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**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting Held at Tretower Village Hall**

**On 2nd September ‘21**

**Present**

**Chairman -** Martin Harbour (MATH),

**Councillors:** Sylvia O’Brien (SO), David Meyer (DM), Hank Jackson (RDHJ), John Morgan (FJM), Janice Block (JEB), Heather Sweeting (HGS), Lesley Doggett (LMD), John Williams (JDW)

**County Councillor:** Absent

**In Attendance:** Lucy Thewes & Lee

**Apologies:** Kathryn Silk (KS)

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July ‘21 had been circulated to all members. The following corrections needed to be made:

The Cwmdu campsite does not close on 3rd August. The Clerk was asked to find out the correct closing date and he had learned this was 31st October ‘21.

CSEG and not Vedw Wood should be asked to cut back the undergrowth on the driveway of the Art School.

**Matters Arising**

There was a discussion on repairs to the drive and car park at the Art School. Lee showed the meeting a copy of the only agreement he had; this said that it was unknown who was responsible for maintaining the shared access to the school.

The Clerk was asked to contact Powys Council and ask them to repair the drive and car park in the expectation that it was their responsibility.

Lee suggested that if we do have to share costs, we ask Kevin Marshall to do the work as he would be able to do it more cheaply.

Regarding the installation of the bench in Bwlch, we had received an email from Powys Council who said they would charge approximately £600 to install the bench. We had also received a quote from N J Jones who would charge £285 for the same work.

MATH had spoken to Steve Butcher about trimming the trees in Tretower. He had been told that they would be trimmed sometime between October and March.

DM asked if anyone was taking responsibility for the annual inspection of the War Memorial. RDHJ pointed out that any maintenance had to be in line with procedures approved by CADW. HGS said that she would get the first quote and pass this on to Terry Sinnett.

It was now thought that that the fence around the playing field had been put up by the caravan park. There was a discussion on whether the Council should ask them to pay rent for use of the field, but RDHJ felt that this might give them rights that we were not prepared to grant. SO felt that the caravan park residents should have the right to use the field, subject to the established rules. The Clerk was asked to contact Sarah Farr at the caravan site and invite her to our next meeting.

The abandoned car had now been removed.

**Highways**

RDHJ suggested that the Council should write to the Police Commissioner, our Welsh Assembly Member, the Crime Commissioner and the North Wales Trunk Road Agency to point out that now that the A479 has been reopened, the speed limit is regularly being ignored. We should ask for cameras to be installed. The Clerk was asked to write to them on behalf of the Council.

The Clerk was asked to contact Powys CC Highways Department and tell them that the sign for the LLangorse turning on the B4560 was misleading and cars were turning into a private estate. The signage ought to make clear that there was a staggered turning.

**Correspondence**

HGS will attend the 5 Councils meeting.

Chris Page, a resident of Cathedine, had sent the Clerk several emails regarding traffic speeding through the village. The Councillors felt that whilst this was an issue they all understood and sympathised with, it was not a special case and nothing could be done if traffic remained within the designated speed limit. The Clerk was asked to let him know that MATH has been corresponding regularly with the Welsh government and they are currently trialling lower speed limits in several areas. If this proves successful, the lower limits will be extended to other areas. The Clerk should also suggest that Chris joins Speedwatch as this had been successful in prosecuting speeding drivers.

**Planning**

**21/20219/FUL – The Vine, Bwlch – Proposed detached garage with rooms over**

The Council did not support this application and the Clerk was asked to lodge a refusal.

**21/20257/LBC – Gliffaes Country House Hotel, Gliffaes – Repairs and renewals of roof coverings**

The Council was prepared to support this application.

**Financials**

The Annual Return had been completed and was now with the Internal Auditor for signature. Copies had been sent to all the Councillors and no objections were raised. The Return would now need to be signed by the Chairman and then sent to the External Auditor.

The following payments were authorised:

**000935 – Roman Solution - £390.00:** Park bench for Bwlch.

**000936 –** **Information Commissioner - £40.00:** Data Protection fee.

**000937 –** **B S Khaneka - £130.50:** Travel expenses for April & May ’21.

MATH informed the Councillors that the Clerk had asked him for approval to pay the designer of the Council’s website because the Clerk was having a great deal of trouble accessing it. This involved a limited amount of money (about £80) and MATH had authorised the Clerk to proceed. However, this money had not as yet been spent.

**Playing Fields & Allotments**

See under Matters Arising.

**Council Website**

The Clerk said that he was still having problems updating the Council’s website. He had been told that the website was designed on an older platform which was not readily compatible with Windows 10, which was the operating system on the Council’s new computer. Through the Clerk’s own informal connections, he was trying to get an interface designed at no cost, and was hopeful that this would resolve the problem.

**Any Other Business**

Bob Doak has said that he would like to wait until all Covid restrictions have been lifted before the Councillors took him out to dinner.

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