Meeting of Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

held Monday 3rd August

by videolink and teleconferencing

Attending by videolink: Cllrs. W. Williams, U. Griffiths, G. Jones, I. Davies, C. Evans, C Stephens, R Astley and G. Peate.

Attending by telecon: Cllrs. V. Evans and H. Davies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs K. Roberts and A. Dunsford.

Cllr Jones declared an interest regarding Rhiwhiriaeth Isaf and Cllr. Stephens regarding Tegfryn.

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May were read and signed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr. I. Davies and seconded by Cllr. C. Evans. All in agreement. Cllr. H. Davies agreed under duress as she wished to see the confidential minutes. Chairman explained that as Council is meeting virtually these cannot be issued as they are to be collected and shredded.

Cllr. G. Peate left the meeting at 2008.

**Planning**

20/1162/TRE - removal of a tree which is in a conservation area and therefore needs planning approval. After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr. V Evans to support the application. Seconded by Cllr. H. Davies. All in favour.

20/1154/VAR – discharge section 106. Cllr. V. Evans told Council that PCC had made a mistake in the past by granting them permission to convert the garage to a bedroom which took them over the area for section 106. Cllr. G. Jones suggested that the application was supported, saying that Llanfair Caereinion TC do not support the removal of section 106 but in this case have no option. This was proposed by Cllr. C. Stephens and seconded by Cllr. C. Evans. Six voted for and three abstained.

20/0824/HH, 20/0800/HH and 19/0524/FUL are all pending consideration.

Cllr. G. Jones informed the Council that since approval had been given for a plot adjacent to Ewenni, Glanyrafon a few issues had been raised and Highways were looking into them.

**Finance**

Several invoices are due for payment but new signatures are required. It was agreed to continue with four councillors approved to sign cheques.

Cllr. C. Stephens proposed that any three of the four could sign at any one time and Cllr. C. Evans seconded the proposal. Eight in favour, one abstention. Cllrs. C. Stephens and. G. Jones are currently authorised so it was proposed by Cllr. C. Evans to have them remain and seconded by Cllr. R. Astley. Eight in favour, one abstention.

Cllr. W. Williams was proposed by Cllr. U. Griffiths as a signatory and seconded by Cllr. V. Evans. Eight in favour, one abstention.

Cllr. I. Davies was proposed as temporary acting RFO and fourth signatory by Cllr. C. Evans and seconded by Cllr. V. Evans. Eight in favour, one abstention.

Invoices approved for payment:

PHS Group 4 x sanitary disposal to 27/07/21 77.06

St. Mary’s Clock, 2018 & 2019 262.80

St. Mary’s Floodlight electric, Mar 18 – Jun 20 1304.73

Glyn Lloyd Grass cutting 1879.20

***Direct debit***

Powys CC Playground inspection 72.00

Hiscox charity Insurance Mount Field 280.00 (due Sep)

Opus Energy Chapel of Rest – June 40.99

Opus Energy Toilets 25.75

Opus Energy Chapel of Rest – May 41.79

Opus Energy Chapel of Rest – April 70.34

Opus Energy Toilets – May 36.88

Opus Energy Toilets – Apr 61.36

Cllr. H. Davies explained to Council that St. Mary’s have had no treasurer for the past two years.

Cllr. V. Evans queried the Chapel of Rest invoice. Cllr. I. Davies said that the reading was 5th June. As there is a smart meter in place, Cllr. H. Davies is to raise the matter with Cllr. G. Peate and report back at the next meeting.

**Premises**

Deri Woods & Goat Field – Cllr. H. Davies reported that apart from no doggy bags, there were no problems as she was in the area yesterday.

Cllr. G. Jones raised the question about the HLCA grant as there was some outstanding expense and was concerned as to the current situation. Cllr. C. Evans also pointed out that prior to lockdown an order had been put in to Charlies’s for a large amount of tools which had not been received so it was necessary to check that funds are still available before confirming the order. Dewi has been replaced in Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust and it was agreed that Cllr. W. Williams is to make the initial contact with the new representative and then a meeting to include Cllrs. C. Evans, R. Astley and G. Jones to be arranged.

Cllr. W. Williams to locate the financial template.

Mount Field – Gareth Evans has approached the Council as Trustees to make a stile for the recovery of balls that have fallen his side of the fence. Currently, they jump the fence and two posts are broken. These are to be repaired by E. Thomas.

Glyn Lloyd asked Cllr. Stephens if he should drain Mount Field. Cllr. G. Jones stated that £250 was paid a year for this service which was carried out four times a year. Cllr. Stephens to confirm.

Cllrs. U. Griffiths and C. Stephens declared an interest in the following matter. Cllr. G. Jones stated that he had an interest in the Black Lion where proceeds went to the FC but the Chair said that he could speak as an individual.

Harrisons, solicitors for the TC , have a letter from DS Law seeking compensation for damage caused by balls kicked over the fence. Cllr. V. Evans pointed out that the TC are trustees of Mount Field and as such, have no money.

It was suggested that a meeting with the Football Club should be held to discuss options. Proposed by Cllr. V. Evans and seconded by Cllr. U. Griffiths. All in favour.

Cllrs to attend said meeting:

Cllr. W. Williams. Proposed by Cllr. V. Evans, seconded by Cllr. U. Griffiths. All in favour

Cllr. R. Astley. Proposed by Cllr. I. Davies, seconded by Cllr. C. Evans. All in favour.

Cllr. H. Davies. Proposed by Cllr V. Evans and seconded by Cllr. I. Davies. All in favour.

Glanyrafon Play Area – Cllr. I. Davies stated that when he went to remove the tape and place signs and sanitiser as recommended by the Welsh Government, four families were already there! Cllr. R. Astley to contact RoSPA with regard to equipment that they failed.

St. Mary’s Churchyard – Cllr. A. Dunsford is in the process of replacing the sun dial, kindly donated by Mike and Rita Waters. Cllr. R. Astley has the crucifix which will be reinstated.

Erw Ddwr – Cllr. H. Davies reported that the little wall around the Memorial Garden is in need of repair. Also, that the bin at the top is overflowing due to someone throwing a black bin bag in there. Cllr. R. Astley kindly said that he would remove the bag and have it incinerated and also sweep the path. Cllr. V. Evans wished to thank Glyn Lloyd and his team for the excellent job that is done in keeping Erw Ddwr in tip top condition.

Chapel of Rest – Cllr. C. Stephens reminded the Council that the there could be a grant available, an application will be made.

Public Toilets – Cllr. H. Davies reported that the toilets were not clean and who had authorised the opening of them. Cllr. R. Astley has the codes so will check. Only the disabled should be open, accessible with a radar key. Cllr. C. Stephens stated that she had tried two companies to clean the toilets but they were not interested. Prior to lockdown they had been given a good clean by Laura. Cllr. U. Griffiths suggested that the vacancy was advertised on Llanfair Community Group. It was decided that they would remain closed until a cleaner could be found.

Library – Although the library is not open, Meg is in the foyer of the Institute accepting books in boxes from Newtown and returning books the same way.

War Memorial – Cllr. W. Williams to update at next meeting

Land at Banwy Ind. Est. – complaints have been received re. overgrown hedge. Endurance side has been trimmed and Cllr. G. Jones stated that PCC were responsible and that the work would be completed by September. Cllr. H. Davies reported that the bridge was in a state of disrepair. Cllr. A. Dunsford has already placed plates over the holes and requested timber from the Council. This has been ordered pre Covid and is in the depot awaiting collection from PCC. Cllrs. R. Astley, G. Jones and A. Dunsford to repair.

**Correspondence**

An invitation has been received from the British Legion asking if Council would like to order a wreath to represent them on the commemorative service on Saturday 15th August. Cllr. G. Jones proposed that Cllr. W. Williams represent the Council and this was seconded by Cllr. C. Evans. All in favour.

Borderlines Film Festival are looking for budding entrepreneurs in the local area to share their knowledge of folk lore or songs for a forthcoming festival.

PAVO are looking or volunteers. Social Development Fund is available for local charitable organisations.

One Voice Wales has given Council a list of policies which are applicable and agreed to supply and instigate for a fee of £300. Cllr. C. Evans proposed to accept and Cllr. R. Astley seconded. All in favour.

Date of next meeting: 7th September 2020.

Meting concluded 2217