

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present Councillor Mrs P Jenkins (Chairman)
Councillors
Mr C Price
Mrs G Jones
Mr E Rees
Mr D Stroud

In Attendance Councillor Mrs G Phillips,

1. APOLOGIES Mr L Ackerman, Mr M Boyce, Mrs J Rogers, Mrs D Rees,
Inspector D Graves

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None

3. LOCAL RESIDENTS

Two residents were in attendance. One resident reported that on some Sundays the gate to the playing field had not been locked.

The resident also asked about the previous enquiry made regarding the Community Council providing material in the Welsh medium. The Clerk confirmed that One Voice Wales had advised that the Community Council was not required to produce information in Welsh

A resident enquired if the Cleansing Orderly was still employed by the Community Council and stated there was a large amount of litter in the footpath connecting Ty'r Winch Road to Newport Road. The Chairman confirmed that the Cleansing Orderly was still operating and would be asked to remove the litter.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Chris Williams was in attendance and gave apologies for Inspector Graves. PCSO Williams made reference to two major police operations in the St Mellons area and also reported the crime figures for Old St Mellons, which also included St Mellons. The comparative figures for December 2007 showed a slight increase on December 2006 and the monthly figures for December 2007 were a decrease on the November 2007 figures

PACT had prioritised speeding and anti-social behaviour as major issues. Regarding the speeding issue, two officers had been trained to operate the speed gun but unfortunately one was on maternity leave and the other officer was based in Rumney. Further letters had been distributed to residents in Ty'r Winch Road regarding the parking on and obstruction of pavements. The van parked on the bridge was not causing an obstruction

With regard to anti-social behaviour, Bethania Chapel area was becoming a problem and had been added to the areas patrolled. The Pub Watch was also being re-established.

Councillor G Jones referred to the ongoing problems of used syringes being discarded in Silverstone and Blackbirds Drive. PCSO Williams said that for operational duties it was policed by Rumney station but he would pass the information on and would also visit the area. Councillor G Phillips informed the meeting that she was due to have a meeting regarding issues in the area and would also raise the problem

Councillor D Stroud expressed concern regarding recent police activity in vicinity of the flats in Ty To Maen Close. PCSO Williams was not aware of any specific problems but would make enquiries.

The new Community Constable would be PC Ed Wilson

The Chairman thanked PCSO Williams for attending the meeting.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Newport Road, Old St Mellons on Thursday 20th December 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

6.1 Village Hall

Councillor E Rees reported that the sub-committee was due to meet shortly and he also informed the meeting that the work in the stage area had now been completed. During the work the toilet macerator required replacing and as this was not in the original grant work schedule the cost would fall to the Community Council – agreed

The Chairman proposed thanks to Councillor E Rees and the Clerk for overseeing the work. A letter of thanks was to be sent to the Village Association

The Chairman reported that permission was sought for the replacement of the stage curtains and tabs – agreed

The Clerk reported that the repairs to the gents toilet and a replacement flush control had been completed. A new mat for the entrance hall had also been purchased

6.2. Sports Council for Wales - Heritage Trail

The Chairman reported the final drafts for the boards would be available shortly

6.3 Council Minutes

A further letter had been sent to the resident concerned for the reimbursement – no response

6.4 Welsh Audit Office

An acknowledgement of the letter sent to D Woods had been received, further response to follow

6.5 Three Bears Nursery – Eastern Business Park

No response received from EBP regarding the parking issues – further letter to be sent

6.6 Complaints Procedures

Sub-committee still to meet

6.7 Bogod Field – Began Road

An email response had been received from Sergeant Ian Guildford. He was not at liberty to go into any great details but had spoken to an independent consultant employed by the owners of the field. The work that has been carried out on the site is being carried out under the direction of the consultant in order to prevent any damage or disturbance to protected species that may be on the land. In view of this, it did not appear that any offences in relation to either the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or the Habitat Regulations 1994 had been committed and no further enforcement action in relation to this legislation was to be taken. Clerk to request that the Community Council be informed of any change in circumstances and to be kept updated

6.8 Notice Boards

The Clerk reported that he had received the Notice Board from Education Signs for Beechtree Park. Unfortunately it was substantially larger than anticipated and would not be suitable.

7. PLANNING

07/03002/E	Variation of conditions	Expected Decision Level:	DEL
Received:	20/12/2007	Ward:	PONTPRENAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer	Martyn Rees		
Applicant:	Mr J Loosemore, c/o agent		
Agents	Hamers Ltd, 31 Lambourne Cres, Cardiff Business Park, Llanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5GG		
Proposal:	VARIATION OF CONDITION 1 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 04/02553/E REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF RESERVED MATTERS WITHIN 3 YEARS TO EXTEND FOR FURTHER 3 YEARS AND REQUIRING THE DEVELOPMENT TO COMENCE WITHIN 5 YEAR TO EXTEND FOR A FURTHER 5 YEARS		
At:	Land at, High Trees, Druidstone Rd, Old St. Mellons, Cardiff		<i>No Comment</i>
07/03029/E	Outline Planning Permission	Expected Decision Level:	DEL
Received:	28/12/2007	Ward:	PONTPRENAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer	Martyn Rees		
Applicant:	St Mellons Property Developments Ltd, c/o agent		
Agents	Hamers Ltd, A Muir, 31 Lambourne Cres, Cardiff Business Park, Llanishen, Cardiff, , CF14 5GG		
Proposal:	TWO DETACHED HOUSES (PLOTS 1 AND 2) <i>See copy Letter annexed</i>		
At:	Land adjacent to Swallow Cottage, Druidstone Rd, Old St. Mellons, Cardiff		

07/03031/E	Conservation Area Consent	Expected Decision Level:	DEL
Received:	27/12/2007	Ward:	PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer	Mark Hancock		
Applicant:	Mr and Mrs Bonning, Y Bwythyn, Ty'r Winch Rd, Old St Mellons		
Agents	James Partnership, G W James, 2 Cwrt y Parc, Cardiff Business Park, Cardiff		
Proposal:	DEMOLITION OF OUTBUILDING ROOF AREAS, EXISTING PERIMETER BOUNDARY WALLS TO REMAIN		
At:	Y Bwythyn, Ty'r Winch Rd, Old St. Mellons, Cardiff	No Comment	
07/02912/E	Full Planning Permission	Expected Decision Level:	DEL
Received:	14/12/2007	Ward:	PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer	Daryl Jones		
Applicant:	Mrs T Newton, 8 Ty'r Winch Rd, Old St Mellons		
Agents	,		
Proposal:	NEW EXTENSION TO FIRST FLOOT LEVEL AND CONSERVATORY AT REAR OF PROPERTY		
At:	8 Ty'r Winch Rd, Old St Mellons, Cardiff	No Comment	
07/02973/E	Full Planning Permission	Expected Decision Level:	DEL
Received:	14/12/2007	Ward:	PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer	Andrew Bates		
Applicant:	Mr D Williams, Glengarrif, Ty'r Winch Rd		
Agents	S K Designs, Somas Kandiah, 53 Corporation Rd, Grangetown, Cardiff, , CF11 7AP		
Proposal:	TWO CROSSOVERS OFF TY'R WINCH ROAD TO SERVE 1 TY'R WINCH ROAD AND ADJOINING LAND		
At:	1, Ty'r Winch , Druidstone Rd, Old St. Mellons, Cardiff	No Comment	
07/01054/E	Full Planning Permission	Expected Decision Level:	DEL
Received:	14/01/2008	Ward:	PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer	Andrew Bates		
Applicant:	Edward Ware Homes Ltd, 36 Whiteladies Rd, Clifton, Bristol		
Agents			
Proposal:	DEMOLITION OF ALL EXISTING STRUCTURES REDEVELOPMENT WITH REPLACEMENT PHARMACY (RETAIL UNIT) AND 14 APARTMENTS AND CAR PARKING		
At:	Old St Mellons Post Office & Pharmacy, Newport Road, Old St. Mellons, Cardiff	No Comment	

Concern was raised regarding the ongoing closure of the inside lane of Newport Road leading to the Philog Development. Safety aspects were discussed also the non maintenance of the lane and adjacent pavement, Clerk to contact Highways department

Tree Preservation Order: Confirmation received of tree preservation order on a Scots Pine in 'Grey Stones' Mill Lane

8. FINANCE

Payee	Service or Goods	Amount	Chq No
Cardiff CC	Refuse – Village Hall	65.68	592
Prysg Trans Services	Heritage Trail Boards translation	47.00	593
CMUK	Entrance mat – Village Hall	49.23	594
Cardiff Treescapes	Annual Tree Survey – Playing Fields	211.00	595
Mr R Kimber	Cleansing Orderly	68.64	596
W James	Cleaning Halls	125.00	597
	Care-taking Duties	50.00	598
	Repairs- Village Hall gents toilets	210.33	599
	Clerks Fee	250.00	
	Postage	<u>4.76</u>	
		254.76	560
HM Customs	PAYE (Oct - Dec)	582.86	561
South Wales Police	Sponsorship – Cycling equipment	270.45	562

Powergen	Electricity – Village Hall	101.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Playing Fields	10.00	D.D.
Cardiff CC	1months tax – Village Hall	448.00	D.D.
	Current account	1,104.46	
	Capital Reserve	11,098.29	
Less	Outstanding Cheques	nil	
Plus	Outstanding Credits	nil	
Reconciled Bank Balance		12,202.75	
Income since last meeting			
Mrs L Brodie	Playgroup – 3 weeks	330.00	
Cerrig Craft	Memorial X20 Morgans	165.00	
Mr W James	PAYE Repayment (Oct – Dec)	395.78	
Hall Letting			
31.12.07	Village Association – New Years Eve		

(a) **Precept 2008 / 09** Authorisation for the Precept request to Cardiff CC for 20,00.00 was signed

(b) **Payments:** sub – committee to meet shortly

10. CORRESPONDENCES and OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Cardiff CC

Countryside Strategy Workshop: details to be passed to Councillors G Jones and D Rees

10.2 Kimberly Park

Councillor G Jones raised several issues concerning Kimberley Park:

She referred to the damaged boundary fence in Silverstone Close adjacent to the Eastern Avenue By-Pass and the safety implications. The Clerk had previously reported the damage to the Highways Department and would do so again.

There was a great deal of graffiti appearing, particularly on the BT boxes – Clerk to contact BT

The hedge alongside the lane leading from Eurwg Crescent to Blackbirds Way was becoming overgrown and required some maintenance – Clerk to contact Parks Department, Councillor G Phillips also to raise matter

10.3 Boundary Changes

Councillor E Rees enquired whether, due to the recent boundary changes the Community Council be liable for the maintenance of the copse along Newport Road opposite the junction of Wern Fawr Lane. This would not arise as Cardiff Council carry out the existing maintenance.

10.4 Playing Fields

The clerk reported that Cardiff Treescapes had carried out the recommended annual review of the trees at the entrance to the field. The report stated that no further works were required and no apparent or unacceptable risks were identified.

He also reported that the hedge behind the children's Play Area was overgrown and encroaching on the play area causing the grass to die back, it also included some dead growth. It was agreed to obtain quotes for the cutting back of the hedge