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CHURCHSTOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 2 Rows Terrace, Plough Bank, Montgomery, Powys. SY15 6QD

MINUTES of Meeting on 22nd February 2006
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests – Cllr Mrs B J Davies (Chairman), Cllr E Evans, Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr D A Paterson, Cllr D L Powell, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens

Apologies – Cllr Mrs P J Jones

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

Declarations of Members' Interests: Members declared interests as follows,

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
None	None	None	None

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of meeting 25th January at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting of 25th January 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record.

3.0 Matters Arising from minutes for Information – to report matters for information arising from minutes of meeting 25th January at Churchstoke Community Hall,

3.1 (3.2) Cae Camlad Playground

The Clerk reported that the RoSPA inspection has been completed before preliminary repairs could be undertaken, and that repairs will be requisitioned when the report is received.

3.2 (10.0a) Fly Tipping is taking place at Pentre Wood

Cllr M Jones reported that the fly-tipping material has not yet been cleared.

4.0 Application for registration of Village Green in Churchstoke – report

The Clerk reported on formal confirmation from Powys CC that the Rights of Way Committee has resolved to defer judgement of all applications to register land as town or village green pending the outcome of the 'Trap Grounds' (Oxford) case set for hearing from 27th March to 3rd April 2006.

5.0 Planning Matters

5.1 Planning Appeals – notifications/reports (if any) of Planning Inspectorate Appeals.

The Clerk reported on notification of planning appeals decision as follows –

Plan Ref.	Appeal Ref	Site	Planning Inspectorate Decision
None	None	None	None

5.2 Powys CC Site Inspection Panel – notifications/reports (if any) of Site Inspection Panel

The Chairman reported on attendance at site inspection panel visits as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description	Date & time
None	None	None	None

5.3 Powys CC Planning Determinations – to report recent Powys CC planning determinations

The Clerk reported notification of planning determinations by Powys CC as follows –

Ref.	Site	Powys CC Planning Decision
M20051298	Lower Alport, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20051356	Middle Alport, Churchstoke	Full planning permission refused
M20051357	Middle Alport, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20060014	New Seals, Hall Bank	Full planning permission granted

5.4 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive correspondence (if any).

5.4.1 Powys County Council – Head of Planning Services

Re – Interim Development Control Guidance on Wind Farm Development in Powys
Copy of the Interim Development Control Guidance on Wind Farm Development and notification of public consultation period from 20th February to 3rd April 2006. The document is also available on the Internet at www.powys.gov.uk and on CD. Comments to be submitted by Monday 3rd April 2006. Passed to Cllr D A Paterson, then for circulation to other Members.

5.5 Planning Applications/Notices – to receive and resolve responses to consultations by Powys CC including –

RESOLVED ‘to respond to consultation on applications as follows’ –

S = support, O = object, N = note,

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20060141	Mr & Mrs T Morris, c/o Hogstow Hall, Minsterley	Poplar Cottage, Fishpool Lane, White Gritt	Erection of extension & glazed entrance porch	S

Action – Clerk to process

5.6 Planning Enforcement – to report on planning enforcement matters within the community

The Chairman invited Members to bring forward planning enforcement matters for discussion. Members discussed enforcement matters and resolved as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description
None	None	None

6.0 Correspondence – to receive items of general correspondence.

6.1 Powys County Council – Electoral Returning Officer

Re – Election of County Councillor for Churchstoke

Formal notice of ‘Statement of Persons Nominated’. The Clerk reported that he has already posted these notices to the notice boards, and put the information to the website.

6.2 Powys County Council – Scrutiny & Democratic Services

Re – Spring Liaison Meeting

Confirmation and agenda for the Spring Liaison Meeting between Powys CC and Town & Community Councils on Wednesday 8th March 7pm, Neuadd Maldwyn. CCC is invited to send up to 3 representatives plus Clerk.

Action – Chairman
Cllr B A Rowley
Cllr D H Latimer
and Clerk to attend

6.3 Powys County Council – Planning Liaison Officer

Re – Planning Liaison Meeting

Notice of next Planning Liaison Meeting between Powys CC and Town & Community Councils on Tuesday 28th March 7pm, Neuadd Maldwyn. Discussion will include Wind Farms, and Affordable Housing.

Action – Chairman
Cllr D A Paterson
and Clerk to attend

6.4 Powys County Council – Head of Directorate Support Services

Re – Policy for Organisation of Primary Schools

Copy of the policy as approved by the County Council 19th January 2006. Powys CC states that the next steps will be to apply the policy to all schools to produce a list of schools for review. Passed to Cllr A R Stephens.

6.5 Powys County Council – Head of Legal, Scrutiny & Democratic Services

Re – Temporary Traffic Order (Prohibition of Driving)

Copy of the Temporary Order for the closure of Green Lane to Woodgate, in stages, from 20th Feb to 3rd Apr 2006 to allow for water mains work. Noted.

6.6 Powys County Council – Community Lifelong Learning Officer

Re – Funding Village Halls & Community Centres

Request for final information on the monetary contribution by the community council towards funding of village halls and community centres in 2006-2007 to enable the county council to calculate the grant for 2007-2008. The Clerk reported that the request has been processed. Noted

6.7 Welsh Assembly Government – local Government Financial Division

Re – Appropriate Sum under Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972

Confirmation that the appropriate Sum S137 for 2006-07 is £5.44 per elector (increasing in line with RPI formula by 2.7%). Noted.

6.8 Shropshire County Council – Sustainability Group Assistant Policy Officer

Re – Consultation on Preferred Option (Core Strategy & Mineral Resources)

Information that Shropshire CC has published its preferred option for two new planning documents for its Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Core Strategy and Mineral Resources – along with summary copies and comment forms. Public consultation on these take place 20th Feb-3rd April 2006, with comments welcomed to be submitted on the forms supplied. The documents are also available on the internet at

www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning.nsf and comments can be submitted online. Passed to Cllr D H Latimer and Cllr A R Stephens.

6.9 Montgomeryshire Community Health Council – Chief Officer

Re – Fourth meeting to discuss changes to provision of health services in Powys
 Invitation to an additional fourth meeting on 14th February 2006 at Newtown Football Club to discuss changes to provision of health services in Powys. Noted.

6.10 Dyfed Powys Police Authority

Re – next Community Consultation Forums
 Notification of the next round of forums, the nearest to Churchstoke being 15th February 2006, 8pm, Welshpool High School. Noted.

6.11 Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Group Commander

Re – Offer of short presentations
 Offer to attend a community council meeting to make short presentation on the work of the service. Members agreed to invite representatives to the June or July meeting.
 Action – Clerk to process

6.12 Various other correspondence,

- a) PAVO – February newsletter. Noted.
- b) South Montgomeryshire Volunteer Bureau – enquiry as to local resources/amenities in need of improvements which could be used to gain lottery funds. Noted.
- c) CPRW and Calor Gas – entry pack for Calor Gas Village of the Year for Wales 2006. Noted.

7.0 One Voice Wales / Society of Local Council Clerks, Guidance Notes – to receive reports of area meetings/guidance notes/correspondence

7.1 Buckingham Palace Garden Parties

Notification that OVW was requested by the Lord Chancellor's Office to inform member councils that Her Majesty is hosting garden parties on 11th July 2006 to which OVW has a quota of 24 invitations. Names of Chairmen of Town & Community Councils for nomination as attendees are welcomed by 24th February. Members agreed to nominate past Chairman Cllr D A Paterson and Mrs Paterson as attendees.

Action – Clerk to process

8.0 Casual Vacancy in the Office of Community Councillor (Churchstoke Ward) – to receive information from the elections office on the vacancy in the office of community councillor

The Clerk reported on notification from the office of the Returning Officer that no election has been called in Churchstoke ward and that the co-option process will take effect.

Members were asked to seek interested members of the public and to notify the Clerk of names of interested parties.

9.0 Financial Report

9.1 Items received since last meeting – to report.

The Clerk reported on income received since the last meeting as follows,

Payer	Description	£
E R D Corfield & Sons	Burial Fee (plot 325)	75.00

9.2 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows, RESOLVED 'CCC authorises items for payment as follows',

cheque	Payee	Description	£
328	Churchstoke Rec'n Assoc'n	Room hire Oct-Dec'05 & affil'n'06	24.00
329	Powys County Council	Playground inspections x2	117.50
330	E J Humphreys	BT Openworld dial up Sep-Dec'05	10.89
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Feb 2006	314.77

Action – Clerk to process

9.3 Consolidated balances at 22nd Feb 2006 after sweep, receipts & payments – to report
The Clerk reported on gross, ring-fenced funds, & net available balances as follows,

Item	Reserve account £	Current account £
Gross balances	17,981.02	607.84
Less ring-fenced funds	2,591.16	0.00
Net balances available	15,389.86	607.84

10.0 Highways Reports

10.1 Highways report from Powys/Shropshire CC to CCC – to report items from Powys CC

The Clerk reported on replies/correspondence from Powys CC,

a) None.

10.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC – to report items to Powys CC

- a) Cllr. D H Latimer – Fishpool Road from junction of A488, between the boundary brook and the Appletree turn – blocked culvert causing flooding onto the road still not cleared. A reminder to Powys CC is needed
- b) Cllr M J Jones – at the Courthouse Farm – blocked culvert causing flooding onto the road
- c) Cllr D A Paterson – Hyssington Village, at road junction with Church Lane – severe edge erosion caused by surface water has still not been repaired. The carriageway is now reduced to 2.7m and heavy vehicles regularly overhang the edge
- d) Cllr B A Rowley – foot of Hall Bank – silted and blocked drain causing flooding outside Hall Bank Cottages
- e) Cllr A R Stephens – Rock Lane – surface is still badly worn due to water erosion. Previous reports to Powys CC (Sept 2004, June 2005, Jan 2006) have brought no improvement despite Powys CC noting the problem and stating that appropriate action will be taken. A reminder to Powys CC is needed
- f) Chairman – road from Priestweston to Cwmdulla – flooding and standing water causing potholes and erosion

Action – Clerk to write to
Powys & Shropshire CCs

11.0 Chairman's Announcements & Date of next meeting

- a) Cllr D H Latimer – enquired if any response has been received from BT regarding broadband reliability at White grit. The Clerk stated no further correspondence had been received, and would follow this up with BT
- b) Cllr D L Powell – reported a mole problem at the cemetery. The Clerk reported that the mole controller has already been contracted to do the work, along with tackling a similar problem at Cae Camlad playground

- c) Cllr A R Stephens – reported that the School has recently received a favourable inspectors report
- d) Clerk – informed Members that he has written to Powys CC to enquire the cost of field aeration for 2006-07.
- e) Clerk – reminded Members that the grass cutting and grounds maintenance tenders will be due, and the contract awarded, at the March meeting. Notices of Tender were distributed for notice boards and will be posted to the web site. It was agreed to directly notify those who tendered last year
- f) Chairman – reminded Members that more work is needed by the working groups on Recreation Field, and Community Planning Terms of Reference, and that a review of the web-site would be useful

Next meeting –

Wednesday 29th March 2006, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 8:25 p.m.