

**MINUTES OF NOLTON AND ROCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT VICTORIA HALL, ROCH**

**4 February 2019**

**Members Present**

D. Smith (Chair), R. Thomson (Vice-chair), M. Canton, J. Gale, A. Peach  
Clerk - A. Jones

1465 Apologies

J. Hancock, M. Harries and Cllr. J. Adams

1466 Declaration of interest

J. Gale declared an interest with respect to the Newgale road.

1467 Minutes of the previous meeting 10 December 2018

Approved; proposed R. Thomson, seconded A. Peach.

1468 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Welcome signs improvements and traffic calming** - D. Smith showed the Councillors a study from Cambridge County Council which included pictures of fenced welcome signs and an overview of the effectiveness of these schemes with regards to traffic calming. He also noted that R. Evans at PCC had put him in touch with the traffic management and street care team. He is hoping to fix a date for when a PCC rep, M. Canton, R. Thomson and himself can meet to discuss our ideas. The head gardener for Roch Castle has also been in touch and was very helpful. D. Smith will arrange a meeting with him to discuss the details after the meeting with PCC when we know what we can do. A. Peach confirmed that the school are unlikely to want to involve the children with any speed / traffic monitoring on the main road.
  - Action: D. Smith to arrange for himself, M, Canton and R. Thomson to meet with the rep from PCC to discuss the most appropriate placements for the welcome planters and sign enhancements.
- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - A. Peach confirmed that he has completed the EOI to put forward to PCC for a trim trail at the school. There is the possibility that more quotes may need to be obtained but at this stage it is good to open discussions.
- **Children playing signs either end of Hilton Crest, Nolton** - R. Thomson confirmed that the signs have been installed.
  - Action: R. Thomson to forward invoice to the Clerk.
- **Sponsored benches Newgale and improve access** - D. Smith identified the owner of the land and is meeting with them on Newgale on Thursday 7 February 2019. He has also invited I. Meopham (our area Park Ranger from PCNPA). D. Smith also emailed I. Meopham about extending the boardwalk so that those that are less able can access both benches. He asked whether PCNPA might be willing to pay for the boardwalk with NRCC covering the benches. He has not had a reply as yet. D. Smith also confirmed that E. Williams from PCC did respond with regards to whether he had surveys of the shingle bank and a study of its stability with an access ramp in mind. E. Williams confirmed that there are already wooden ramps to the top of the bank but the seaward face is too steep and unstable for such a solution. It would

require a steel or concrete structure to withstand the conditions and E. Williams confirmed that he cannot realistically see such a structure getting planning consents or any of the other consents it would need.

- Action: D. Smith to chat with the relevant parties and ask permission re benches.
- **Newgale road developments** - J. Gale confirmed that the National Trust, local neighbours and farmers had all received a letter stating that ecological and heritage survey works would be undertaken between 4-19 February 2019 8am-5pm following the PCC cabinet meeting on 3 December where route J was identified as the preferred route. The letter also stated that landowners would be informed in advance of when these works would be carried out.
- **Nolton Haven bin** - Clerk confirmed that PCC welcomed our offer to purchase a larger bin and would be in touch with options.
- **Drain at entrance to Wood Village** - Clerk confirmed that no update from Highways had been received.
- **Councillor vacancy update** - Clerk confirmed that a notice of casual vacancy has been advertised in the community noticeboards, which requires 10 signatures to request an election. This notice expires on 5 February 2019. If no request has been received we can invite candidates to apply for co-option with a letter of introduction and CV to the Clerk. All agreed to set a deadline before the next meeting where all letters / CVs can be discussed and the position can be voted on.
- **Rat bait boxes by recycling bins** - Clerk confirmed that she had written to Ateb but that no update had been received.
- **Nolton drains** - M. Canton confirmed that there was no update.
- **Hole at Southwood** - J. Gale confirmed that this had been repaired.

#### 1469 Planning

- PCNPA:
  - Planning granted for Windy Hill, Roch application (18/0604/FUL) (30 November 2018)
  - Brandy Cottage, Newgale application (18/0628/FUL) withdrawn (10 January 2019)
  - Planning Application: variation / removal of previous application re Folkstone Farm, Nolton Haven, SA62 3NL (NP/18/0743/S73) (*documents previously emailed round as deadline prior to meeting*) - now withdrawn
- PCC:
  - Planning Proposal: Alterations and Extensions, Site Address: 9, Pilgrims Way, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AJ (*documents previously emailed round as deadline prior to meeting*) (18/0963/PA). No comments.
  - Conditionally approved: Erection of agricultural building (partially in retrospect), Site Address: Summerhill Farm, Cuffern Road, SIMPSON CROSS, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6HA (18/0862/PA)

#### 1470 Finance

- **Nolton Reading Room and Victoria Hall meeting payments** - M. Canton passed a letter to the Clerk from the treasurer of Nolton Reading Room which set out the fee for past meetings over the last 3 years at £140 and the amount now going forward @ £7 per meeting (£35 a year). All agreed that this was a fair amount. Cheque written and signed. Clerk is still awaiting for an invoice from Victoria Hall.
  - Action: Clerk to send cheque to Nolton Reading Room treasurer.
- **Precept figure for 2019/2020** - Clerk confirmed that our request had been received by PCC and has been increased in line with inflation to £6997.

1471 Correspondence

- **Safer Routes in the Community update** - Clerk confirmed that sadly Roch has been dropped from the bid and replaced by Lamphey as the number of communities that can be included in the bid is now only two with St Davids having already been submitted. The Clerk, D. Smith and J. Adams made their disappointment clear and asked for Roch to be reconsidered for the next application phase.
- **Bus shelter improvements** - Clerk noted that a number of bus shelters in the community will be repaired / painted over the coming weeks.
- **Independent Review update re Welsh Government's next steps in implementing its policy approach for the community and town council sector** - Clerk gave an overview of the next steps being considered, with the likelihood of induction training opportunities being rolled out soon.

1472 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

- Funding Wales funding search facility on Tuesday 5th February at 10.30am PAVS (D. Smith).

1473 Other items

- **Nolton Haven car park** - Clerk confirmed that she emailed all the PCC Cabinet members and PCNPA members on 17 January 2019 who will be considering the variation order re Nolton Haven car park over the next few months setting out our position with regards to keeping the car park free, with the community maintaining the car park and installing a donation box. There has been some positive feedback from a number of PCC Councillors which is encouraging.
- **Pot hole near Trapps Farm** - R. Thomson confirmed that this was fixed very promptly (within 2 days).
- **Street lights in Nolton** - R. Thomson confirmed that the lights are now back in sync.
- **Nolton sign by Hilton Crest damage** - R. Thomson raised the issue of the damaged sign and queried where it should be placed. All agreed that this issue would be discussed at the meeting with PCC re the welcome signs as above.
- **Training opportunities** - Clerk to forward on the list of training topics and dates by OVW to all Councillors and to let her know if there is anything they would like to attend. D. Smith confirmed that all training would be fully supported by NRCC.

1474 PCC report

None.

1475 AOB

- **Sharp bend signs between Roch and Southwood on A487** - J. Gale raised her concerns with regards to the two sharp bend signs which she has noticed have pointed in different directions recently which need fixing / tightening up.
  - Action: Clerk to follow up.

1476 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Next meeting: 4 March 2019, Nolton Reading Room, Nolton

Signed

Chairman