**BANGOR ON DEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**A Meeting of the Bangor on Dee Community Council was held via Zoom on Tuesday**

**18th January 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

**Present**: Councillors: H Jones (Vice Chairman), G Tranter, G Hughes, J Grice, E Hall

 S Merry – Clerk

**Apologies:** Cllr S Harvey, S Harvey, C Byrne, S Morrison

The meeting was chaired by Cllr H Jones

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and the meeting was brought to order.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

No Declarations of Interest were declared.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

Having been circulated and reviewed, Cllr J Grice pointed out that it was herself that requested the costs of the Precept increase per household and not Cllr Sue Harvey. The Clerk apologised and the error has been noted. This point aside the Minutes of the last meeting on the 14th December were agreed as an accurate record, proposed by Cllr J Grice and seconded by Cllr G Tranter.

**MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

Matters arising out of the last meeting on 14th December are as follows:

Overton Road - Post 17, the Clerk confirmed he had written to Scottish Power, Jones Lighting Ltd and Openreach to seek a resolution.

New Street Posts - The Clerk also confirmed he has spoken with John Francis at Jones Lighting Ltd regarding the costing for new street lights, if the electrical main is within 3 metres the cost is £1800 for a post and LED lantern.

Precept - Confirmation was issued to Matthew Evans at Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC) on 18th December 2021.

Standing Orders - Having agreed the change the single spending limit to £300 inc VAT, Cllr E Hall confirmed his intention was insert a single line of text. This would then be updated on the Community Council (CC) website. **Action: Cllr E Hall**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk confirmed all relevant email correspondence over the last month had been circulated to the councillors.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning Application - P2022/0010 Althrey Woodhouse, Overton Road

Given the age and state of the property, there were no objections at this stage to the above application.

**FLOOD DEFENCES**

Cllr J Grice updated the community council:

* So far this year, the farmers have been on a flood alert, but not the residents.
* Following a modelling exercise by Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the Flood Alert to residents will be notified in the future at a water level reached of 16.25m compared to the previous 15.85m, this is to avoid some false alarms.
* The Severe Flood Warning will remain unchanged.
* Following a meeting in October, there is a follow up meeting tomorrow with Flood Wardens and WCBC addressing recent experiences and feedback provided.
* Feedback will be sort on drain checks and cleaning in the village, both Cllr J Grice and the Clerk have written to Mr K Edwards at WCBC with no reply/update on this matter.
* Initial discussions have been made about a new pump site on Overton Road where the water is deepest to gain the maximum effect.
* Cllr J Grice was pleased to confirm there are two new Flood Wardens, Nick and Paul. Who will help to fill the hole left by Bryon Huckle, who is moving away from the village after many years as a senior Flood Warden.

Cllr J Grice was thanked for her update.

**POLICE**

The Police Report from PCSO Dean Sawyer was forwarded to all councillors, the main details are:

**Bronington -** Mobile patrols completed no issues to report. A525 The Chequer - Go Safe Van has attended location – 3 speeding offences/tickets issued.

**Tallarn Green-** High vis patrols completed – no issues to report. Suspicious Black Golf in the Sarn area with driver seen checking addresses - community alert done. If seen please contact 101.

**Worthenbury-** High vis patrols completed - no issues to report.

**Bangor on Dee-** Mobile patrols completed - no issues to report. Speed monitoring done by Racecourse – 26 vehicles recorded- 2 speeders drivers warned.

**VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT**

Sandown Road - Cllr G Tranter reported a fallen council tree opposite the school. The tree blocks vision from Haydock Road. **Action: Clerk to report to WCBC.**

Green Lane A525 Junction - Cllr G Tranter informed the Community Council that the coroner reporting on the death of a motorcyclist at this junction is planning on visiting the site as part of the investigation. The Council discussed the junction and agreed that any health and safety recommendations from the investigation would be endorsed by the CC. **Action: The Clerk was asked to write to the coroner confirming this support.**

Station Road Speed Sensors - The Clerk confirmed that following emails from Cllr J Grice and Cllr E Hall, TWM have been approached and an engineer has been requested to inspect the sensor just passed the pump house on Station Road.

Sportsfield Update - Cllr J Grice thanked the CC for their contribution towards the new Sportsfield development. The Adult (14+) gym is well underway and happily it is being used already.

Station Road Footpath - This was reported by Cllr S Morrison, the hedge and therefore the path from the Sportsfield towards Worthenbury is overgrown, to the extent it is difficult to walk on. The Clerk confirmed he has already reported this to WCBC. The CC were of the opinion that some responsibility lies with WCBC and some with the landowner for not sufficiently cutting back the hedge.

Jubilee Beacon - Information prepared by Cllr S Harvey was not discussed fully at this and so this topic will be first on the Village Environment agenda in February.

**STREET LIGHTING**:

In addition to the ongoing LED lantern replacement for existing street lights. The CC are considering two new LED posts in the village. The sites are Overton Road/Abbey Gardens and Station Road opposite the old basket shop. **Action: The Clerk has been asked to investigate the proximity to the mains electric and installation costs.**

The existing street light opposite the Buck House Hotel has been reported to Jones Lighting Ltd, as it has failed again, a new LED lantern will be fitted.

**ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk confirmed he has completed the Annual Investment Strategy and Risk Assessment, there are no changes from last year. These were agreed by the CC and the forms will be signed as soon as possible.

The following payments have become due in the last month, all payments were agreed:

Scottish Power (Nov to Dec Energy costs) £127.76 102143

Employer Costs (Dec) plus Zoom Pro costs (annual) £328.97 102142

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm