

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Newport Road, Old St. Mellons on Thursday 17th April 2008

Present Councillor Mrs P Jenkins (Chairman)

Councillors Mr L Ackerman
Mr M Boyce
Mr C Price
Mrs G Jones
Mrs D Rees
Mr E Rees
Mrs J Rogers

In Attendance Councillor Mrs G Phillips,

1. APOLOGIES Inspector Graves

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor G Jones

3. POLICE MATTERS

PSCO's C Quick and B Davies were in attendance and PCSO Quick gave a report on the recent crime figures and confirmed that the Speedar camera was now in use around the village

The regular patrols are continuing and things appeared relatively quiet. The ongoing problems of graffiti was raised, the week of 2nd to 5th May was being used to target areas where it was worst, but any incidents should be reported to 101 to enable information to be logged and acted on.

Councillor D Rees had contacted BT / Openreach regarding graffiti on their property. Reference was also to the graffiti on the Eastern Business Park sign. PCSO Quick to speak to them. Councillor Rees also suggested the purchase of anti – graffiti kits to remove it.

Councillor D Rees also reported that one of the flower boxes on Newport Road had been emptied and that she had replanted it.

Councillor Rees suggested Councillors could take responsibility for the flower boxes and walled flowerbed.

Councillor C Price again raised the problems of scrambler bikes using Bridge Road as a thoroughfare, particularly on Sundays, and asked whether a surveillance operation could be carried out. Councillor G Jones also reported a similar situation with Mill Lane but that was throughout the week. PCSO Quick emphasised the need to report all incidents to 101 because there was a specific unit to deal with this problem.

4a. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20th March 2008.

The minutes of the Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Newport Road, Old St Mellons on Thursday 20th March 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record with the following amendment:

9. Heritage Trail: *Councillor E Rees had spoken to Mr Hambly not Councillor M Boyce*

4b.MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

To consider any matters arising there from, if any, and if not otherwise arising elsewhere on the Agenda

4.1 Heritage Trail

The Chairman reported that the dispensers for the Heritage Trail leaflets had been received. They were to be placed in the appropriate locations

4.2 Village Hall

Steel cabinets still to be removed

4.3 Welsh Audit Office

Still no confirmation received of meeting, despite several requests, with the Audit Office - Clerk to pursue

4.4 Lisvane Community Council

'A Shared Community – Relationship Building and Charters for Unitary Authorities and Community and Town Councils':

Councillor C Price attended the meeting of Cardiff Community Councils on Wednesday 16th April at The Old School, Lisvane, and reported that it was a very constructive meeting where many common core issues and areas were raised. The minutes of the meeting were being posted to all Councils. The Chairman thanked Councillor Price for attending the meeting

4.5 'Calor Village of the Year' Competition

Further information received via email – deferred for discussion at next meeting

4.6 St Mellons WI

The Chairman reported that the Village Association had been approached to share their notice board with the WI but they required all of the space. The Clerk had subsequently placed a new Notice Board for the use of the WI adjacent to the Playgroup board

4.7 Personnel Matters

Councillor M Boyce proposed and was seconded by Councillor D Rees that with respect to the review of job specifications and tenders which was minuted in the last meeting, that it be deferred for consideration by the new Council - agreed

5. LOCAL RESIDENTS

Six residents were present

Councillor M Boyce proposed the adjournment of the meeting of the Council for 15 minutes to enable residents to express their views and/or ask questions on issues within the powers, duties and functions of the Council. – Agreed

6. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was resolved that the review of the current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be considered by the new Council

7. PLANNING MATTERS

08/00816/E	Full Planning Permission	Expected Decision Level:	DEL
Received:	28/03/2008	Ward:	PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer	Mark Hancock		
Applicant:	Christopher Parks, 17 Lyncroft Close, Old St Mellons		
Agents	Saracen Management Services, CParks, 17 Lyncroft Close, Old St Mellons Cardiff,		
Proposal:	EXTENSION TO EXISTING PREMISES AND ATTACHED GRANNY FLAT, DEVELOPMENT TO BE TWO STOREY WITH INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL GROUND FLOOR DOUBLE GARAGE		
At:	17 Lyncroft Close, Old St Mellons	No Comment	

08/00689/E Full Planning Permission **Expected Decision Level:** DEL
Received: 17/03/2008 **Ward:** PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer: Martyn Rees
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hill, Highfield, Druidstone Rd, Old St Mellons
Agents: L T Architects, 86 Albany Rd, Roath, Cardiff, CF24 3RS
Proposal: CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NO DETACHED DWELLINGS
At: Land at rear of Highfield, Druidstone Rd, Old St Mellons **See copy letter Annexed**

08/00630/E Full Planning Permission **Expected Decision Level:** DEL
Received: 18/03/2008 **Ward:** PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer: Martyn Rees
Applicant: Mr J Loosemore, High Trees, Druidstone Rd, Old St Mellons
Agents: Mr A Muir, Harmers Ltd, 39 Lambourne Cres, Cardiff Business Park, Ilanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5GG
Proposal: 4 NEW DETACHED HOUSES
At: High Trees, Druidstone Rd, Old St Mellons **See copy letter Annexed**

8. FINANCE

Payee	Service or Goods	Amount	Chq No
H M Customs	PAYE (Jan – March)	426.38	627
Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance	2,222.82	628
Cardiff CC	Refuse – Village Hall	74.69	629
Mrs P Jenkins	H.T leaflet display holders / refreshments – H.T	51.29	630
Algebra	Printer cartridges	23.45	631
Mr R Kimber	Cleansing Orderly	70.20	632
W James	Cleaning Halls	125.00	633
	Grasscutting & fuel	140.00	634
	Care-taking duties + 1 let	65.00	635
	Grasscutting – St Edeyrn's	205.00	636
	Clerks Fee	262.00	
	Postage	6.12	
	Newsletter	200.00	
	Receipt book	<u>1.49</u>	
		469.61	637
Ted Hopkins	Final payment – new mower	2,376.25	638
Cardiff CC	1 months tax – Village Hall	466.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Village Hall	101.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Playing Fields	10.00	D.D.

	Current account	259.59
	Capital Reserve	21,138.05
Less	Outstanding Cheques	
Plus	Outstanding Credits	
Reconciled Bank Balance		21,397.64

Income since last meeting

Cardiff CC	Precept	20,000.00
WDP	Wayleaves – Playing Fields	33.03
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Mrs L Brodie	Playgroup – 3 weeks	330.00
Mr D Stroud	Hire of Village Hall – 4 hrs	75.00
Mr W James	PAYE repayment (Jan - March)	324.00

Hall Letting

5.04.08	Village Association – Quiz Night
8-15 .04.08	Mr D Stroud – Play Rehearsals

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 St Mellons W.I.

Letter of thanks received regarding payment for refreshments provided for Heritage Trail opening

9.2 Cardiff Council Elections 2008

Timetable of elections circulated to Councillors

9.3 One Voice Wales

Area Meeting:

Notice of next Area Meeting received, Monday 28th April – Councillor C Price to attend

National Eisteddfod, Cardiff, August 2008:

Suggestion that Community Councils could take the opportunity to promote their work at a stand in the Eisteddfod, One Voice Wales to cover costs. To be discussed at next meeting

9.4 Cardiff City Council

Pedestrian Barriers Councillor D Rees reported that the pedestrian barriers outside the 'Seaview Stores' were being removed and replaced with bollards:

Village Sign: Councillor Rees also reported that the damaged village sign on Newport Road was being replaced by the highways department:

9.5 Councillors

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank all Councillors for their support and dedicated work whilst she was Chairman. She thanked in particular Councillors L Ackerman, M Boyce, C Price and E Rees who were not seeking re-election, for their service to the Community and wished them well in their 'retirement'

Councillor M Boyce thanked the Chairman on behalf of fellow Councillors for her work in carrying out her duties particularly during the last year.