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**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting Held on Zoom on 13th May 2021**

**Present**

**Chairman -** John Williams (JDW)

**Councillors:** Sylvia O’Brien (SO), David Meyer (DM), Martin Harbour (MATH), Hank Jackson (RDHJ), John Morgan (FJM), Lesley Doggett (LMD)

**County Councillor:** Katherine Silk (KS)

**In Attendance:** Lee Garrett (LG)

**Apologies:** Janice Block (JEB), Heather Sweeting (HGS), Colin Morris (CJM)

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meetings held on 1st & 15th April 2021 had been circulated to all members and were approved. The Clerk undertook to have them signed by the Chairman at a later date.

**Matters Arising**

RDHJ had received a reply from Transport – Network Management Division regarding the Council’s request to widen the footway along the A40 in Bwlch. The reply stated that an extension of the footway as far as Glanpant Corner had been incorporated into the plans, but completion was subject to the availability of sufficient land and funding.

SO said that she was still unhappy with the development plans for 21/19827 as the development would cause a great deal of light pollution.

**Highways**

There was a general discussion about applying for a grant for a car park in Bwlch. RDHJ said that the car park could be situated next to the Village Hall, where the garage used to be.

However, LMD felt that there was not enough time left to complete all the information required to apply for the grant. RDHJ said that we should do all the preparation work in advance, so that we would be ready when the next tranche of grant money became available.

**Correspondence**

It was noted that the BBNPA had refused consent to the proposed development at The Vine in Bwlch (planning application 20/19129/FUL.

The Art School in Cwmdu had sent the Council an email asking for permission to erect a rabbit-proof fence against the hedge in the playing fields. The Clerk was asked to inform them that the Council had no objection, provided that the fence was on their side of the land.

**Planning**

**21/19731/FUL – Replacement of unauthorised 8ft field gate by a 5ft pedestrian gated access.**

No objection.

**21/19824/FUL – Demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of new outbuilding.**

No objection.

**21/19827/FUL – Demolition of two existing extensions and replacement with a contemporary timber framed wrap-around extension…**

Objection

RABD had already responded to this application outlining our concern about the water supply for the swimming pool. The new Clerk had sent a second letter outlining our concerns about the light pollution.

**21/19899/FUL – Demolition of garage and upgrade/refurbishment of existing outbuilding to provide a home office.**

No objection.

**21/19912/FUL – New general purpose agricultural building at Ketheden, Bwlch.**

Objection. RDHJ stated that the access was too narrow for an agricultural building as it was basically a domestic drive. Also, it was a blind spot for large vehicles coming down the A40

**Financials**

The Clerk presented copies of the bank statements for 1st April and 30th April.2021, together with an explanation of how the bank balance had changed.

The following payments were authorised:

**Bharat Khaneka £385.42 –** Salary for April 2021. RDHJ suggested setting up a standing order to pay this sum monthly. This was approved.

**Bharat Khaneka £143.88 –** Annual Zoom fees paid by Bharat

**Powys County Council £250.00 -** £200.00 for Allotments plus £50.00 for the Playing Fields

**Zurich Insurance £369.36 –** Insurance to 31st May 2022

**Bwlch, Tretower & Cwmdu Village Halls £600.00 each –** Annual Grant

The Clerk asked if it was worth opening a separate savings account for the Memorial Fund, but the Councillors felt this was unnecessary.

The Clerk undertook to find out who the current Cheque signatories were.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that we had received a clean Audit Report from the Internal Auditor.

**Any Other Business**

It was felt that the War memorial needed to be cleaned. MATH was asked to obtain a specification for the cleaning.

The Councillors offered their thanks to JDW upon his retirement as Chairman after 2 years of service.

There being no further matters to discuss, the Meeting was closed.