

LLANVACHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT LLANVACHES CHURCH HALL
TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2013

Present	Councillors	Tony Rex Liz Williams Kay James
In Attendance	Ward Cllr	Ray Mogford
Public Attendance		2

2258 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bevan, Jones and Ward Cllr David Atwell.

2259 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2260 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (26 February 2013)

Cllr Williams proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr James and agreed unanimously.

2261 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

2240 (ii) Website : Cllr Williams said that she noted that the website was now up to date. Ward Cllr Mogford said that Langstone had their own website and that he had a 'Facebook' page for Community issues, where there are 200 members in group. He said that this had proved to be a good sounding platform when the Gypsy site debate arose. Cllr Rex asked for thoughts on a Llanvaches 'Facebook' page. Cllr Williams said that with something like that, you would need someone to feed it regularly otherwise it tended to become boring. The Clerk would talk to Andy Harcombe asking if she could use pdf to put minutes on website herself.

2252 (ii) Tabernacle Road Gritting : Ward Cllr Mogford said he had asked NCC to grit Tabernacle Road, which they had agreed *in principle*. Cllr Rex said that we must not lose focus on the current gritting route which is officially shown on the NCC website as ending at Wentwood Drive. NCC currently grit along Rectory Road to the Lime Kiln but this needs to be officially added and updated onto NCC map.

2252 (iv) Flooding on Tabernacle Road : Ward Cllr Mogford said he had spoken to NCC Highways who said they would inspect the area and report back to him. Cllr Rex said that the contour of the road, when resurfaced, created problems around the drain. Soak ways are needed from the fields. The manhole inspection cover is full of silt.

Current Vacancies : Cllr Rex said the Clerk would speak to Phil Johnson (NCC) regarding posting of notice on the current vacancy (Cllr Peter Challenger) and the outstanding vacancy that had already been advertised but not filled. Cllr Rex said that it would be ideal if the vacancy was filled by a resident outside the village nucleus, e.g. Millbrook /Talgarth/ Whitebrook area. Ward Cllr Mogford asked from which point the three mile rule started for candidates to apply. Cllr Rex it would be within three miles of the village with someone having an interest or business within the community. Cllr Williams suggested that it be seen as three miles central from the village.

2262 COUNCIL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

(i) Standing Order/Procedures : Cllr Williams suggested that a Working Party be formed to formalise the work she was undertaking on producing the Standing Order/Procedures. Cllr Rex supported this and suggested that Cllr Williams, the Clerk and himself plus one other Councillor sit on the Working Party. This was recommended from the Chair and seconded by Cllr Williams. Cllr Rex asked if this could be completed by the AGM in May.

2263 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident was concerned with the condition of the pot holes in the roads. Cllr Rex suggested that she ring Newport 656656 direct (NCC) to complain. The more residents that complained individually would be more beneficial than an individual complaint form LCC. The condition of the banking and verges towards the reservoir was a matter of concern, as a tractor using this route was tearing up the verges. It was also noted that there was no

fencing by the pumping station but Cllr Rex said that this seemed to be a matter for Welsh Water not NCC. Ward Cllr Mogford wished to raise his concerns, as a cycle enthusiast, and whilst riding by the reservoir, fears that he and other residents have regarding an Alsatian dog. Although it was kept on a lead, it does frighten people and they feel very intimidated by the dog..

2264 MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST OR CONCERN

(i) Grass Cutting Contract : The Clerk had received from NCC the 2013 costs of ground maintenance. She had obtained quotes from three other contractors, that were in excess of NCC's quote. It was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr James, that LCC accept the quote from NCC and confirm to them in writing. It was noted that NCC had indeed cut the playing field that day.

(ii) Jubilee Tree : The Clerk said a couple of trees had been identified as possible choices for the Village Green but was waiting for Jo Atkinson-Arbiculture Officer to visit the village green and advice which was best with regards to type and planting position in relation to the other trees on the green..

(iii) Summer Sport Event : The Clerk was asked to reply to the 'Llanvaches Residents Social Group'.

(iv) Facilities Working Party : Cllr Williams had been charged with setting up a Working Party and presented names of the proposed Working Party. Cllr Rex reminded Council of the existing people on a committee that had met 18 months previous, with residents, children and potential suppliers. He reminded them that the 2009 Precept had been increased to cover the cost of the then replacement of the Climbing Frame. Cllr Rex requested that a progress report be submitted at the next LCC meeting and that Ward Cllr Mogford attend any presentation as NCC is our Playing Field Landlords.

2265 PLANNING MATTERS

Recent Applications

12/0827 Brook Farm- Additional Equine Workers House : no change

Update : 12/0656 House adjacent to Gwent Lea – no change

Barn Conversion nr Hillside Cottage – ongoing

Pike Road - ongoing

2266 CORRESPONDENCE

> The Clerk had distributed the Correspondence List to all Cllrs. Cllr Williams queried the high concurrent grant paid to Bishton yet there was little on the precept.

> The Clerk said she had today received an invoice for the hire of the Church Hall, 10 meetings, in the sum of £250.00 and would like to include this on the POA for March. Proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Rex that this payment be included in March POA.

> The Clerk also said that she had received an invoice from NCC regarding election costs. It appears that the other Community Councils have received similar invoices. She would look into this matter and report back as none of the Community Councils had expected to receive a bill.

2267 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

The Clerk presented the following items for payment

	£
1. Clerks Salary March 2013 (by Standing Order)	143.10
2. Tax Due: re Clerks salary March 2013	35.77
3. Rental of Church Hall (10 meetings)	250.00

TOTAL £ 428.87

Cllr James proposed that the above payments be approved, Cllr Williams seconded the motion and it was agreed unanimously.

(ii) Management Accounts : Cllr Rex updated Cllrs on Cash Flow. We were on course for the year to have a balance of £2000. Although the bank reconciliation looked healthy, he reminded Cllrs that £3060 of that had to be returned to NCC for their overpayment to us of Concurrent Grant. Our forecasted income was £307 less than planned. He went through individual items explaining variance forecasts and over estimates.

The Precept for 2013-14 had gone through at £25 and said that none of the precept money would be allocated to recreation equipment; precept money was needed for other commitments.

(iii) Budget 2013-14

Cllr Rex explained that the budget needed to be finalised by 1 April. He asked for the interim budget to be approved at this meeting and to be finalised at April meeting. Proposed by Cllr Rex and seconded by Cllr James.

2268 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

2269 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16 April 2013 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.