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

MINUTES of Meeting on 26th July 2006
 at Hyssington Village Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies – Cllr E Evans, Cllr M J Jones

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 28th June 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record

The minutes of the business meeting 28th June 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 28th June 2006 at Churchstoke Community Hall

3.1 (15.1) Wales Spatial Plan

The Clerk reported attending the briefing 12th July, at Welshpool. The meeting was well attended with a large degree of representation from the community forums. The meeting received presentations from the WAG and Powys CC, with a follow up questions and answer discussion. Areas of particular note included:

- Background and structure of the planning groups
- Importance of the plan crossing administrative and community areas
- Actions so far and next steps
- The importance of communities being clear on their priorities or focus areas
- Key settlements, environmental studies, accessibility and transport, affordable housing, cross border working (including health and retail), inland tourism, language policy

3.2 (15.2) Electoral Arrangements ion Wales

The Chairman commented on the consultation document, and encouraged Members to take the opportunity to make a CCC response at the August meeting.

3.3 (15.3) Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, Annual Report 2005-2006

The Chairman commented on the annual report, and encouraged other Members to take the opportunity to read it.

4.0 Application for registration of Village Green in Churchstoke – report

The Clerk reported on information from Powys CC that progress has resumed following the determination of the Oxford 'Trap Grounds' case:

- Application file passed to Powys CC Legal Services
- Notice of Application will be advertised in local newspapers and on site
- Copies of the Notice will be made available to interested parties
- A statutory period of 6 weeks before further action
- Objections will be sent to CCC for response
- Application may be heard at a hearing/tribunal at which evidence will be presented.

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 |
|------|------|----------------------------|
| None | None | None |

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

5.4.1 Powys CC – Planning Liaison Officer

Re: Information on staffing and planning areas

Letter informing of recent appointments of staff, and the reorganisation of planning officers to planning areas.

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> | | | | |
| M20060654 | Mr J Kinsey, The Green, Churchstoke | The Green, Churchstoke | Erection of agricultural building | S |
| M20060658 | Mr & Mrs Swanson, The Pentre, Pentre, Churchstoke | The Pentre, Pentre, Churchstoke | Conversion & extension to barn for ancillary use (swimming pool) | S |
| M20060665 | Mr & Mrs P Fennel, Oak Cottage, Great Argoed | Oak Cottage, Great Argoed | Erection of garage | 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 One Voice Wales / Society of Local Council Clerks, Guidance Notes – to receive reports of area meetings/guidance notes/correspondence
None.

7.0 BMX Area – to receive status report

The Chairman reported on busy activity by the young people at the site, and that they have requested a progress meeting with community councillors.

Action – Chairman
Cllr D A Paterson
Cllr P A Rees

8.0 Review of Community & Electoral Arrangements – to receive a progress report from Powys CC elections office

The Clerk reported that there is no new information from Powys CC on the review.

9.0 Dog Fouling at the Churchstoke Recreation Field – to discuss possible solutions to the persistent problem of dog fouling at the recreation field

The Chairman reminded Members of their wish to discuss this issue, and that checks of the recreation field showed it to be clean at present. The Clerk relayed information from the Powys CC Dog Warden on:

- The legal position (Dog Fouling Land Act 1996, prohibiting fouling without cleaning up)
- Levels of fines (£70 fixed penalty, increasing up to £1,000)
- Availability of anti-fouling signs (Powys CC can provide and fix signs)

Members agreed to request Powys CC to provide anti-fouling signs at Churchstoke Recreation Field (x2), walkway from Cae Camlad to Castle Road telephone exchange (x2), and at Hyssington Playground.

Members agreed to install new dog-waste bins on Castle Road between the village and Tuffins, and at the A489 lay-by near the entrance to Cae Coed.

RESOLVED *‘to request signs and requisition dog-waste bins as above’.*

Action – Clerk to process

10.0 Funding of Education in Powys – to discuss funding

The Chairman reminded Members of their wish to discuss this issue, but noted that CCC’s role in education matters is limited and is mainly a representational one.

Cllr P A Rees discussed with Members the adverse effects of cuts in the Powys CC education budget (2.5% in 2006-2007), and urged all community councillors to lobby their

county councillor and Assembly Members to oppose cuts. Members noted that education in Powys has historically had an important and well-regarded position, but this is being undermined by budget cuts. This concern applies to both primary and secondary schools.

Members agreed to press for sufficient funding for education in Powys in order maintain a high quality education provision.

11.0 Financial Report

11.1 Items received since last meeting – to report.

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

| Payer | Description | £ |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Nat West Bank | Gross Interest Apr-Jun 2006 | 109.18 |
| M E & A Hughes | Cemetery memorial fee (plot 460) | 100.00 |
| HM Revenue & Customs | VAT reclaim 2005-2006 | 939.95 |

11.2 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows,

| cheque | Payee | Description | £ |
|--------|--|------------------------------|--------|
| 345 | 1st Churchstoke Brownies | Green Grants Award 2006 | 223.12 |
| 346 | Churchstoke Bowling Club | Green Grants Award 2006 | 223.12 |
| 347 | Churchstoke CP School Infant Dept | Green Grants Award 2006 | 223.12 |
| 348 | Churchstoke Football Club | Green Grants Award 2006 | 223.12 |
| 349 | Churchstoke Friends of School | Green Grants Award 2006 | 223.12 |
| 350 | Churchstoke Guides | Green Grants Award 2006 | 223.12 |
| 351 | Churchstoke Guides Czechedred Dragons | Green Grants Award 2006 | 50.00 |
| 352 | Churchstoke Junior Badminton Club | Green Grants Award 2006 | 200.00 |
| 353 | Churchstoke Pre-school Playgroup & Toddlers | Green Grants Award 2006 | 150.00 |
| 354 | Churchstoke Tennis Club | Green Grants Award 2006 | 223.12 |
| 355 | Corndon Amateur Dramatic Association | Green Grants Award 2006 | 223.12 |
| 356 | Hyssington PCC, Hyssington | Green Grants Award 2006 | 223.12 |
| 357 | St Mary the Virgin Church, Snead | Green Grants Award 2006 | 223.12 |
| 358 | St Nicholas PCC, Churchstoke | Green Grants Award 2006 | 223.12 |
| 359 | Mrs B A Rowley | Village Steward Apr-Jun 2006 | 95.95 |
| 360 | E J Humphreys | Admin Expenses Apr-Jun 2006 | 128.94 |
| St.Ord | E J Humphreys | Clerk's salary July 2006 | 324.06 |

Action – Clerk to process

11.3 Consolidated balances at 26th July 2006 after sweep, receipts & payments – to report

The Clerk reported on the M&G six monthly annual statement for 1st Jan-30th Jun 2006,

| Fund | Number of shares | Share Price (p) | Value at 30/06/2006 (£) |
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| Charibond | 100 | 124.30 | 124.30 |
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The Clerk reported on gross, ring-fenced funds, & net available balances as follows,

| Item | Reserve account £ | Current account £ |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Gross balances | 19,931.85 | 500.00 |
| Less ring-fenced funds | 2,036.88 | 0.00 |
| Net balances available | 17,894.97 | 500.00 |

12.0 Highways Reports

12.1 Highways report from Powys/Shropshire CC to CCC – to report

The Clerk reported on replies/correspondence from Powys CC/Shropshire CC

- a) Wernddu Lane – continuing in a very poor surface condition, with flooding and silting; request for ‘access only’ weight restriction: Powys CC states that traffic monitoring equipment will be installed to determine the quantity of heavy vehicles using the route
- b) Exit from Bacheldre Mill onto A489 – the new ‘no parking’ signs are obstructed by verge growth: Shropshire CC states that arrangements to be made to cut grass
- c) Congestion and danger created by the new school pick up points in Churchstoke village: Shropshire CC states that M&J Travel report no problems and that Shropshire CC’s own observations indicate good visibility and passengers waiting at appropriate place. However it also observed that Worthen Travel vehicles are present, which may be causing concern
- d) Roadside hedge at Yew Tree Cottage, Green Lane – forcing cars into middle of carriageway: Powys CC states hedges will be inspected and owners contacted
- e) Roadside hedge at Courthouse Cottage, Mellington Cann Road - forcing cars into middle of carriageway: Powys CC states hedges will be inspected and owners contacted

12.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC – to report

- a) Cllr D L Powell – Hall Bank, Churchstoke – low hedges and branches on left side obstructing high loads and risk of snagging and slipping of loads
- b) Cllr D L Powell – Todleth Farm to Hurgay Quarry, Old Churchstoke – low hedges and branches on left side obstructing high loads and risk of snagging and slipping of loads
- c) Cllr B A Rowley – Cae Camlad, Churchstoke – drains are silted along the ‘school to church’ end of Cae Camlad, and outside number 15, causing flooding and risk of internal flood damage to properties

Action – Clerk to process

13.0 Powys County Council – to receive and discuss other general County Council matters

No report.

14.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

14.1 Welsh Assembly Government – Rhodri Morgan AM, First Minister for Wales

Re – WAG Annual Report 2006

Copy of the Annual Report 2006 (leaflet form). Tabled for Members.

14.2 Welsh Assembly Government –Local Government Policy Division

Re – Guidance on providing indemnity to Members and Officers of local authorities

Copy of the final guidance following legislation in force 8th Feb 2006. Clerk to review.

14.3 Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

Re – Draft Risk Reduction Plan 2007-2010

Copy of the draft plan and notice of consultation period closing 26th September.

14.4 Various other correspondence, tabled

- a) Powys CC – copies of ‘Powys Recycler’ Newsletter July 2006
- b) Reseaulutions – notice of appointment as transport consultants by Powys CC with remit to advise on improvements to bus services in Montgomeryshire, and inviting comments on the services. Public consultation will follow over the winter period to discuss results of the survey
- c) Powys Local Health Board – publicity notice regarding cost of non-attendance at appointments

15.0 Chairman’s Announcements & date of next meeting

- a) Chairman – reminded Members of the Green Grants Awards presentation evening, Friday 4th August, 7:30pm, at Hyssington Village Hall, and highlighted the recent press coverage of the Green Grants

Next meeting – 23rd August 2006, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke (planning & finance only)

Meeting ended 8:47 p.m.