

MINUTES OF TREWERN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE HALL AND VIA MS TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2023

Present: Councillors Gill Corfield (Chair), David Corfield, Judy Evans, Rob Breakwell, Fiona Warburton and Colin Jenkins.

1869 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors Peter Davies, Rex Turner and County Councillor Amanda Jenner. Councillor Phil Hughes was not in attendance.

1870 Minutes of the Meetings from 15th November and 29th November 2022 for approval

Minutes from the meeting held on 15th November and 29th November to now be signed by GC and approved.

Proposed by JE, seconded by DC

1871 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.

None.

1872 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda

None.

1873 Playgrounds

Middletown play area lease agreement

Stonegate are currently reviewing the future options for The Breidden, which is now closed. This review will also need to include the area of greenspace which forms the park. Until the outcome of the review is known, no firm decision can be made with regard to the renewal of the lease agreement in for the play area in Middletown.

AE to chase quotes for the play area fence in Trewern.

ACTION: AE

1874 Highways

Ditching work has been carried out in various places and residents down Heldre Lane have felt this has made a difference during the heavy rain over recent weeks.

Collapsed verges on Heldre Lane and near the Ford, Middletown. CCAJ has chased for updates with the highways design teams. They have attended and believe that unless the condition has changed in last few weeks that this is not an immediate priority for them compared to areas elsewhere. The collapsed verge near the Ford, Middletown, PCC have planned what work is needed and also spoken with landowner of the brook. This work will be scheduled.

Horse safety sign re. Criggion Lane. CCAJ is working with residents, PCC and the BHS to try and get some safety signs due to a tragic incident here recently.

Road up towards Mount Pleasant – CCAJ has chased re. pot holes and drains again. This has now caused very bad ice on the road. CCAJ has sent PCC photos of this.

An urgent Health and Safety issue has been identified, on the steep road heading up towards Middletown Hill (opposite the Breidden Pub). The drains on the road towards the hill are fully blocked with silt and after the recent rain we have had, the water pours down that road, for weeks even after its stopped raining. This has now frozen, so that road has become very slippery. AE to raise this issue urgently with PCC.

ACTION: AE

1875 County Councillors' Report

See 'Highways'.

1876 Planning

CCAJ has called in 22/1953/FUL due to highways implications.

Residents have reported concerns to CCAJ re. the work being done at the far end of Mount Pleasant, this has been reported to planning enforcement due to access and privacy concerns.

22/1925/FUL | Installation of a sewage treatment plant | Gate Farm Criggion Lane Tre-wern Welshpool Powys SY21 8EE

Trewern Community Council have considered this application. We do not wish to make a comment at this time.

22/1953/FUL | Erection of 19 affordable dwellings, formation of a vehicular access and associated works | Land Adjoining The Wallers Trewern Welshpool SY21 8SZ

We would like to again highlight our concerns about the increased amount of traffic this development may generate onto the main trunk road and its proximity to the access for the school and access to the planning application for houses on land adjacent to the school. Therefore, reiterating comments made by our County Councillor stating that these applications needs to be considered together and not in isolation to each other.

22/1988/FUL | Construction of an earth banked slurry store and all associated works | White House Heldre Lane Buttington Welshpool SY21 8SX

We do not wish to make a comment at this time.

GC had phone call from Richard Edwards in PCC Planning Dept. GC went through all TCCs concerns. Applications for non-material reserved matters, PCC do not have to consult TCC. A section 73 application is a large change, PCC do need to consult TCC. GC also queried charging more for retrospective planning, however PCC cannot penalise people for putting in a retrospective application. Richard Edwards will be ringing all Community Councils on monthly or bi-monthly basis.

1877 Finance

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation shows that there is £26,737.48 in the accounts at the end of December 2022.

Bank reconciliation and bank statements checked to confirm that it is all in order.

GC to now sign bank statements.

Proposed by FW and seconded by CJ

Payments

Clerks Salary – £521.90 (20hrs for November and 20hrs for December) under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Angela Evans - £44.99 (McAfee Security Software fee) under L.G.A 1972 s111.

PAYE - £195.80 under L.G.A 1972 s112.

Payments proposed by FW and seconded by GC

Online banking

AE up and running with online banking, now need to add new users, (GC and PH) and decide what level of access. It was agreed that PH, GC and AE should all have full privileges and access to online banking. Two people to sign invoices and a list of payments for each month. Continue with cheques this month until new users are set up.

ACTION: AE

Budget/Precept

AE has sent the updated budget to all Councillors. The precept for 2023/24 will be £22,816, which is £33.86 per Band D household. A slight decrease of £0.36 from the previous year. Everyone happy with budget/precept for 2023/24.

Proposed by FW seconded by GC

1878 Correspondence

None.

1879 Any Other Business

Trewern Mission Church

Deferred to next meeting.

Co-option of new Councillor

No application have been received, AE to put notice in Border Gossip.

ACTION: AE

In preparation for outcome of the Ei Group review in regards to the lease of the land where the play area is located in Middletown, JE has been researching the Right of way plans that area. The carpark is owned by the brewery. Grass and curb around the carpark is owned by PCC. GC will see if she can find out more from PH.

ACTION: GC

It was queried how much of the Middletown Hill can be quarried. It is thought that Border Hardcore own the mineral rights to the Hill, but don't own the land above it. AE to have a look through paperwork.

ACTION: AE

AE to draft a letter to Ei Group, as there is a lot of rubbish around the back of the pub, broken furniture, freezer outside, gas bottles still connected, fans still going from cellar etc. Ask the Brewery who is responsible for tidying up around the pub and the ongoing maintenance to the land.

ACTION: AE

1880 Date of Next Meetings

21 February 2023 at Trewern Community Council and via MS Teams.