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**Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on Tuesday 7th January 2020**

**Minutes No 364**

1. **Present:**

Community Councillors: D Williams, A Jones, D Rees, W Oriel, R Elston, E Whitby.

Clerk & Treasurer: C Williams

County Councillor: D Howlett

1. **Apologies:**

All present.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

* The minutes of the meeting (No 363) held on 3rd December 2019 were read, approved and agreed by the meeting. They were signed by D Williams, Chairperson.

1. **Matters Arising**

* Dog fouling on pavements close to Spittal School had been reported on 5th December 2019 to Paul Watkins, Waste Improvement Manager, PCC and he passed on the same day. The request was for the pavement to be cleaned but to date no information to report.
* The rubbish bin outside Spittal Church Hall was emptied before the Christmas holiday.
* Cllr Howlett reported that the overhanging vegetation around the signs on the approach to the Tunnel had been cleared. The potholes on the road from Spittal Cross to Corner Piece had been recommended for permanent repair and those resulting from water leakage had been reported to Welsh Water for their attention. The blocked drains and gulleys which had been reported on a number of occasions had still not been addressed but Cllr Howlett informed the meeting that the work would be carried out as soon as possible.
* Cllr Howlett had reported the hedge alongside The Old Manse but informed the meeting that it was a matter for the private land owner.

1. **Correspondence**

**Emails -**

* Play Wales bulletin December 2019 – clerk to forward.
* Police & Crime Commissioner – Precept Consultation – clerk to forward details.
* Welsh Government – The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015 – update for information only.
* PCC Temporary Road Closure – Haverhill to Millway Lane on 9th January for telegraph pole replacement. Information only.
* PCC Budget Engagement Sessions 2020/21 will be on facebook live on 8th January and 20th January 2020 at 7.00pm. A public forum meeting will take place in County Hall on 22nd January at 2.00pm.
* PCC Community Works Grant is being offered for minor highway work up to a maximum of £10,000. Application to be made to Darren Thomas PCC.
* Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter. Clerk to forward.
* Planning Inspectorate Wales – events designed to introduce Community Councils to the work of Planning Inspectorate and Planning Aid Wales will take place on 23rd/24th January 2020. No one available to attend.
* Planning Aid Wales – Renewal Energy Project – clerk to forward details.

**Hardcopy –**

* PCC Council Tax Base 2020/21 – for discussion as an agenda item.
* Paul Davies AM – Posters for surgery dates – clerk to place in the noticeboard.
* Western Power – Christmas Lights confirmation received. Clerk to file.
* Clerk & Council Direct Magazine – received and taken by Chair.

1. **Finance**

* PCC – Council Tax Base for Financial Year 2020/21. The precept for the last two years and current was discussed in detail. It was proposed by E Whitby and seconded by W Oriel to increase the current precept of £2667 by 2%. This was approved by the meeting and will be an increase of £53.34 overall. The paperwork was completed to show a Council Tax Base for the financial year 2020/21 of £2720. The discussion reflected the proposed expenditure for the next financial year.
* Budget (5) update for January 2020 shows the £10,000 National Lottery Grant and the additional expenditure to reflect the repair to the fence in the playground. A predicted final balance for 2019/20 shows £460.58. Clerk to forward.
* Income & Expenditure Account – update was tabled showing a bank balance of £13,575.38 as of 6th January 2020. Clerk to forward.
* Lloyds Bank Statement dated 17th December 2019 showing a bank balance of £12,686.38.
* National Lottery Grant has been confirmed and received (£10,000). It was agreed to formally inform Mr Rees, Builder of this information and to approve the work agreed and the quotation for said work issued on 14th August 2019. The owner of The Old Police House to be informed in plenty of time before work commences due to possible issues with access to the property.

1. **Planning**

Nothing to date

1. **Appeals**

Nothing to date

1. **Any Other Business**

* Lamp posts not working – outside The Vicarage (W Oriel to request a replacement). The one at Lower House is now working.
* Church House – the lights are not working but access to repair is difficult due to overhanging trees. Clerk to make contact.
* The drains outside The Vicarage and Westgate Court are higher than the road since the resurfacing. Water does not drain away. The grass verge is being cut away because of the heavy traffic on this section of the highway. Cllr Howlett to report.
* Pothole on the bend towards Spittal Cross has reappeared – Cllr Howlett to report.
* Tractor tyres have been abandoned on the road between Spittal Cross Farm and Spittal Corn Mill. Cllr Howlett to report.
* Subsidence between Penrhiw and Golden Hill Cottage – Cllr Howlett to report.
* The sign at Millway (bridlepath) is broken – Cllr Howlett to report.
* Crosslyn – trees covering the light – clerk to inform.
* Kerb on Spittal School roundabout is a hazard and the dip in the road surface is getting worse – Cllr Howlett to report.
* PCC My Account – Cllr Howlett encouraged all present to sign up to ‘My Account’ and outlined the benefits.

1. **Date of the next meeting - Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7.45pm**.

Signed ………………………………………………………………………………………………Date……………………………………….