

## ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall, Rosemarket on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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

**Apologies :** None.

### Declarations of interest

None

### Minutes of the January 2018 monthly meeting

C’llr Steve Davies was removed from the list of those present, as he had sent apologies. With that correction, the minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (proposer C’llr Barbara Summons, seconder C’llr Rhys Jones).

### Public Forum

A number of residents were present to make representations in objection to the planning application ref. 17/0948/PA (development at Woodhouse Barn, Barn Lane, Rosemarket).

At the outset of the discussion, a statement from County Councillor Rob. Summons was read to those present. C’llr Summons explained that he had declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application in County Hall, due to previous family events that had been held at the premises that was the subject of the current application. Due to this he was withdrawing from any participation in discussion on the application. Following the reading of this statement, C’llr Rob. Summons left the meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Simon and Janette Docherty, Mr. Richard Tree, Mr. Carl Llewellyn and Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Cathy Mathias addressed the meeting to raise concerns over the proposed development.

Google images were referenced showing the distances from nearby properties to the Party Barn – the existing barn was said to be 550m away, and the proposed 448m. Existing ‘unacceptable’ noise levels from what described as a de facto nightclub on Saturday nights were mentioned, which it was thought would get worse if the current application was approved. The planning history of the development site was mentioned. The original refusal in 2014 was said to have been because the development would potentially generate excessive traffic for the highway. The poor condition of the passing places was mentioned, which it was said were never properly constructed, and had not been maintained properly. Alleged regular problems from reversing traffic, and rushes of guests leaving the venue late at night, were mentioned. Those present were shown a dvd demonstrating examples of recent traffic problems. Objectors mentioned that venue was originally meant to be for small local events, but had recently been for up to 500 persons, with parking allegedly advertised for up to 400 cars. They feared the potential for unlimited events / festivals, etc. in the future if the current application was approved. The original design of the road as being for horses and carts was also mentioned, as were problems from noise and dust from passing traffic. The applicant’s support letter sent in with his application was mentioned and challenged, in which he claimed three years use ‘without complaint or nuisance’, which it was claimed was clearly not the case. An alleged history of planning breaches at the site was also mentioned with concern. Potential problems at night-time were mentioned as a result of the proposed lighting poles, with the likelihood of lights shining across the countryside. It was mentioned that the application alluded to the possible use of the barn to provide employment for the six winter months, which would fall outside their current

planning approval, and constitute a considerable increase in the level of activity. A progression towards year-round use of the site was feared. An alleged unauthorised tepee village at the site was also mentioned, which it was understood to be an unauthorised use of the land.

Other issues raised included how long an 'event' could be, questions about the sewage disposal system on the site, the nature of the access / egress, environmental impact, and potentially excessive numbers attending events.

Objectors challenged the assertion by the applicant that the barn would have superior thermal properties to the one in current use. They also mentioned the proposed increase in the size of the barn by some 75%, and had concerns over the possible future use of the enlarged building.

Some objectors referred to being unable to have their windows open in summer, due to the noise issues related to the existing development.

Following the discussion, Members thanked the public for attending the meeting to express their concerns, after which all members of the public left the meeting.

### **Matters Arising**

**Wall outside 2, Middle Street.** Nothing further had been heard from P.C.C. regarding their detailed proposals. Clerk to chase the matter up.

**Playground equipment .** Members were informed that the playground equipment was installed and in use, and that the grant cheque had been received from P.C.C.

**Recycling area.** Members noted that the area had been tidied up, but was still not acceptable, with some banks not having been emptied, and overflowing. Clerk to report to P.C.C.

**Bank by church.** The Clerk had not heard anything further from Highways. Clerk to chase up, especially with the potential for extra parking provision there.

**Defibrillator fund-raising.** C'Ilr David Hancock informed Members that he had delivered a number of letters in the Village, and others remained to be delivered. A number of donations had been received to date.

### **Plans**

#### **Applications**

**17/0948/PA (Change of use in part from agricultural hay barn to D2 leisure and assembly use of existing hay barn)**

**[Note – C'Ilr Colin Evans declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest, as a distant neighbour of the applicant. C'Ilr David Hancock declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest due to a historical road traffic incident involving a family member of his and the applicant].**

Members resolved to oppose the application (proposer C'Ilr Colin Evans, seconder C'Ilr Steve Davies). [NOTE – C'Ilr David Hancock chose to abstain from this vote].

Members resolved to lodge a request via the appropriate County Council Member for the application to be called in for consideration by the full Planning and Rights of Way Committee (proposer C'Ilr David Hancock, seconder C'Ilr Colin Evans).

Clerk to write a letter in response to the planning consultation, reflecting all the points made by the members of public who had addressed the meeting earlier on. Draft of letter to be circulated to Members for consideration prior to being submitted to County Hall.

#### **Consents**

**17/0754/PA (Retrospective Installation of a mobility scooter lift. - 10, Middle Street, ROSEMARKET, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1JP).**

## Accounts

### **Payments**

Potters Waste Management (PRIDE landfill contribution) : £103-30

### **Income**

PRIDE Grant money : £1033-00

### **Defibrillator fund**

£5 received and lodged with Clerk.

It was noted that a number of additional contributions had been lodged with C'llr Barbara Summons, and would be passed to the Clerk and recorded in the March meeting minutes.

Members approved the above items (proposer C'llr David Hancock, seconder C'llr Colin Evans).

## Correspondence

- 1) Milford Haven Town Council – Letter from Mayor of Toufflers, France, regarding members of the Barraah family who had participated in the liberation of the town of Toufflers in Northern France in the Second World War, and inviting a representative of the family to attend a commemorative event in September – Clerk to forward letter and documentation to Mr. David Barraah, who was thought to be the closest living relative. Additionally, Clerk to reply to mayor of Toufflers.
- 2) Paul Davies. A.M. – Notification of forthcoming surgery dates – Clerk to place posters in the community noticeboards.
- 3) P.C.C. – letter enclosing PRIDE grant cheque – dealt with in Accounts.
- 4) John O'Boyle – Email re. blackthorn tree on The Beacon – C'llr Jill Gibson to inspect, and contact Mr. O'Boyle further regarding the matter.
- 5) Valmai Morgan – email re. icy conditions on Village roads- Members resolved to request one grit box to be placed on the verge by the seat opposite The Huntsman, at a cost of £120 + VAT (proposer C'llr Colin Evans, seconder C'llr Jill Gibson). Matter to be placed on agenda for March, for consideration of possible requests for additional grit boxes in additional locations.
- 6) P.A.L.C. – details of proposed amalgamation with O.V.W. – Clerk to seek information on the fees for consideration in the March meeting.

## Any necessary discussion of Village maintenance

Nothing to discuss this month.

## Discussion of proposed works at the Village Amenity

Clerk to go ahead with arrangements with the chosen contractor, Karl Sutton.

## Discussion of defibrillator provision in Community

Covered in 'Matters Arising' above.

## Any other business

**Cemetery.** C'llr Barbara Summons informed Members that the old seat in the cemetery was in need of removal, as it was very dilapidated and looks an eyesore. Additionally, she commented that the bin in cemetery was overflowing.

**Westaway Park.** C'llr Barbara Summons mentioned that someone in Westaway Park was apparently dumping the ashes from their fire in the public area behind the houses. It was left for C'llr Summons to gain more detailed information about this for the March meeting.

The meeting ended at 9-25pm.

**Date of next meeting** Monday March 5th, 2018, 7pm.