

# **Dale Community Council**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite,  
Coronation Hall**

### **1. Present**

Lyn Jones (LJ)(Chair), Peter Morgan (PM)(Vice Chair), Andy Truelove (AT),  
Jane Warr (JW), Paul Garnish (PG) via Zoom, Francesca Jones (RFO)  
Cllr Reg Owens (Cllr RO)  
Member of the public - John Goodwin (JG)

### **Apologies**

Mark Reynolds  
Katie Williams - Broadway

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

LJ Clerk Pay - relation

### **3. Minutes of the meeting held virtually 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 were agreed as a true record and Councillors were happy to sign them off.

### **4. Matters arising**

The grant application for the speed sign was not submitted as was hoped. More research was required to submit the application and it was discussed that we would ask for feedback from Marloes CC to find out how their sign had been received by the community and to find out if their data capture was worth it in their view. Cllr RO suggested looking into the LNG grant, which is how Herbrandston CC have purchased a similar sign, that is not yet installed. PG informed us that legislation has not yet been passed for the 20mph speed limit for rural areas that Claire Williams mentioned at our meeting in the summer, and that there would be areas where it is trialled first. After discussing, the councillors agreed that they should continue to look into a sign, even if the new speed limit does not happen on time as suggested.

**Action** – Clerk will contact Diane Davies, Clerk of Herbrandston CC to ask for advice about the LNG grant.

At the last meeting, it was suggested that as a council, Dale could have some seagull sacks for residents or second homeowners to purchase to make it easier for people to keep their grey bags covered. The bags will cost £5.30 each. PM has also asked if wheely bins are available from the council and if so, how much they will cost.

**Action** – Clerk to contact PCC regarding wheely bins and cost and to put a piece in Peninsular Papers making homeowners in Dale aware that they can purchase the seagull sacks and possibly wheely bins by ordering via the Clerk.

## **5. Update from Katie Williams - Broadway**

Katie was unfortunately not able to attend tonight and sent her sincere apologies. The community councillors expressed their continued disappointment and frustration with Broadway given that hardly any progress has been achieved recently. PG told the councillors that he had been in contact with someone at Broadway to discuss his vouchers and that they had advised that it was highly unlikely that he would see a connection during 2021. JG addressed the council and asked Cllr RO why the County Council chose Broadway in the first place. Cllr RO explained that Broadway put forward a very good presentation in the beginning and that when it came down to the choice between Broadway and Open Reach, Broadway were the only ones who actually turned up. PG explained to JG that should he wish to change his voucher to an alternative company, such as Dragon Wifi, then he can do so as Broadway have not yet connected him. Cllr RO suggested that Patrick Hannon of PCC would be a good person to contact to ask for an update. PG suggested inviting the CEO of Broadway to a meeting with the Community Council and the Village.

**Action** – Clerk will invite CEO of Broadway to a meeting as well as Patrick Hannon.

## **6. Speeding/Parking Update**

Clerk has been told that 2 permits have been issued to residents who can use those bays in front of the Yacht Club if there is a space available, which there should be as there are only two bays. The council informed the Clerk that should all eligible residents apply, it would be a first come, first served basis as to who gets the empty space. The statistics that PM asked for regarding number of parking tickets issued and where they were issued has been requested and Marc Owen has asked for a couple of weeks for him to gather the data. Marc has also informed us that Alistair is going to review the current carpark layout in September. Marc suggested a meeting with the council in early November to discuss the updates.

It was suggested by PG that the problems with cars being ‘parked’ dangerously around the village be added to the agenda for the village maintenance walk.

JG asked Cllr RO if parking enforcement officers are still in post to which Cllr RO assured him, they were and the councillors agreed that since bringing this point up a few times at the start of the season, they have indeed seen the presence of enforcement officers increase slightly. PG asked that when we receive the stats for the tickets issued for the carpark, that the number of tickets issued for vehicles on

double yellows are asked for as well. He noted that he has seen the enforcement officer drive passed cars parking on double yellows regularly without giving any tickets. There was reported one car that stayed in the 1 hour bay for 3 days.

The suggestion of an overflow carpark next year was discussed however there is still doubt surrounding this because people who abandon vehicles around the village usually do so because they don't want to pay. Any potential overflow carpark on private land would still have a fee to park.

**Action** – Clerk to arrange a meeting with Marc in early November. Clerk to request additional ticket statistics.

## **7. Dogs on beach**

PM has noted that from the starting hut during racing, he has regularly witnessed people ignoring the rules for dogs on the beach at Black Rock. On occasion where he has approached people, often they are simply unaware that regulations are in place or could not easily see the signage. The new signs are not obvious and there is an awful lot of writing and information. PM has suggested that a decent sized, clear sign stating no dogs is placed on the railings/wall facing the beach so that dog walkers can clearly see it whilst on the beach. Cllr RO pointed out that people who break the rules for dogs on the beach put Dale's Blue Flag status at risk.

**Action** – Clerk to ask our local Dog Warden for advice on the matter and to see if PCC have appropriate signage.

## **8. Planning**

The planning application for Speedlands' change of use to a campsite went to committee where the decision of the case officer, to refuse, was overturned. Therefore, a cooling off period of 6 weeks occurred and the application was then brought back to committee to be discussed again. The decision was once again upheld by the committee and the application was officially approved.

PM wanted to know about the difference between pre planning or outline planning and the main application. Cllr RO suggested that we invite Nicola Gandy to attend a meeting in the winter to discuss this question as well as other concerns that have been raised in previous meetings.

**Action** – Clerk to invite Nicola Gandy, director of planning to a meeting at her convenience in the winter months.

## **9. Dale Village Plan for the future**

A date for a separate meeting to discuss Dale's future moving forward out of Coronavirus is to be decided upon. PG said that it is important to remember that the Community Council must think of the benefit of the residents and not just the tourists when making decisions about changes to the village. Clerk suggested putting

the Agenda on the Dale Community Facebook page to try and encourage residents to attend and put forward ideas. The councillors agreed. A date for this meeting will be decided upon after the Village Maintenance Walk – which is hopefully to be held in October.

The issue of the hedge cutting around and into Dale was discussed again as the previous attempts to have them cut early have fallen on deaf ears with the County Council. It is a dangerous stretch of road leading from Jubilee into Dale and the road has been used by walkers, locals and the students from the Fort more so over the last year. Two cars can just about pass in places along the road and it becomes increasingly risky when trying to overtake pedestrians, especially if the bus or farm machinery is involved.

Cllr RO suggested that Rob Evans and or Emrys Llewelin are invited to attend the village walk to represent the maintenance team and to be able to help where possible with our concerns.

**Action** – Clerk to post Agendas on the Facebook group going forward. Clerk to invite Rob and or Emrys to the Village Maintenance Walk.

## **10. Adopting Financial Regulations and Standing Orders**

The councillors were happy to adopt these for the year going forward. It was noted that the Standing Orders need to return to the AGM for review. Lyn Jones signed them off tonight.

## **11. Financial Report**

### **i) Receipts/Expenditure/Balance**

#### Community/Current Account

Opening Balance (11/6/21) £1,750.37

Expenditure	£250.00 Coronation Hall
	£250.00 Cemetery Grant
	£100.00 Peninsular Papers

Receipts	£1,400.00 Precept
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Closing Balance (09/9/21) £2,550.37

#### Business Premium

Balance (30/6/21) £2,254.01

- Community/Current £2,550.37
- Business Premium £2,2254.01

**Payments to be issued today:**

M&D PADS : £100.00

Fireworks : £200.00

Wreath : £75.00

Clerk Wages : amount to be decided in the next item

**ii) Clerk's Contract and Pay**

**Item deferred until the end of the meeting when Lyn Jones will have left due to DOI.**

**12. Correspondence**

- Clerk had received a letter from a member of the public which had been circulated to the councillors before the meeting. It was agreed to politely reply thanking them for the letter.
- Councillors agreed to support St. Ishmaels Playing Field Association's grant application to replace the playpark and benches in the Jubilee Gardens.
- Councillors agreed to support the Coronation Hall's grant application for equipment.
- Queen's Jubilee Beacon – it was agreed that in the past Dale has never lit a beacon for Jubilee events. It was discussed that something to mark the occasion will more than likely be held within the village.
- The Boundary Commission report has been published and it was noted that Tiers Cross and Walwyn's Castle have been added to our area and Cllr RO now has 6 Community Councils in his electoral division.

**LJ left the meeting at 9.15pm handing over to PM to chair the remainder of the meeting. Cllr RO also left at this time.**

JG here asked to speak to the Council. He wanted to suggest that the road from the junction at the Boathouse to the Fort and the Henry Tudor junction be made Access Only. This is something that was discussed at a previous meeting due to the unnecessary use of the road by visitors and the excessive speed used by motorists up South Street where there is no footpath and the majority of houses are resided in all year round. The councillors agreed that this is something that should be explored and will seek advice from PCC first and would then like to notify the businesses and residents that this could potentially affect before taking it further.

**Action** – Clerk to contact PCC to ask for advice on this matter.

**11. ii) Clerk's Contract and Pay**

PM explained to the councillors that the Clerk is currently on LC1 Grade 5 and receives £1590 annually and put forward that they be moved up to grade 10 which

would be an increase of £210 per annum. The councillors were all in agreement. They also decided that the Clerk's pay will be reviewed yearly on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The councillors then agreed on the payment to the Clerk for £600 today.

Clerk reported that the Auditor had pointed out that in the Clerk's contract it states they are to be paid weekly, however since the current Clerk's appointment they have been paid every four months as the previous Clerk was. The Councillors were all happy to add an addendum to the contract so that it states the Clerk will be paid every four months.

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

The next meeting was set for 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm in the Coronation Hall.

Meeting was closed at 21.36 pm.