

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Newport Road, Old St. Mellons on Thursday 16 September 2010.

Present	Councillor	Mr L Phillips - Chairman
	Councillors	Mr M Briggs
		Mrs D Brown
		Mrs A Davies
		Mrs P Jenkins
		Mrs J Rogers
		Mr D Stroud
	Clerk:	Mrs C Ryan

1. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors:
Mrs D Rees – family celebrations
Mrs G Jones family celebrations

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillor D Brown – Planning at St John’s College – son attends school
Councillor D Brown – 106 Money – Beechtree Park – Lives on Beechtree Park &
Also as a resident has subsequently signed a petition for planning application at St John’s
College
Councillor A Davies – Old St Mellons V.A.
Ty’r Winch Playing Fields
St Edeyryn’s Churchyard
Village Hall – Nursery group
CCTV – playing fields

3. Community Safety & Security

Councillor Rogers had spoken to Inspector Crowley in relation to the installation of CCTV cameras at the Playing fields. It would be acceptable for the installation provided they were fixed and operated when the playing fields were shut. The Police were not in a position to match fund the project. Councillors Rogers and Jenkins will ascertain the cost of the installation. Councillor Rogers also confirmed that the recent fire at The Lodge was due to an electrical fire and not arson.

Councillor Davies stated that there had been lots of youths with dogs in the area and the issue was raised at the PACT meeting. There was also an increasing report of lewd behaviour by youths and on 2 recent occasions it was found necessary to close the park early due to inappropriate behaviour.

4. Minutes of the Meeting 15 July 2010

4. Councillor Rogers wanted it made clear that she did not have any interest in the Dell, Carillion Container or the Flats at Ty To Maen.

7. Highways & Planning

A discussion took place as to the accuracy of the wording regarding the discussion the Planning Application at St John’s College. A vote was taken and 3 agreed that the statement was correct and 2 disagreed with the wording being accurate.

13. Correspondence

A further discussion took place as to the accuracy of the minutes in relation to the heated discussion which took place. The Chairman stated that in future if any Councillor did not adhere to the Standing Orders then it would be recorded in the Minutes.

The Minutes were agreed and signed, subject to the amendments being incorporated. However, Councillors Jenkins and Rogers abstained from agreeing to the Minutes being an accurate account of the proceedings.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

14. Web site – 2 weeks and the new web site will be completely up and running. Old St Mellons Village Association has an area on the web site. The new web site will be constantly updated and changed. There is a meeting planned for next week with the Web Master and suggestions are welcome from Community Councillors and residents as to what should appear.

16. Astronomy Evening

Nothing has transpired on this; therefore the item will be removed from forthcoming agendas.

12. Key Distribution – The key locker is now sited in the Office. All Councillors to have a gate key, door key and office key for the Village hall. All Notice board keys should be returned to the Clerk as the notice boards should only be updated by the Clerk and members of the Media group. Councillor Davies confirmed that she also holds a key to the double gates and side gate at the Playing Fields.

106 Money – The Beech Tree project is still going ahead. There will be consultation with local residents and it is anticipated that the project will be an environmental one only. The Chairman will contact the Officer in charge to ascertain if the Community Council can work with them and attend joint meetings. Councillor Rogers stated that she would update the Community Council with the figures available, at the October meeting.

It will be necessary to inform Old St Mellons Village Association of the date of the start of work at the Tennis Courts.

7. Highways and Planning – Councillor Rogers had requested a copy of the plans for St John's College on 6 July and had also asked for the matter to be heard before full Planning Committee. Agreement was given on 14 September and the application will be heard on 13 October or 17 November. Councillor Rogers also stated that the trees are protected, but that if Planning permission is granted then there may be a compulsory planning order on an oak tree sited outside the caretaker's property. Local residents had been visiting the area to get a petition signed requesting the application go to Full Planning.

Councillor Rogers stated that there had been 1 objection and that most of the opposition was against the felling of the trees.

10. The Playgroup have started using the small hall, the Chairman will let Councillor Stroud know which days in order to make him aware of which days cannot be hired out for other purposes.

6 Local Residents

It was agreed to the adjournment of the Council meeting for 15 minutes to enable residents to express their views or ask questions on issues within the powers, duties and functions of the Council. Issues raised to be considered by the Council.

7. Highways and Planning

A/10/01534/DCO Full Planning Permission **Expected Decision Level:** DEL
Received: 28/06/2010 **Ward:** PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer: Justin Jones
Applicant:
Agents:
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new
At: The Cottage, Druidstone Road Old St Mellons, Cardiff

It was also agreed that the Clerk will write to Cardiff County Council re the removal of litter bins at Chapel Row and request their replacement.

8. Finance Matters and payment of Creditors

Payee	Service or Goods	Amount	Chq No
August			
<u>DD</u>			
Powergen	Electricity – Village Hall	85.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Playing Fields	10.00	D.D.
Nat West	Voucher Statement Fee	3.25	
Cardiff C Council	Rates	409.00	D.D.
<u>Cheques</u>			
R Kimber	Cleansing orderly	72.00	2906
G Lewis	Caretaker & 1 village hall lettings	40.00	2907
S Hull	Groundsman	128.00	2908
C Ryan	Clerks Fee	233.46	
	Postage	6.56	
	Rental Telephone & Broadband	18.00	
	Telephone calls	4.40	
	Equipment	15.00	
		277.42	2909
Blackwood Fire	Risk assessment for Hall	311.38	2910
Grimes Engravers	Annual awards for best gardens	38.18	2911
P Barnett	Grass cut – St Edeyrn’s – June	215.00	2912
P Barnett	Grass cut – St Edeyrn’s July	215.00	2913
Total expenditure		£ 1804.23	
September			
<u>DD</u>			
Current Account at 14 September 2010		£4601.13	
Powergen	Electricity – Village Hall	98.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Playing Fields	10.00	D.D.
Nat West	Voucher Statement Fee	3.25	
Cardiff C Council	Rates	409.00	D.D.
AJW Construction	Decorating of Village hall	2808.25	2915
Grimes Engravers	Engraving Rose Bowl	9.99	2916
P Barnett	Grass cut – St Edeyrn’s August	215.00	2917
G Lewis	Caretaker	40.00	2918
S Hull	Groundsman	166.05	2919
R Kimber	Cleansing orderly	72.00	2920

Y Lewis	Cleaner		120.00	2921
C Ryan	Clerks fee	233.46		
	Postage	6.97		
	Rental telephone & Broadband	18.00		
	Tel Calls	2.80		
	Equipment	15.00	276.23	2923
	Total expenditure		£3951.54	
	Balance		£649.59	

Capital Reserve **£16,640.79**

Income

HMPG – Memorial for Mills	165.00
Scouts, beavers etc – Annual payment	400.00
Elgar Allotments – charge for Vegetable show at Hall	20.00
Pili Pala Nursery	1200.00
Ash Memorial – Powell	50.00
P Bullen – Newsletter	50.00
Premier – Newsletter	50.00
Rumney Motor Spares	25.00
Sands hairdressing – Newsletter	15.00
B Dham – Hall Hire	30.00
T Norris – Hall Hire	30.00
R Parsons – Hall Hire	40.00
Memorial Services – Memorial D Carter	165.00
Pili Pala Nursery	600.00
Newport Memorials T Holbrook	165.00

Total income £3005.00

9. To receive reports from County Councillors Rees and Rogers

- Councillor Rogers confirmed that she wrote to the Planning Dept on 5 July re St Johns College and received a response on 6th July. It was agreed that the Community Council should meet before the October meeting to discuss the plans.
- Friday 24th September at 6pm at the Bluebell, there is a litter pick organised with Keep Wales Tidy. All volunteers welcome.

The Dell – The Neighbourhood and Regeneration have met with the Police and work should be approved in November.

10. To receive Working Party reports

Playing Fields

The Chairman had met with the Council Officers from the Parks Dept at the playing fields to discuss the growing of the meadow on the outer perimeter of the path but intense preparation is needed. It was therefore suggested that a test area of some 20 metres long and 6 metres wide be formed. The Park rangers will work with the Community Council in preparing this.

Village hall

The tennis group have been using the hall at various times and not as they should on a Thursday evening. This will be rectified by the Chairman and Councillor Stroud.

It was requested that the new cleaner clean the hall on Friday morning in readiness for use on the weekends.

The Hall is not to be book in future, without a deposit being paid to secure the booking.

The alternative W.I. group have been using the Hall. An Invoice is to be sent for the past times, charged at £5 per session but for future use there will be a charge of £30 as per standard hire as they are not all residents of Old St Mellons.

The hedge to be cut back at the Village hall. Agenda item for next meeting. The Working group responsible for terms and conditions to meet and discuss job descriptions, with Councillor Jones being involved.

Media Group

The next meeting is planned for next week.

11. Village Plan

It was suggested that all Councillors look at the Village Plan formulated by Radyr C.C. in order to get an idea what is needed.

The question was raised as to the job description for the Cleansing Orderly and should it be reviewed the area that is being cleaned. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman will investigate for the October meeting.

12. Calor Gas Money

It was suggested at the last meeting that the money be used for display boards in line with communications and media. Councillor Rogers proposed the money be used for a security camera at the Playing Fields. A vote was taken with only Councillor Rogers being in favour, the other Councillors thought that the idea was a good one but that the money should be used for the display boards. A vote was taken on the purchase of the display boards, with 5 in favour and 1 against.

13. Correspondence

Letter from W.I. re issues at the Village hall following the recent decoration.
E mail from a resident re the planning application at St John's College
Letter from the Ombudsman re Councillors Davies and Rogers

The lettering on the Notice boards is falling off. Supplier to be contacted and asked to replace the stick on letter with actual etching, as per their quote.

14. Items for next meeting

Litter issue – cleaning orderly
Extraordinary meeting re St Johns College
Dog fouling in the village

The Clerk gave their apologies for the October meeting.

15. Date of next meeting

Thursday 21 October 2010