

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL AND VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2023

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), David Corfield, Judy Evans, Rob Breakwell, Colin Jenkins and Nicola Dyson, Amanda Jenner, and Phil Hughes.

1905 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors Fiona Warburton and Peter Davies.
Rex Turner was not in attendance

1906 Minutes of the Meetings from 18th April for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 18th April to now be approved and signed by GC.
Proposed by CJ, seconded by ND

1907 Declarations of Interest – Blanket dispensations have been received for matters relating to wind farms, renewable energy, membership of voluntary organisations, school governors, school modernisation and school transport.

RB declared an interest in the planning application 23/0502/REM.

1908 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1909 Playgrounds

Grounds maintenance/grass cutting contract

AE has sent the Maintenance Notice to County Times and we have already had a couple of enquiries. AE also sent the maintenance document to CA Bowen and put in Border Gossip.

Tree report

Wootton Tree Services are dealing with the tree shown on the Tree Report that requires attention within the play area at Trewern.

Damaged Fence, Trewern

AE has obtained a quote from F H Brundle for the damaged fence, everyone happy to go ahead with the order.

ACTION: AE

1910 Highways

There are still issues with the drains on Heldre Lane (U2250) and the brook where the verge has subsided has been disregarded at Stage 1 and has gone to Stage 2.

Residents are now putting in their own complaints officially to PCC about issues that have not been dealt with in the ward.

The verge by the old Ford, just passed Middletown Farm has not been dealt with yet. It was suggested that residents should put their complaints directly to PCC, rather than coming through TCC, as PCC will need to follow the complaint through with a formal process. There is also an online form for anyone wanting to complain about damage to their vehicles caused by pot holes on the Council roads.

AE again had no response to the emails sent to PCC last month, re. complaints about the state of the road by Llwyn Melyn and the drainage issues on the Middletown Quarry Road. AE to send these to Clive Jones this month.

ACTION: AE

AE to put a request through to GoSafe for more speed camera/vans to visit the area.

ACTION: AE

Pot hole appearing near main junction in Middletown, as you pull in off the A458 and head towards Station Road, AE to report to PCC.

ACTION: AE

A resident has brought it to our attention that the manhole cover by the bus shelter in Middletown is becoming noisy again. AE to report.

ACTION: AE

1911 County Councillors' Report

The grants for the footpath didn't come to fruition, as we were not eligible, however, Callum Carr (Footpath Officer for Powys) has got works on his list for our area and we have previously spoken with him about improving the footpaths around Moel Y Golfa. CCAJ will organise a date for a meeting to further discuss this and will let RB and CJ know. It was also agreed that we would like Callum Carr to look at the fence at the bottom of the Green Lane.

The uneven curb issue near the middle row on Mount Pleasant, Middletown, has been reported, JE will check if the work has been completed and CCAJ will chase for an update.

CCAJ has supported a residents request for a disabled space to be made outside their house for their disabled son. CCAJ also supported an appeal for a child to have transportation to Welshpool High School.

The overhanging hedge which was obstructing part of the footpath that runs along the main A458 road out of Middletown (opposite the Church) and towards the Seven Sisters has now been cut and the footpath has been cleaned. It was agreed that we should email Highways to say thank you. AE to draft an email to Andrew Jones.

ACTION: AE

1912 Planning

23/0502/REM | Section 73 application to vary conditions 6, 7 and 9 of planning permission P/2018/0330 (Change wording of "Prior to the commencement of the development" to "Prior to occupation of the development") | Land Adjoining Ivy House Tre-Wern Welshpool SY21 8EL

Trewern Community Council have considered this application and we respond with a holding objection for the following reasons:

There has been six separate planning applications (shown below) for this site, some of which have been approved, newer applications have since been submitted and then older applications been amended, therefore we are struggling to understand what will actually be located here.

The Breidden View estate is not shown on any plans, as the entrance to this estate is located directly opposite the proposed entrance shown on planning application 22/2121/FUL, therefore we are concerned about the impact from the extra traffic.

The most recent application, 23/0608/DIS, shows the address as Trewern, when it is in Middletown.

As some of the applications also contain several mistakes, we would also like to request that a planning officer comes out to do a site meeting with us or join us in an online meeting to discuss the above concerns and clarify the plans/applications.

Applications submitted for this site so far include:

1. Discharge of condition 23 of planning permission P/2018/0330 (landscaping details) Ivy House Tre-Wern Welshpool SY21 8EL. Ref. No: 23/0608/DIS | Validated: Fri 21 Apr 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration.
2. Section 73 application to vary conditions 6, 7 and 9 of planning permission P/2018/0330 (Change wording of "Prior to the commencement of the development" to "Prior to occupation of the development") Land Adjoining Ivy House Middletown Welshpool SY21 8EL. Ref. No: 23/0502/REM | Validated: Thu 30 Mar 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration
3. Erection of 3 dwellings and rebuilding of barn to form an additional dwelling, to include alterations to access and all associated works. Ivy House Middletown Welshpool SY21 8EL. Ref. No: 22/2121/FUL | Validated: Thu 26 Jan 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration.
4. Rebuilding of barn to form a dwelling. Ivy House Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8EL. Ref. No: 22/2122/LBC | Validated: Thu 26 Jan 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration
5. Erection of a barn. Ivy House Middletown Welshpool SY21 8EL. Ref. No: 19/1692/HH | Validated: Tue 01 Oct 2019 | Status: Approve
6. Full: Erection of 3 no. dwellinghouses, formation of new vehicular access including partial demolition / alterations of existing stone wall together with construction of new 1.8m high boundary wall and all associated works. Land Adjoining Ivy House Middletown Welshpool Powys SY21 8EL. Ref. No: P/2018/0330 | Validated: Wed 14 Mar 2018 | Status: Approve

CCAJ has asked if there is any further comments on the Wallers Planning application, as there is quite a few new documents on the planning portal and one document from the Highways refers to a pedestrian crossing. CCAJ has called this application in, due to the impact from the proposed development next to the school.

There is a planning application potentially coming up in the Ward, whereby CCAJ will have to declare an interest. It was agreed for CCAJ to ask Councillor Lucy Roberts to represent residents who have concerns about the application.

1913 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £29,822.89 in the accounts at the end of April 2023. Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by RB and seconded by PH

Payments

Clerks Salary – £261.05 (20hrs for April) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Middletown Village Hall (Hall Hire) – £25 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Zurich Insurance - £1,169.41 under L.G.A 1972 s111.

County Times - £182.74 under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

FH Brundle - £320 (plus VAT) under L.G (M.P) Act 1976 s19 (3).

Proposed by RB and seconded by CJ

VAT Return

VAT Return completed for VAT spent in 2022/23 - £1,613.40

1914 Correspondence

We have received a letter about Celebrating Powys Heros. If anyone knows anyone would could be nominated for a NHS Local Hero, please let AE know.

1915 Any Other Business

Trewern Mission Church

As this property is not being used as a domestically, it would not be liable for Council Tax, however, if it was being used for a business, it would be liable for rates.

PH will confirm with Anna Griggs if she is happy for the Defib machine to be moved to the Community Centre. GC will also confirm the dimentions of the World War plaque and let PH know and see if this can go on display at the Community Centre too. It was agreed to put a note in the Border Gossip about the Defib machine moving location.

1916 Date of Next Meetings

20 June 2023 at Trewern Community Council and via MS Teams.