

**Flooding, Bastleford Road.** C’llr Stu Gray commented on recent incidences of flooding around Bastleford Road. However, C’llr Danny Young commented that this was due, not to blockages, etc., in the drainage system, but simply due to the excessive rainfall experienced recently.

#### Planning matters

##### **Planning application consultations**

**23/1128/PA** - Demolish side porch and replace with single storey lobby/W.C. extension

Site Address: 15, St Leonards Park, ROSEMARKET, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1JS -  
No comments.

**24/0006/PA** - Three dwellings; Site Address: Cheriton, Front Street, ROSEMARKET, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1JT - Members all shared concerns about the proposals, and after discussing in detail, resolved to oppose the application (proposer C’llr Jackie Prest, seconder C’llr

Stu Gray). Clerk to draft a consultation response accordingly, citing the following areas of concern :

- overdevelopment of site, with three additional properties being considered too many for the site, and out of keeping with the surrounding area;
- Concerns over highway safety of proposed access arrangements;
- Potential for amenity issues, including overbearing effect and privacy concerns for neighbouring properties;
- Concerns over possible overloading of sewage disposal system;
- Concerns over possible adverse effects due to surface water runoff.

Draft to be circulated to Members prior to being sent in, for review and comment.

### **Correspondence**

- 1) Adam Thomas, P.C.S.O. - Advice on pavement parking - dealt with in 'Matters Arising' above.
- 2) Treeworks - Confirmation of scheduling of tree inspection - noted.
- 3) Neil McCarthy, P.C.C. - Confirmation of willingness to replace football nets damaged by their grass cutting contractors - Clerk to contact P.C.C. to inform them that the community council would prefer to make their own arrangements for the replacement of the football nets, and issue an invoice for this once complete (proposer C'lr Caroline Haley, seconder C'lr Stu Gray). C'lr Caroline Haley to place a post on the Facebook page to draw attention to the fact that the cost of the net replacement would be covered by the contractor who had caused the damage, and would not incur any cost to the community council.
- 4) P.C.C. - Confirmation of agreement to grit bin provision at The Beacon - noted.
- 5) Infinity Play - Further quotation for work at The Beacon Playpark - dealt with in agenda item below.
- 6) Infinity Play - Operational inspection report for playpark - dealt with in agenda item below.

### **Accounts**

#### **Payments**

Clerk (reimbursement for defibrillator batteries) : £ 24-94

Jackie Prest (Member / consumables allowance for 2024/25) : £208-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'lr Caroline Haley, seconder C'lr James Milne).

#### **Internal audit.**

Members were informed that the internal audit of the 2023/24 accounts had been completed. The formal report was awaited.

### **Discussion of possible arrangements for pedestrian shelter provision at top end of Village**

A written quotation was currently awaited from Tom Greenwood. In the meantime, Clerk to commence enquiries into possibilities for grant assistance towards the project.

### **Any necessary discussion of The Beacon / Village Amenity**

**Maintenance work to play equipment.** It was recognised that the continued safety of equipment was an important priority, and that it was desirable to ensure that the play equipment achieves and retains a good state of repair in time for the summer. Members approved the quotation ref. SQ-120 from Infinity Play (proposer C'lr Caroline Haley, seconder C'lr Stu Gray). Clerk to inform Infinity Play accordingly, with a request for all safety-related work to be put in hand as soon as possible. Regarding the general subject of costs involved in repair and maintenance of the playpark, C'lr Jill Gibson raised the possibility of community fund-raising to help with this. Other Members agreed with the idea in principle, though recognised that in practice could be challenging as it would be dependent on members of the community volunteering to get involved. The involvement of the

Youth Advocate was mentioned as a possibility.

**Control of dogs in playpark area.** Following concerns from several residents regarding off-lead dogs in and around the playpark area, it was agreed to look into the possibilities / implications of fencing off the area immediately surrounding the play equipment, though no formal view was taken on this option. The possible use of signage was also briefly mentioned. In addition, Members undertook to carry out some enquiries in the wider community, to ascertain more views on the subject. In addition, Clerk to seek advice from P.C.C. on the matter of byelaws, and their possible application in such situations.

**Basketball hoop.** The Clerk passed on a verbal comment that had been made by Infinity Play, concerning the possible use of rubber mulch as a playing surface around the basketball hoop base, as this had been encountered by them during inspections on another playpark in the County. Clerk to ask Infinity Play for details of the playpark location where rubber mulch had been used as a surfacing around the base of the basketball hoop, and for any comments on the suitability of this material for bouncing basketballs.

**Quarterly operational inspection report of playpark.** Nothing new reported.

**Electrical cable in Village Amenity / playpark.** The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the owner as requested, requiring the removal of the cable. Members were uncertain whether or not this had been actioned since the removal deadline provided had now passed and undertook to check when next in the area.

**Grass cutting on Lower Beacon.** Members were agreed that this should again be carried out in advance of the school summer holidays. However, there was concern over the possibility that the newly-planted trees in the middle of the field could inadvertently be mowed down. C'lr Danny Young undertook to prioritise the placing of the tree guards, which would make the trees more visible. C'llrs Caroline Haley and Gery Rostan offered to assist with this. Matter of grass-cutting of Lower Beacon to be further discussed in June. C'lr Jill Gibson mentioned the importance of fully considering environmental aspects when deciding on such matters, and ensuring that clear policies were in place.

**Dead Oak trees, Lower Beacon.** Members were agreed that these should be removed. C'llrs Gery Rostan, Caroline Haley and Danny Young, undertook to look in detail at what would be needed to do this.

**Unauthorised access to playpark from adjacent field.** C'lr Jill Gibson mentioned that an unauthorised access had been formed, with potential safety issues. However, C'lr Jackie Prest mentioned that this had been blocked off by the neighbouring farmer recently, thus solving the problem for the time being.

### **Discussion of future website provision for community council**

Members were inclined to pursue the free Google-hosted option, with the Clerk to advise further once he had attended the P.C.C. training on offer. C'lr Stu Gray enquired as to whether or not any such site would be subject to advertising. The Clerk undertook to enquire about this aspect when going through the training.

### **Any other business**

There was no other business to report this month.

**Next meeting.** Monday June 3rd, 2024 at 7pm,

The meeting concluded at 8-55pm.