

# St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council held at the Reading Room, Bonvilston on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019, following the AGM.

**PRESENT:** Cllr F Spriggs Cllr I Perry  
Cllr E del Torto Cllr G Rawson  
Cllr J Griffiths

**ALSO PRESENT:** N. McGarrigle (Clerk)  
C.B. Cllr J Bird

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr C Jones, Cllr S Thomas, Cllr A Brown, Cllr K Ward

**[1] POLICE MATTERS:** PC Stuart Elson was in attendance and was able to provide a report of the following recorded occurrences:

**April Report:**

- Dispute over land between neighbours in Bonvilston. Residents are now in the process of resolving the matter between themselves.
- Theft of led from a shed in Dyffryn Garden. DNA obtained and an arrest has been made.
- Loose horses on A48 near the Aubrey Arms.
- Dispute between neighbours from St. Nicholas at the Easter Bank Holiday Point to Point races.
- 1 case of domestic violence.

PC Elson confirmed there was no further information on the 13 year old boy who was approached by a stranger in a car in St. Nicholas.

Cllr Perry enquired about the recent collision on Tumble Hill in St. Nicholas and queried if information would be passed onto the Community Council. PC Elson confirmed that the information would have been passed onto the St. Georges with St. Brides CC as the incident occurred in their area.

**PC Elson left the meeting. The Council thanked him for attending.**

**[2] PUBLIC SESSION:** None.

**[3] TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PUBLIC SESSION:** None.

**[4] MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** Councillor's had previously been circulated with a copy of the Clerk's report confirming details of all completed actions from the April meeting.

**[5] LICENSING APPLICATIONS:** None.

**[6] TABLED BUSINESS:**

- a) **Bollard proposal for areas surrounding St. Nicholas Village Green:** Cllr Bird confirmed he would look into the areas of land owned by Highways, as it is unclear from looking at the Title Register dated 07.05.09. Cllr Perry confirmed that the area of land at the entrance to Ger y Llan is owned by Persimmon Homes.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Bird would liaise with M. Clogg and Cllr Spriggs to make arrangements for a site visit in time for the June meeting.

- b) **Bonvilston Vacancy:** The Clerk confirmed that there were no applications for the Bonvilston received.

It was **AGREED** to keep the vacancy open until applications are received.

- c) **Land at Button Ride:** The Vale Council have confirmed that the overgrowth at the Land at Button Ride has now been cleared and that treatment will start on the knotweed once it is actively flowering. The Clerk asked the Council what their intentions were for the land now that the Vale are assisting with the knotweed. Cllr Griffiths raised that residents are naturally cautious about using the land due to the knotweed and the sinkhole and that previously residents had requested an incinerator to burn the knotweed. After a short discussion, the Council agreed that, in time, it would be ideal to set up a community garden project and to look at applying for funding to assist with the maintenance of the land.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Bird make enquiries with the Vale on their intentions for resolving the issue of the sinkhole and if the Vale feel it is safe for residents to use the land. Cllr Bird to feed back to the Council at the June meeting.

It was questioned if a risk assessment would need to be completed, due to the knotweed and sink hole. To be looked at once Cllr Bird has spoken with the Vale.

- d) **Planning Training for Councillors:** Following requests made by Councillors for training to help assist with understanding planning applications, the Clerk has made enquiries with Planning Aid Wales who are able to provide bespoke training sessions. Cllr Bird added that the Vale may be running planning training in future.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk forward on details to Councillors from Planning Aid Wales and to make enquiries with neighbouring TCC's on the possibility of holding a joint bespoke session.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Bird make enquiries with V. Robinson at the Vale about future training sessions.

- e) **Storage of past Community Council paperwork:** Cllr Spriggs confirmed that Paul Fisher is in the process of making enquiries with TE as to when the Clerk can collect the Community Council's stored paperwork. PF to update the Clerk and Cllr Spriggs once TE has made contact.

It was **AGREED** that once the paperwork has been collected, the Clerk will scan and save copies to the Community Council icloud account and deposit the information with the Glamorgan Archives. The Clerk will ensure the annual risk assessment is up to date.

- f) Cllr Thomas submitted the Village Green application on behalf of the MYFRA on 24.04.19. Communication has since been received from the Vale, requesting further information. S. Clarke of the MYFRA is currently in the process of amending the application to be re-submitted.

- g) **SNBCC Action Plan:** Final versions of the PCA results and action plans for both wards had been prepared. Cllr Spriggs explained how the PCA results impacted the structure of the plans and how actions were prioritised. Cllr del Torto queried how actions would be delegated

between Councillors and who would take the lead. Cllr Spriggs confirmed that the action plan would be reviewed at each meeting and that Councillors would be able to put themselves forward to assist or lead on projects. For highly prioritised actions, working groups would need to be formed.

Cllr Spriggs proposed that the Council formally adopt and publish the action plans. The Council unanimously agreed to this proposal. **Prop Edt Sec JG**

**[8] CORRESPONDENCE:**

Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Clerk's report confirming all correspondence received throughout April. There were no additional notes to add at the meeting.

Cllr Perry confirmed that he would be unable to attend the Code of Conduct training on 27.06.19. The Clerk will cancel his place.

**[9] TO ACCEPT REPORTS FROM:**

**County Borough Councillor –**

- a) The road at Logwood is opening on Monday 20.05.19.
- b) Works on 5 Mile Lane are ongoing. Cllr Bird confirmed work is about a week ahead of schedule and is due to finish in the Autumn.
- c) St. Nicholas School consultation is ongoing.
- d) Cllr Bird shared with the Community Council that he has officially resigned from the Conservative party and will be resigning from cabinet in the morning of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

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***Cllr Griffiths –***

- e) Potholes at the top of Dyffryn Lane are an issue. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would log this with the Vale via C1V.
- f) Footpath from the new Redrow development to the Downes is covered with debris, preventing pedestrians from using the footpath safely. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Bird would raise the issue with M. Clogg and will assess the area during the same visit with Cllr Spriggs.
- g) Cllr Griffiths queried what the correct procedure is for requesting new green waste bags. Cllr Bird confirmed that residents can request new bags by tying a green waste bag to the handle of their food bin and workers will leave them a new roll or alternatively residents can collect new bags directly from The Alps Depot, Quarry Road or from the central library in Barry. Cllr Griffiths raised that waste collections are often late. To be reported to Cllr Bird if the problem continues.

***Cllr Perry*** – Recently attended training with Planning Aid Wales and is happy to share information with other Councillors should they wish to meet separately.

***Cllr del Torto*** - None

***Cllr Rawson*** - None

**Reports on outside bodies:**

- h) **MAR Governor:** Councillors had previously been circulated with a report from Cllr del Torto following a Governors meeting at the school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019. In

addition to the report, Cllr del Torto added that she is pushing for a shared community space and that the recent quiz night hosted by the St. Nicholas Village Social Committee on 10.05.19 to help raise money towards a new defibrillator was a success. £125.00 was raised in total.

**The Clerk** - Councillors had previously been circulated with a copy of the Clerk's report in the meeting pack.

**[12] RESULTS OF PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- 2019/00168/FUL Dyffryn Gardens, Duffryn Lane, St. Nicholas **Approved 12.04.19**
- 2017/00818/FUL Side Garden, The Pound, Duffryn Lane, St. Nicholas **Approved 03.05.19**

**[13] NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- **2019/00358/FUL (RL) Brooklands Farm, Brook Lane, St. Nicholas:** Proposed amendments to existing residential barn, with associated amenity space and off-street parking. **No objection**

**[14] PAYMENTS TO APPROVE:**

• Clerks April Payment	781	£229.62	
• Russell Heath Accountants	782	£96.00	
• Damian McKenna	783	£108.00	
• Zurich Insurance	784	307.19	
• ICO Data Protection Fee	DD	£40.00	<b>Prop JG Sec EdT</b>

**Receipts:**

- Precept 1<sup>st</sup> Payment £3,522.00 Received 30.04.19

**[15] BUDGETARY CONTROL:**

The Clerk confirmed that all receipts and payments to date were within budget and the present balance of the account was £12,937.43.

**[16] ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER MATTERS:**

This section of the agenda is to be removed.

**[17] NEXT MEETING:** will be held at **7:30** on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at **Trehill Hall**.

This meeting closed at 21:25pm.

**NAOMI McGARRIGLE.**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**