

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

**3 February 2020**

**Members Present**

A.Peach, M. Canton, J. Gale, J. Hancock, M. Harries, D. Smith  
Clerk - A. Jones

1585 Apologies

R. Thomson, D. Weale, Cllr. J. Adams

1586 Declaration of interest

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

1587 Minutes of the previous meeting 2 December 2019

Approved; proposed M. Harries, seconded D. Smith.

1588 Clerk's report on matters arising

- **Welcome signs improvements and traffic calming** - D. Smith showed the Councillors a design for the Roch signs which included a drawing of the castle and would be accompanied with gates and flowers. All agreed that the design looked great and was the right image for the village. The Castle are hopefully going to help with the planting. M. Harries proposed sending the sign drawing design to the sign unit at PCC who could cost it for us and make the sign if agreeable. The Councillors confirmed that they would like to harmonise the sign and speed restriction and extend the speed restriction westerly out past Hancocks. The Clerk told the Councillors about the Community Works Grant (CWG) which is administered by PCC and up to £10k can be applied for. All agreed that we should submit an application.
  - Action: A. Peach to draft the CWG with help from the Clerk if required.
- **Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant** - all agreed that looking into extending the play area may be the best way forward.
  - Action: M. Harries to look at additional playground options for younger and older members of the community and cost options.
- **Newgale road developments** - J. Gale confirmed that there have been cross-sectional river surveys carried out.
- **Drain at entrance to Wood Village** - no update; PCC Highways confirmed that the tarmac lip should be addressed when the team get round to checking the drain as they work through their maintenance list.
- **Nolton drains** - no update; M. Canton confirmed that the sand had been cleared from the yellow lines but not the drains.
  - Action: Clerk to ask Cllr. J. Adams to chase with PCC.
- **Nolton car park** - the Clerk received a letter from the National Park confirming that charging for car parking at Nolton Haven will begin this year. The charging season runs from 15 March to 7 November (inclusive). During this period all vehicles must display either a valid Pay and Display ticket or a pre-purchased Season Ticket. Charging hours run from 9am to 7pm.
  - The Pay and Display Charges are:

- Up to 30 minutes: £0 (no return within 4 hours)
    - Up to one hour: £1
    - Up to two hours: £2
    - Up to three hours: £3
    - Over three hours: £5
  - Season Tickets and Seven-day Tickets
 

Tickets for longer periods are available from the National Park Authority headquarters in Pembroke Dock. For more information call 01646 624800 or email [info@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk](mailto:info@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk).

    - Full Season Ticket (valid for use in any of the Nat Parks charging car parks): £70
    - Full Season Ticket (valid for use in a single nominated Nat Park car park only): £25
    - Seven-day Ticket (valid for use in any of the Nat Parks charging car parks): £30
- **Broadband issues in Nolton** - Clerk will share on Facebook that Openreach have looked into the matter and that any residents having service issues should report these to their service provider.
- **Nolton and Roch Community Land Trust** - D. Smith confirmed that there has been lots of activity with regards to the CLT. The committee received £2200 in start up money from the DTA and the bank account will soon be opened. The application to become a Community Benefits Society has been sent in and the committee are in the final stages of finalising a housing needs survey which will be available in hard copy in the community and online. The Clerk and Councillors congratulated and thanked D. Smith and the committee for all their hard work and all their progress and achievements so far.
- **Newgale boardwalk** - all agreed that we are unlikely to make any progress so this item will now be removed.
- **Overhanging trees on the road from Nolton Haven towards Nolton** - the Clerk to chase Cllr. J. Adams to follow-up with PCC.
- **Fly-tipping in layby at top of Newgale Hill** - at the previous meeting, J. Gale raised her concern with regards to the rubbish being dumped in the layby. She attempted to report it on the PCC interactive map online but it wasn't working. PCC did clear it, but there is more there now. M. Canton and others echoed the same concern over fly-tipping locally. It was confirmed that PCC are looking into this issue on a county wide scale. M. Harries recommended the site [whichbag.co.uk](http://whichbag.co.uk) for anyone who is unsure of where they should put certain waste items.
- **Repaired road by Southwood** - this has now been fixed..
- **Roch Motel junction - missing 'slow' on road** - J. Gale mentioned that the 'slow' written on both sides of the road by the junction are no longer there and need repainting.
  - Action: Clerk to chase Cllr. J. Adams to follow-up with PCC.

1589 Planning

- **PCC decision REFUSAL: Erection of 5 Residential Units of accommodation and 1 retail unit (outline with all reserved matters). Site Address: 3, Church Road, Roch, SA62 6BG (application 19/0792/PA).**
- **PCC decision CONDITIONALLY APPROVED: Alterations and extension to dwelling and construction of garage. Site Address: Dros Y Mor, 28, Grassholm Close, ROCH, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6AL (application 19/0842/PA).**

- **PCNPA proposal: variation of Condition 2 of NP/10/326, location: Folkstone Farm, Nolton Haven, SA62 3NL.** Emailed to planning sub-committee between meetings - no comments.
- **PCNPA proposal: construction of new external central heating oil tank (retrospective), location: Brandy Cottage, Wood Village, Newgale, SA62 6AR (application NP/19/0650/FUL).** Emailed to planning sub-committee between meetings - no comments.
- **PCC proposal - replacement dwelling and detached garage, site address: Rock Farm, Rock Farm, Roch, Haverfordwest, SA62 6HF (application 19/0939/PA).** *NB extension agreed with planning officer* - the Councillors carefully considered the application and all agreed to write to PCC to echo the comments contained within their previous letter dated 5 July 2019 which discussed the earlier applications for a replacement dwelling (19/0076/PA) and the storage yard (19/0237/PA). Bearing in mind the interests of all parties concerned - the immediate neighbour and all those who enjoy the rural landscape and views of Cuffern Mountain - the Councillors wished to ask whether it would be better for the new house to be sited by the current buildings, perhaps even where the storage yard is, which would be more in keeping with the local development along the road? The yard could then be sited behind the new house or behind the current sheds and farm buildings where there is a large field available (to the north of the site). The Councillors hoped that this suggestion would help to support a workable compromise allowing development that is in keeping with the character of the surrounding environment and landscape with as minimal an impact as possible for all those living nearby which the planning system is indeed designed to find.
- **BT payphone removal Nolton Haven** - the BT letter proposing removal of the payphone in Nolton Haven was circulated to Councillors between meetings and a formal letter of objection was sent to PCC on 21 January 2020. Mobile coverage is non-existent in Nolton Haven and notoriously patchy around the surrounding coast which means that the emergency services cannot be reliably called from a mobile. Furthermore, as there are times when the lifeguards are not in situ and the pub and restaurant behind the beach are closed, the payphone is currently the only way to ensure the safety of the locals and tourists who use this beach at all times throughout the year. A number of supporting comments and evidence from the Nolton Community Facebook page were also included in the objection letter.

1590 Finance

- **Precept 20/21 requested** - £7102
- **CLT banking arrangements** - £2220 received from DTA and transferred into separate CLT account which was set up shortly after confirming payment account details with DTA. Payment of £75 joining fee to National CLT Network made online from separate CLT account.

1591 Correspondence

- **PCC budget consultation 20-21 - comments due by 26 January 2020** - emailed to councillors between meetings and it was agreed to support increased spending in schools.
- **PCC LDP2 Deposit Plan consultation** - there are no sites in our community currently forming part of the new deposit plan.
- **PCNPA LDP - 2031 schedule of matters arising changes consultation** - all Councillors were encouraged by the Clerk to look at the documents online and make any comments. The lack of supportive language re sustainable developments and small scale renewable energy developments was noted and again the wording around coastal erosion and relocation needs comment to ensure that businesses and homes do not have to be relocated many miles away from the coastal community they have always known.
  - Action: Clerk to comment on the LDP on behalf of NRCC.

- **Letter re sustainable drainage systems (SuDS): proposed amendment to the Sustainable Drainage (Approval and Adoption) (Wales) Order 2018** - the Welsh Government is proposing to bring agricultural developments between 100 and 465 square metres in size under the SuDS regime so that they would have to apply for approval of the surface drainage system when these changes are implemented into law. The Welsh Government will inform the Clerk when the Amendment Order has been made.
- **Grant for Highways Developments** - discussed above re welcome signs.

1592 Meetings attended by Councillors / forthcoming meetings

1593 Other items

- **The possibility of NRCC purchasing a projector as a community resource, one that can be made available to groups more generally who meet in our village** - D. Smith asked what the Councillors thought about NRCC purchasing a projector for use by community groups. All agreed that it was a great idea and could already think of a number of groups who would be interested.
  - Action: D. Smith to look into the purchase of a screen and projector for around £1000.

1594 PCC report

None.

1595 AOB

1596 Items for the next agenda

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Next meeting: 2 March 2020 7.30pm Nolton Reading Room, Nolton

Signed

Chairman