

ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on
Monday 3rd April, 2017

Present: Cllrs Barbara Summons, M.B.E., Steve Davies (Chairman), Rhys Jones, Colin Evans Jill Gibson; Peter Horton (Clerk); County Councillor Rob Summons

Apologies : None

Declarations of interest

There were none.

Discussion of dog-fouling problem in Village

Members welcomed the P.C.C. Dog Wardens Sally Bland and Ruth Edwards to the meeting, and also Community Police Officers Leanne Nicholls and Terri Harrison.

C’llr Steve Davies asked for an update on the situation regarding patrols in the Village. Sally Bland mentioned that there had been no calls made to them reporting problems, so there had not been any increased patrols. Signage had been put up around the Village as previously arranged. Ruth Edwards mentioned that, in their view, based on the calls received, the problem was not so bad in Rosemarket as in some other areas. Their patrols were currently around once a week. They said that it would need more complaint calls coming in to justify any increase in frequency of patrols. They asked if there were any areas of particular concern apart from the Beacon. The Beacon was confirmed by Members as the area of main concern. C’llr Jill Gibson asked about whether it might be effective as a deterrent to put flags on contaminated areas. The wardens felt that this would not make any difference, because if people are willing to let their dogs foul a children’s play area, they would probably not be influenced by any such measures. Regarding disposal of dog waste, they mentioned that any litter bins bin can be used, since they are all lined nowadays. The asked Members to be aware of encouraging people to ring in with any specific information, as this could prompt meaningful action. In general, Members acknowledged that the main problem had now been resolved, with the issue over one particular dog having been dealt with. The cycle path by ‘Top Crossing’ was cited as another problem area, due to lack of a bin for disposal of dog waste. The wardens mentioned that there are a fixed number of bins allocated for each community area. If the current bin locations are not ideal, they can be moved, but extra ones would not be provided. Other measures that were mentioned as possibilities to help further reduce the problem were more additional signage, and the Community Dog Watch scheme, which had been used to good effect in some other communities. C’llr Rob Summons mentioned that he had not received any complaints about dog fouling in the Village, so did not think it was currently a major problem. It was arranged that the Dog Wardens would forward a poster / contact details to the Clerk for placement in the Community noticeboards.

Following the discussion, Members thanked C.S.P.O. Nicholls and Harrison, and Dog Wardens Sally Bland and Ruth Edwards for attending, after which they left the meeting.

Minutes of the March monthly meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (proposer C’llr Steve Davies, seconder C’llr Barbara Summons).

Matters Arising

Car on Beacon. Members noted that the car had been removed.

Passing places. Nothing further had been heard regarding this investigation. The Clerk understood that there may be a possible issue of non-enforceability, due to the way in which the planning consent had been formulated. Clerk to follow up again with Highways and Planning Enforcement.

Signage in Village. The Clerk had reported this matter. Members noted that nothing had yet been done. Clerk to report the matter again. C’lr Barbara Summons also mentioned a problem with mud on the road building up on either side of the carriageway at the bridge between Rosemarket and Waterless. Clerk to report this to P.C.C.

Plans

There were no plans for consideration this month.

Accounts

Standing of accounts

The Clerk presented to Members the following statement of accounts for April 2016 – March 2017:

Expenditure Summary

Clerk	:	£2023-29
H.M.R.C.	:	£541-20
Insurance	:	£251-85
Admin /misc	:	£262-62
Village maintenance	:	£611-72
Grass-cutting	:	£735-60
Donations	:	£115-00
Audit	:	£225-75
Total	:	£4767-03

Income Summary

Precept	:	£6500
VAT	:	£ 624-35
Total income	:	£7124-35
Balance carried forward to April 2016	:	£ 9505-71
Unreconciled balance carried forward to April 2017	:	£11863-03

Major precepted amounts not yet paid

Grasscutting 2016 season	:	£750-00
Village Hall Committee donation	:	£1068
Remaining balance assuming payment of these amounts	:	£10045-03

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’lr Steve Davies, seconder C’lr Barbara Summons).

Correspondence

There was no request correspondence this month.

Any necessary discussion of Village maintenance

Wall outside No. 2 Middle Street. C’lr Jill Gibson mentioned that there seemed to be definite movement in the wall. Clerk to report it again, copying in C’lr Rob. Summons for his co-ordinated approach.

Chapel grounds. Members were informed that work had been carried out to cut back growth, trees, and repair the boundary wall.

Watery Lane. C’lr Jill Gibson mentioned that there were still problems with running water on the carriageway. C’lrs Colin Evans / Rob. Summons were monitoring the situation, and would pursue any necessary action with P.C.C. such as gully cleaning, etc.

Grass-cutting, Upper Beacon. The Clerk reported to Members the results of his recent conversations with P.C.C. There were issues over the invoicing for the 2016 season, as well as uncertainties over the exact schedule for the current season. Clerk to request site meeting between P.C.C. and C’lrs Steve Davies / Rob. Summons to discuss the problems from last year, and this year’s requirements. Request to be made for this to be arranged with C’lr Steve Davies via email, with C’lr Rob. Summons copied in.

Flooding along Barn Lane. C’lr Colin Evans mentioned a problem with a road gully along Barn Lane that block up periodically. As it was not currently blocked, the matter was left for C’lr Evans to contact the Clerk in the event of any future problems, for this to be passed to P.C.C.

Discussion of quotations / proposals for Village Amenity

Two further quotations had been received – one from Ian Horsley for removal of fenceline and making good, and one from Mike Mattson, to carry out work as previously quoted, but with provision of fence round external perimeter rather than wall previously specified.

Members decided to hold in abeyance the matter of the substantive work on the Amenity, for further discussion in May. In the meantime, it was agreed that Ian Horsley be asked to carry out the work as specified, as per his quotation. (proposer C’lr Steve Davies, seconder C’lr Barbara Summons). C’lr Steve Davies to contact him regarding this. Clerk to contact Mike Mattson and Karl Sutton to inform them that matter would be discussed further in May.

Discussion of problems with old railway bridge on Neyland Road

Clerk to contact P.C.C. and Neyland Town Council regarding the condition of the bridge, which has growth coming out of it in many places, and is a cause of concern to Members.

Discussion of date for May monthly meeting / 2017 A.G.M.

Meeting date agreed as Monday 15th May.

Any other business

There was no other business.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public at the meeting this month.
The meeting concluded at 8-20pm.

Date of next meeting

Monday May 15th, 2017, 7pm.