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

MINUTES of Meeting on Tuesday 22nd July 2003
at Hyssington Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance – Cllr D A Paterson (Chairman), Cllr S J Boundy, Cllr Mrs B J Davies, Cllr M R K Davies, Cllr P Delves, Cllr E Evans, Cllr G C Hamer, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr Miss B Madeley

Apologies – Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D G Page

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

2.0 Minutes of Meeting of 24th June 2003 at Churchstoke Community Hall were approved and signed as a correct record.

3.0 Matters Arising for Information from minutes of 24th June 2003 at Churchstoke Community Hall

3.1 (7.0) Effluent Spreading at Weston Rd., White Grit

The Clerk reminded Members that CCC had written to the Environment Agency expressing concern on the effluent spreading.

The Agency has replied indicating that it is the body responsible for protection of controlled waters from pollution, and explained the statutory information that must be supplied by a contractor before spreading is allowed.

The Agency also stated that it will rigorously investigate incidents of pollution and prosecute if appropriate. The issue of odour has been passed to Powys CC Environmental Health office.

Cllr D H Latimer reported that there have been no problem incidents in the last month.

3.2 (10.0) Churchstoke CP School, Admissions & Capacity

The Clerk reminded Members that CCC had written to the Powys CC requesting that a review of capacity is undertaken as a priority & that CCC is informed of the results.

Powys CC has replied indicating that officers will visit the school early next term and will inform CCC of significant developments.

3.3 (13.1b) Parking at foot of Hall Bank

The Clerk reminded Members that CCC had written to the Dyfed-Powys Police expressing concern on possible hazards caused by vehicles parking at the foot of Hall Bank, and requesting that officers observe, and take enforcement action if necessary.

Dyfed-Powys police has replied noting the concern and has asked an inspector to visit to investigate.

4.0 Planning Matters

4.1 Planning Appeals – notifications / report (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		

4.2 Powys CC Site Inspection Panel – notifications / report (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		

4.3 Powys CC Planning Committee 4th July 2003 – report

The Clerk reported formal notification from Powys CC as follows –

Declarations of Members' Interests:

- M20020099 – Cllr G C Hamer declared a pecuniary interest & refrained from comment.

M20020099 – at Pt OS 6509 Old Churchstoke – outline planning permission granted

M20030569 – at land adj. Bridge View, Churchstoke – full planning permission refused

4.4 Planning Applications/Notices for PCC Planning Committee 1st Aug 2003 including –

Declarations of Members' Interests:

- All applications – Cllr G C Hamer declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Powys Planning Authority and refrained from voting.

Council resolved '*to comment on applications as follows*' –

S = support, O = object, N = note

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Plans</i>				
M20030678	Mr Chris Bowen, 6 Tilbrook drive, Severn Meadow, Shrewsbury	Plot 3 Hall Bank Gardens, Churchstoke	Erection of 3 bedroom bungalow with double garage & vehicular access	S
M20030679	Mr & Mrs R Berry, Corndon Lodge, White Grit	Corndon Lodge, White Grit	Erection of 1 st floor extension & garden room	S
M20030744	Ian Kerry, Blue Barn, Green Lane, Churchstoke	Blue Barn, Green lane, Churchstoke	Dismantle top 2/3rds existing building & replace with timber framing to create new storebarn	O*
M20030779	Mrs A Millard, Holmwood, Old Churchstoke	Holmwood, Old Churchstoke	Erection of conservatory extension	S

***M20030744** – CCC objected to this application as it considered that the proposed wooden fabric of the development to be out of character with the existing stone building.

Action – Clerk to process

5.0 Correspondence – to consider items of general correspondence

5.1 Powys County Council, Chief Executives Department – Policy Officer

Re – Powys County Council A-Z

Copy of the council's A-Z of services brochure. Members requested further copies if such are available.

Action – Clerk to obtain copies

5.2 Powys County Council – Gwilym Fychan, Portfolio Member for Welsh Language

Re – The position of the Welsh Language in Powys

Invitation to participate in a PCC co-ordinated even reviewing the position of the Welsh language in Powys, initiated by a breakfast conference at the National Eisteddfod, Tuesday 5th August, 11:00 am., plus a pre-conference survey questionnaire. Members agreed *'to respond to the questionnaire and also point out that as a border area, the Welsh Language is not seen as a burning issue in Churchstoke'*.

Action – Clerk to return survey

5.3 Powys County Council, Technical & Local Services – Head of Waste Management

Re – Regional Waste Plan, North Wales

Information and introduction to the drafting of the North Wales regional plan. Noted.

5.4 Powys County Council, Technical & Local Services – Waste Minimisation Officer

Re – Compost Bin Offer

Informing that Powys CC is offering biodegradable compost bins to households at £15 inc. delivery. Noted.

5.5 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Modernisation Division

Re – Partnership Council for Wales

Notification of the composition of the Partnership Council. Noted

5.6 Welsh Assembly Government – Head of Local Government Modernisation

Re – Disposal of Land at less than best price

Notification that the threshold below which authorities are able to take decision of disposal of land at less than best price, and a consultation draft of the general disposal consent.

Responses by 19th September. Noted.

5.7 Churchstoke CP School Governing Body – Clerk to the Governing Body

a) Re – Trees on the Recreation Field

Informing that 2 poplar trees are showing signs of disease. Members agreed *'that Cllr B Madeley will check the condition of the trees'*.

Action – Cllr B Madeley

b) Re – Safety at entrance to School/Cae Camlad playground

Response to CCC's suggestion (following the RoSPA safety report) that more care and vigilance is needed at school times, and making an alternative suggestion that the Cae Camlad gate is moved to the tennis court end of the playground wall. Members agreed *'that CCC does not consider that moving the gate will do much to improve safety, and reiterates its earlier view that care and due diligence is needed from parents and drivers'*.

Action – Clerk to reply

5.8 PATCC – County Secretary

Re – County Circular July 2003

Copy of the circular including details of

- Report of the AGM 4th July
- Early notice that an EGM will deal with winding up of PATCC
- Notice of next Montgomeryshire District Committee 1st September 7:30 pm
- One Voice Wales – Summer newsletter with news of the launch of then organisation.

5.9 Health & Safety Executive – Complaints Officer

Re – Development at Maes Chwarae

Response to CCC's complaint regarding site safety & informing that the HSE has contacted the developer to remedy the situation. A site compound has subsequently been installed and the fuel tank removed from the portacabin roof. Noted.

5.10 Environment Agency – Teme catchment Project Manager

Re – Teme Catchment Abstraction

Information leaflet on Teme Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy, and invitation to make early comments to the strategy. Passed to Cllr D H Latimer.

5.11 National Eisteddfod for Wales – President of the Court

Re – Invitation to the Local Authorities buffet

Invitation for the council to be represented at the Local Authorities buffet on Saturday 2nd August, 12:30 pm. Cllr B Madely & Clerk to attend.

5.12 Various Materials tabled,

- O₂ – information on the future Airwave police digital communications 'TETRA' system and transmitters, which is to be ready for service in Dyfed Powys around December 2004. Noted.

6.0 Powys Community Strategy (Welshpool & District Local Forum) – report

The Chairman reported that neither he nor Cllr B J Davies had been able to attend the forum meeting 14th July at Montgomery Town Hall, where Highways, Transport & the Environment were the main topics of discussion.

Cllr G C Hamer was able to attend and reported briefly on the meeting. There still appear to be practical difficulties with administration of the forum.

The Clerk reported on a letter and briefing document from County Councillor E M Jones (Chairman of the Board), outlining the role of Town & Community Councils within the Community Strategy, and urging their participation in the community strategy exercise.

7.0 Items of Maintenance & Recreation Field

7.1 Recreation Field – to review proposals for ground treatment / improvement

Cllr E Evans reported that mole-ploughing has not yet taken place, and in view of the dry conditions and the proximity off the start of the football season, that it will be left until

April 2004. It was noted that the exercise is to be undertaken by the football club rather than by CCC.

8.0 Car Park Resurfacing – progress report

The Clerk reported formal confirmation from Powys CC that the contract is awarded to Messrs Gareth Lloyd-Jones, Chirbury and that work is to start on 21st July. The Headmaster of Churchstoke CP School has been informed.

The Clerk also reported on letters requesting extension of the project to include traffic calming measures at the recreation field entrance. Members agreed that whatever the merits of traffic claming, it is outside of the scope of this resurfacing scheme, and in any case it would be impractical at this stage to include any additional works.

Action – Clerk to reply

9.0 Financial Report

9.1 Financial Accounts & Audit for Financial Year 2002-2003 – report

The Clerk reported that the date of audit has been changed to 29th September, which will give more time for approval of accounts. Copies of the prepared accounts were circulated to Members so that pre-audit approval can be given at the August meeting.

The Clerk also reported that CCC has successfully applied to the Rural Rate Relief Scheme, and will receive 50% Discretionary Rate Relief on the cemetery for the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 (in addition to the 50% Mandatory Rate Relief already received). A full refund of rates paid will be received in due course.

9.2 Public Works Board Loan 487805 – to authorise repayment by Direct Debit

The Clerk reminded Members that repayment of PWLB Loan 487805 (car Park resurfacing project) is bi-annual, and that payment by Direct Debit would ensure that payment dates are not missed and risk of late-payment interest is avoided.

Members resolved *‘to pay PWLB Loan 487805 by Direct Debit, according to the loan instalment plan’*.

Action – Clerk to process

9.3 Items received since last meeting – report

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

Payer	Description	£
National Westminster Bank	Gross interest Apr-Jun 2003	85.57

9.4 Items for payment this meeting – including as follows

Members resolved *‘to authorise items for payment as follows’*,

cheque	Payee	Description	£
202	Mrs B Rowley	Village steward Apr-Jun 2003	75.60
203	Mrs B Rowley	Liners for dog waste bin	1.39
204	E J Humphreys	Council expenses Apr-Jun 2003	124.04
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk’s salary July 2003	260.35
<i>Items previously authorised (Green Grants, 24th June 2003)</i>			
205	Royal British Legion	Green Grant 2003	200.00
206	Churchstoke Bowling Club	Green Grant 2003	453.82

207	Void/cancelled cheque	None	nil
208	Corndon Am.Dramatic Soc.	Green Grant 2003	453.81
209	Churchstoke Football Club	Green Grant 2003	453.81
210	Gravity Sucks BMX Club	Green Grant 2003	453.81
211	Hyss'ton Church Restor'n	Green Grant 2003	453.81

Action – Clerk to process

9.5 Consolidated balances at 22nd July 2003 after sweep, receipts & payments

The Clerk reported on gross, ring-fenced funds, and net available balances as follows,

	reserve account £	current account £
gross balances	38,118.16	500.00
Less ring-fenced funds	28,081.78	0.00
Net balances available	10,036.40	500.00

10.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

10.1 Highways report from Powys CC to CCC

The Clerk reported that no correspondence has been received from Powys CC regarding CCC's July highways report.

10.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC

None

11.0 Chairman's Announcements & Date Next Meeting and AGM

- a) Chairman – reminded Members of the Green Grants presentations Friday 1st August, 7:30 pm, Hyssington Village Hall.

Next meeting – **Planning only** - Tuesday 26th August 2003, 7:30 p.m. **at Churchstoke**

Meeting ended 9:10 p.m.