

# Dale Community Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7pm in the Coronation Hall**

### **1. Present**

Lyn Jones (LJ)(Chair), Peter Morgan (PM)(Vice Chair), Daniel Jones (DJ), Chris Millership(CM), Paul Garnish (PG), Mark Reynolds(MR)

Francesca Jones (RFO)

Member of Public - Kevin and Tina Rogers

### **Apologies**

None

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

None

### **3. Minutes of the meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were agreed as a true record and Councillors were happy to sign them off.

### **4. Matters arising**

**a.** No stones have been placed behind the Boathouse, as was planned. This will be done asap and before the season begins next year.

**Action** – DJ and MR to complete.

### **5. Broadway**

We received a brief update from Anne Peters stating that around 70 connections have taken place as of the 6<sup>th</sup> September.

The general feeling of the service provided once installed was good, the wifi works as it should. However, it was highlighted that more telegraph poles have appeared around the village, usually on a Sunday, without any known permission or notice being given. 30 days notice is supposed to be given, but to whom? LJ explained that one Sunday morning, he asked an employee of Broadway what they were doing and was told that a telegraph pole was to be erected in the parking area opposite his house at the Gann. When he explained that it

was within the SSSI, they seemed completely unconcerned and tried to proceed. After some unpleasant discussion they went away to talk to their line manager and so far no pole has been put up. Other Cllrs agreed that they had experienced similar situations.

Kevin Rogers explained that the reason for the poles is because it is cheaper and easier than trying to sort out the infrastructure underground. Councillors agreed that it is disappointing to see yet more poles especially when Welsh Government is trying its best to reduce the number of pylons and poles that affect the aesthetic of the country. It was agreed that a letter of complaint should be sent to Broadway highlighting the points discussed.

**Action** – Clerk to draft a letter.

### **6/7. Parking/Highways**

It was decided to postpone meeting with Mr William Bramble, Chief Exec of PCC, until the spring when there will be more to show him and the village will be more ‘alive’. It will give some time to hopefully have the outstanding issues around the village sorted.

**Action** – Clerk to sort a date for March/April

PM expressed his disappointment that nothing ever came of our request for double yellow lines from the Cemetery to the beginning of the Crescent. It was rather brushed off and forgotten about. The ‘lay by’ near the Crescent is currently in a bad way, however this is due to the building work taking place and it has been promised by the contractor that the ground will be put back to a neat state once works are complete. It was discussed and agreed upon that instead of approaching PCC and probably having a lengthy wait, that Dale CC will approach Dale Castle Estate and work with them to create a deterrent for parking in this area.

MR noted that the area outside the Church has become more of a problem with more than one car often parked here, making it awkward to manoeuvre large machinery around the bend.

**Action** – Clerk to liaise with DCE once building works are close to an end.

### **8. Planning Matters**

NP/22/0353/FUL Replace and extend the current Crab Bay 'Puffin watching' hide on Skokholm has been approved.

An application for 2 Woodside has been received. NP/22/0577/FUL proposed alterations and first floor extension to dwelling to create an additional bedroom. Cllrs were unanimously in favour of supporting this application as it is similar, but smaller than the applications at numbers 4 & 5, which they also supported.

NP/22/0595/FUL – Alterations and extensions to 2 storey property, new garden cabin and new layby parking area at 157 Castle Way. It was agreed to have a site visit to discuss the planning application as soon as is convenient for the owners.

Mr & Mrs Rogers attended to discuss their ongoing application to have a bespoke driveway and turning area built adjacent to their property in part of the green wedge. It is apparent that the application seems to be heading for refusal and they are obviously keen to avoid this. It is mainly due to the area of land that needs to be acquired, being in the green wedge. PG volunteered to attend the decision hearing in case there is a chance to show support.

The question of outline planning was raised. This was due to the old WI site being cleared recently and the site currently only has outline planning permission.

**Action** – Clerk to ask National Parks about outline planning and see if PG can attend.

## **9. Village Matters**

### **i. Letter to Castle Way residents**

All were in favour of sending the letter having read the draft. The tree that overhangs the road outside 157 Castle Way could do with some branches cutting back, this will help large farm machinery to be able to pass close to the right-hand side. DJ was happy to liaise with the tenant farmer.

**Action** – Clerk to send letter and DJ to find out about the tree.

### **ii. Memorial Bench**

PCC have confirmed that the composite bench on the sea front can be removed to make space for a memorial bench for Matthew Blacksell. The Council need to remove it before the new one can be positioned. They were happy to re-site it elsewhere in the village but would bill Dale CC for the work, it was agreed that the bench should be removed but not re-sited at this time.

**Action** – Clerk to liaise with PCC.

### **iii. Jubilee Border**

It was noted how lovely the flower border is now that it is established. Thanks were expressed to Stephanie Martin for her effort in planting and maintaining the border, and to Anne Reynolds for carrying out the majority of watering, it was agreed to send a bouquet of flowers from the Councillors to them. Also, a thanks goes to all those who have watered, given access to their hoses over the summer, and weeded, without whom, the flowers would have certainly died! The plaque for the border needs chasing up as the Clerk received no responses from the enquiries sent out previously.

**Action** – Chair to arrange flowers to be sent. Clerk to chase the plaque for the border.

## 10. Finance

### Financial Report

#### October 2022

#### Receipts/Expenditure/Balance

#### Community/Current Account

Opening Balance (27/06/22) £1612.47

Expenditure	£100.00	Peninsular Paper Grant
	£250.00	Coronation Hall Grant
	£250.00	Cemetery Grant
	£251.76	F Jones for flowers
	£ 16.00	Councillor Training

Income £1400.00 Precept

Closing Balance (08/09/22) £2144.71

#### Business Premium

Opening Balance (01/06/22) £3004.21

Income £ 0.00

Transfer for election £ 500.00

Closing Balance (30/06/22) £3504.44

#### Totals:

Community/Current £2144.71

Business Premium £3504.44

#### Payments to be issued today:

£617.00 Clerk's Wages

£100.00 Madpads

£75.00 Wreath

£73.00 Dog Sign

Total cash held: £0.00

All were happy to issue the payments.

The working budget was reviewed. Clerk's wages were altered from last review as the figure had been incorrectly entered by £17. It was suggested and agreed to double the budget for Village Maintenance next year to £300.

## 11. County Council Matters

None

## 12. Correspondence

a) Endurance Life have written back addressing the points that were made. It was agreed that a suggestion to speak with the organisers of the Half Marathon should be made as they have always done a good job at organising their event.

**Action** – Clerk to report back to Endurance Life

**b)** An email was received from a local resident with a few suggestions/observations.

**i.** The style from the carpark has fallen down, County have removed the damaged section but left the step behind which is now a trip hazard. It was agreed to ask for it to be made safe, either by removing completely or replacing asap, it was also noted that it is not the safest place to cross the road as pedestrians have to walk out between boats.

**ii.** The area of ground to the North of the top of the slip way has eroded away where people use it as a ramp to gain access to the grass along the seafront. Stones have now become exposed and the area is hazardous. It was agreed that the quickest option to sort this area is to have it repaired asap during the winter. MR and DJ were happy to assess the area and report back.

**iii.** A set of keys for the storm gate are currently held by A Truleove who has asked if someone else on DCC should have them. Cllrs were happy for him to continue to hold them if he is happy to do so, it was suggested that Mark Gainfort also have a set.

**iv.** Bonfire Night – It has been asked if someone from DCC would take the lead this year. It was agreed that due to lack of insurance, this was not possible and it was hoped that A Truelove would continue to put on the display if funds allow. The cheque for fireworks of £200.00 which is usually given, was agreed to be put on hold for the moment as it is not confirmed if someone is willing to set them off/organise the evening. It was noted that the evening has become more and more popular over the years and with large crowds, it has become increasingly tricky to find somewhere far enough away to set off fireworks.

**Action** – Clerk to respond to the email.

**c)** The upcoming compulsory training programme was discussed. Each Councillor must score themselves in the areas and training will then be attended as is appropriate for each person.

**Action** - Clerk to draw up the training plan as soon as the forms are returned.

### **13. Date for the next meeting**

The next meeting was set for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Coronation Hall, Dale.

**Meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.**