

Dale Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

7th February 2023 at 7pm in the Coronation Hall, Dale

1. Present

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

Francesca Jones (RFO)

Public - NWR

Apologies

County Cllr Reg Owens

Paul Garnish

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held 7th December 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th December 2022 were agreed as a true record and Councillors were happy to sign them off.

4. Matters arising

a. NRW Keys – 2 keys for the gate padlocks were sent in the post. Unfortunately the envelope they were in was damaged when it arrived and the keys were no longer inside. The Clerk contacted Gareth in NRW to inform him. He explained that they do not have any spare keys for the box that houses the equipment, only the gate locks and that he would deliver more spares in person. It was noted that a spare for the box should also be provided by NRW one way or another.

Action – Ask NRW for 2 FULL sets and meet with Gareth when he returns to discuss the keys.

b. Plaque for Jubilee Border – A quote is still outstanding from Inigo Jones Slate Works. Other online prices were shown and it was decided to wait for the Inigo Jones quote to compare but that around £150 should be the maximum spent on this.

c. After the finance meeting in January, the Clerk was asked to check about the rules for co-option. It was discovered that the rough estimate for a stand alone election would be £4,500. If a vacancy comes up, the public must be notified and then they have the right to call for an election. If 10 or more people wish to have an election, this goes ahead. However, if 10 or less, the Councillors can advertise for a casual vacancy and move to co-opt the applicant of their choosing.

d. King's Coronation – Clerk has contacted Marloes and St. Ishmaels to find out what they are planning as a gift. So far it looks like Mugs are a possibility.

5. Broadway

Nothing major to report. Clerk had sent a letter to PCC outlining the concerns around telegraph poles. Patrick Hannon had replied briefly to say that he would forward it to Broadway and hoped to have an update soon, no such update materialised. It was noted that Highways are unhappy with the way Broadway have left the tarmac where they have had to dig the road up. Two properties at St. Annes head had their main water supply moled through by Broadway which no doubt caused much disruption. MR stated that there is still no word on when outlying farms might be connected. NWR reiterated that Dragon Wifi might be a possibility for any outlying farms/properties who are still not connected as the service is consistently providing 60mbs.

6. Parking

Clerk asked for an update from Marc Owen on January 31st but has received no word. It is still hoped that the new layout can be achieved this year in a bid to ease the problem with parking around the village.

NWR asked to speak on this matter in terms of South Street's parking issue. He reported that there is an acute problem, mainly caused by cars belonging to staff from commercial businesses. A solution to the problem here was sought with the assistance of the Community Council.

The Chairman pointed out that, despite understanding the frustration, there is no law that says that cars cannot park where they like along South Street. PM suggested that perhaps resident parking bays could be looked in to from the galvanised posts opposite Brunt Villas up to St. Bridget as this is not privately owned. However, it was pointed out by the Chairman that this solution would be enforceable all year round and that only 1 permit may be available per house. Outside of the summer holidays and a few bank holidays, when the village is much quieter, residents would not be able to use additional spaces even if they were empty.

CM proposed sending a friendly letter to all businesses in the village politely asking them and their staff to be mindful of where they park and to encourage them to use the carpark.

NWR explained another option that could be looked in to at another time which was to reverse the direction of traffic down South Street. He suggested that the main time the problems arise during busy periods are in the early evening when residents return from work. If the direction of traffic was reversed this would mean that the tight corner by the Griffin

would be avoided by vehicles altogether. The problem of pedestrians in the road here is not as big of an issue in the early morning when residents would be leaving for work. It was also suggested that parking could be utilised along the new road, either by making it one way there or by using the verges to make space.

Going forward it was agreed to draft a letter to send to businesses in the hope that this will ease the pressure.

Action – Clerk to draft a letter and circulate it to Councillors before sending.

7. Highways

NWR pointed out that there is no P to show parking is available in the village, on the main 'Dale' sign at Jubilee.

Action – This can be added to the 'to do list' that is currently ongoing with PCC

8. Planning Matters

NP/22/0595/FUL – 157 Castle Way has been granted.

NP/22/0699/FUL – 3 Coastguard Cottages, St. Anne's Head – Proposed rooflights to front & rear elevations. A site visit was agreed to be held on 17th February.

9. Village Matters

i. Maintenance Walk/Day

The annual Maintenance Day was agreed to be held in the morning of March 21st with notes on areas to 'spruce up' to be taken when Will Bramble visits to save having to walk around again.

ii. Agenda for Will Bramble meeting

Many points have been raised during the last few meetings that need to be addressed during this upcoming meeting. It was agreed to keep the Agenda brief but to include a presentation to help highlight the issues.

ii. Toilets

A letter of support has been requested from Sarah of Windswept for their project to have a changing places facility in the village. Two proposals have been put forward, one which will re design the current toilet facility to include the new disabled unit within the current footprint. This option is very costly. The second is to install a free standing 'pod' to the East of the current disabled toilet which will cost around half the price of the first option, but would need to have more space from the dinghy park. They are in talks with DYC about this.

It was agreed that the proposal of a changing facility to helped disabled people to access the beach and watersports is supported by the council, as long as a suitable place can be agreed upon to site it.

Action – Clerk to write letter to Sarah

iii.Go Safe – Following an email from the local PCSO inviting Cllrs to meet with them to discuss problems within the village, it was suggested that to combat speeding in the village, a community speed watch could be set up. Training for the speed gun would be provided and speeds are logged against number plates which then generate warning letters. A meeting of Cllrs, PCSO's and ticket officers was also suggested for a later date, hopefully when the season has begun.

Action – Clerk to speak with the PCSO to arrange a meeting

10. Training Plan

Councillors were happy to accept the training plan that the Clerk had drafted. This needs to be published on the website and is a working document to be updated regularly and when necessary.

Action – Clerk to upload to website

11. Precept 2023/24

i. Finance meeting minutes 9th January 2023

The minutes of the finance meeting held on 9th January 2023 were agreed as accurate. The precept had been kept the same as this current year - £4,200.00.

12. Financial Report

February 2023

Receipts/Expenditure/Balance

Community/Current Account

Opening Balance (10/11/22) £1527.71

Expenditure £100.00 MADPADS grant

 £73.00 Dog Sign

 £75.00 RBL Wreath

 £600.00 Clerk Wages

 £55.00 Bouquets

 £1199.97 Election

Income £1400.00 Precept

Closing Balance (12/01/23) £824.74

Business Premium

Opening Balance (30/09/22) £3505.49

Income £ 1.95 Interest

Closing Balance (30/12/22) £3507.44

Totals:

Community/Current £824.74

Business Premium £3507.44

Payments to be issued today:

None

13. County Council Matters

None

14. Correspondence

Operation Nightingale – Information on this scheme was agreed to be published to social media and put in PP. This is a new scheme to request volunteers who can help patients who may be well enough to return home to recover.

Action – Clerk to post information to social media page

NWR asked if anything about the new ‘Fflecsi Bws’ service had been received. None had. It appears this is a new service of a bus that can pick you up and drop you anywhere within the route area.

Action – Clerk to look in to this and publish findings in PP and on social media page.

15. Date for the next meeting

The next meeting was set for Tuesday 4th April at 7pm in the Coronation Hall, Dale.

A brief meeting was arranged for Wednesday 8th March at 6.30pm in the Jubilee Suite to prepare for the meeting with Will Bramble.

Meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.