

prevented such a delay. It was agreed by acclaim that an interest be registered with Ward Cllr Atwell. Cllr Lesley Morgan MBE volunteered for the post if Llanvaches is invited to provide the 'Community Council Governor'.

(iii) Land Ownership : Cllr Peter Challenger said that there were a number of parcels of land within Llanvaches where ownership was questionable or unknown. He suggested that LCC took the opportunity to bring these parcels of land into the community ownership. Cllr Liz Williams said that it would be beneficial to regularise this matter. Cllr Tony Rex observed that there were negative aspects and some 3-4 years ago Council's view was that ownership by Newport City Council was preferable to LCC

ownership. Cllr Challenger suggested that Council draws up a list of the land and the issue becomes a project. Cllrs agreed.

(iv) 1 South View – New Gateway : Cllr Peter Challenger said that he had contacted Newport City Homes about the gateway that had been cut into the hedge. NCH said that there had been a fire in the garden and that the hedge would be reinstated. The case will be monitored to ensure that the 'gateway' does not become permanent.

(v) Gray Hill Surgery PPG Report : Cllr Tony Rex reported that the main topics were ongoing issues with Eunerin Bevan Health Board about facilities and opposition to the Newport Incinerator. The new appointment system was reported to be working well.

(iv) Community First Report : Cllr Lesley Morgan MBE noted that the LCC contact list should be updated. Cllr Liz Williams suggested that a half page synopsis of what was happening in Llanvaches would be beneficial and she volunteered to undertake this task.

2165 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

(i) Inspection Report – Climbing Frame : Cllr Peter Challenger informed Council that a barrier had been put in place to prevent use of the Climbing Frame, in accord with the recent Inspection Report. A number of posts supporting the frame were found to be rotten. Cllr Challenger highlighted the hire cost of the fencing and said that Council must decide quickly on whether to repair or to demolish the frame. He asked the Clerk to obtain quotes for repair so that the matter could be discussed to conclusion at the next meeting.

(ii) Inspection Report – Other Items : Cllr Peter Challenger said that other items for attention had been identified in the Inspection Report and these must be remedied within 60 days to satisfy the insurers. He asked that photographs be taken to show the work done.

(iii) New Playground Equipment – Cllr Peter Challenger said that the outline plans for new equipment must be delayed until after the Climbing Frame decision. Cllr Tony Rex said that LCC had hoped for another 2-3 years of use from the frame and was building up funds for a replacement. The actual cost of a new 'star item' would be about £20,000, so, Council would need to research and obtain grants to add to the current £10,000 budgeted spend

(iv) Trimming of Trees – Cllr Lesley Morgan MBE reported that Mr John Purnell had asked for the trees overhanging his garden to be cut back. Cllr Liz Williams said she had the same problem with boundary hedges that were only cut once a year. Cllr Tony Rex said that hedge trimming was part of the contract we had with NCC and the Clerk agreed to discuss the matter with Cllr Williams and then approach NCC to resolve the problem.

(v) Recreation Field Gates – Order Progress : In answer to the Chairman, the Clerk said that she had been trying in vain to contact the contractor to ascertain a start date for the work. Cllr Peter Challenger said that if we had not heard from him by Sunday 24 June, then we would have to find another supplier – the 2nd on the list.

(vi) Discussions with Newport CC Estates : Cllr Tony Rex said that the position on responsibility for hedges and stock-proof fencing of the Recreation Field was still not clear. The argument centred on whether a letter stating that NCC took responsibility over-rode the lease terms that had been signed shortly afterwards. Cllr Rex added that progress was deliberately slow but discussions were ongoing. Cllr Lesley Morgan MBE asked whether LCC paying for hedge cutting could be regarded as admission of responsibility. Cllr Rex observed that NCC cut the hedges free of charge before 2011.

2166 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Barn Conversion nr Hillside Cottage – New Access Road : Approved Access & Splay : The access road that had previously been refused has been installed and a new gateway onto Gilfach Lane created. NCC has actioned the Enforcement Process but the law hinders fast progress – there are several stages each with a defined time span. Council are monitoring the situation. Cllr Peter Challenger observed that much less effort is put into enforcing than into planning applications by NCC.

(ii) House Adjacent to Gwent Lea – Drainage Arrangements : No update at present

(iii) 12/0060 Detached Garage with Storage Loft, Forest Lodge : Granted

(iv) **12/0304 Erection of Free Standing Greenhouse – Whitebrook House** : Granted
(v) **12/0372 Erection of Garden Shed – Stonefields Barn, Whitebrook Lane** : Open for comment

(vi) **Demolish Garage, Build Extension – Greenacre Bungalow** : Open for comment
(vii) **Local Development Plan** : Cllr Peter Challenger stated that he hoped that NCC would stick to the plans given in the recent presentation by Lucie Taylor of the LDP Team. He asked whether any late submissions had been received by the LDP Team and Cllr Tony Rex said that there had been none relevant to the village. Cllr Lesley Morgan MBE enquired if the carpentry shop near the Rock and Fountain, that it currently up for let, could be developed for housing. Cllr Rex said that it was very unlikely because it was a brownfield site.

2167 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) **Tax Rebate** : Cllr Peter Challenger said that Council had banked a large tax rebate but detailed investigation was needed before it could be paid out. He stated that the matter must be resolved at the July meeting.

(ii) **Tax Underpaid (£15)** : Cllr Peter Challenger said comment was prevented by lack of information and he asked the Clerk to obtain the relevant data and all other financial paperwork from the former RFO.

(iii) **Payment of Salary - Method** : Cllr Tony Rex said that the Clerk is currently paid by cheque and he proposed that a Standing Order is set up to pay the salary monthly direct from the LCC Account, as from 1 August 2012. These payments will still be shown through POA. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Lesley Morgan MBE and agreed unanimously.

(iv) Payment of Accounts – Payments Due and Payments Confirmed

1.	Clerk's salary May 2012	120.24
2.	Clerk's salary June 2012	120.24
3.	Tax Due May 2012	45.00
4.	Tax Due June 2012	30.00
5.	Clerk's expenses (given to RFO 2011 and not paid)	45.03
6.	OVW Membership 2012/2013	42.00
7.	Aon Insurance 2012 (already paid)	562.49
8.	Brandon Hire (Peter Challenger)	88.80
9.	Combined Playground Services Ltd (Inspection)	72.00
	TOTAL	<u>1125.80</u>

Payment of these amounts was proposed by Cllr Tony Rex and seconded by Cllr Liz Williams and agreed unanimously.

(v) **Final Accounts 2011-12**: The accounts had been circulated to all Councillors for examination and comment. Acceptance as a true record was proposed by Cllr Tony Rex and seconded by Cllr Liz Williams and agreed unanimously.

(vi) **Governance Statement**: Cllr Peter Challenger read out the statement from the Annual Return and confirmed that we comply with legislation. Acceptance of the statement was proposed by Cllr Liz Williams, seconded by Cllr Lesley Morgan MBE and agreed unanimously.

(vii) **Agree Annual Return** : After brief discussion, Cllr Lesley Morgan MBE proposed acceptance of the Return. The motion, seconded by Cllr Tony Rex, was agreed unanimously.

2168 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had issued the Correspondence List to Councillors and was asked to obtain paperwork regarding the item on flooding from One Voice Wales (OVW). Cllr Lesley Morgan MBE referred to a letter from GAVO about their meetings and enquired whether a Cllr should attend as she felt this could be beneficial regarding funding. The Clerk will forward the minutes of GAVO Meeting to Cllr Morgan.

2169 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Lesley Morgan MBE reported that the recent OVW training that new Cllrs had attended was a good course and asked for the dates of courses on other subjects. Cllr Tony Rex noted that the best reference point on training available was the OVW Website.

2170 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17 July 2012

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.