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

MINUTES of Meeting on Tuesday 27th May 2003
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, 7.45 p.m.

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

Apologies – Cllr D G Page

2.0 Minutes of Meetings of 22nd April 2003 at Hyssington Village Hall were approved and signed as a correct record.

3.0 Matters Arising for Information from minutes of 22nd April 2003 at Hyssington Village Hall
 None.

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 2nd May 2003 – report

The Clerk reported formal notification from Powys CC as follows –

M20030273 – at The Cann, Mellington – full planning permission granted

M20030368 – at land adj. Oak Haven Cott., Priest Weston – outline permission refused

4.4 Planning Applications/Notices for PCC Planning Committee 6th June 2003 including –

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>				
M20030372	Mr A Goodwin, Pentre Cwm, Cwm	Land adj. Chapel Croft, Pentre	Erection of dwelling. Installation of septic tank &	S

	Cae, Pentre		vehicular access	
M20030401	Mr G Moore, Middle Alport, Churchstoke	Middle Alport, Churchstoke	Conversion of former agricultural building to residential annex with sewerage treatment plant	S
M20030404	Mr & Mrs Brierley, Appletree, White Grit	Appletree, White Grit	Change of use of land to horse-riding arena, erection of 2 stables, tack room & field shelter	S
M20030500	Mrs M M Lawley, Lower Tasker, White Grit	Lower Tasker, White Grit	Alterations & extension to existing dwelling	S
M20030525	Mr & Mrs D A Stephens, Roundton Lodge, Old Churchstoke	Roundton Lodge, Old Churchstoke	Discharge of Section 106 Local Needs Occupancy restriction attached to planning permission M21869	O*
M20030544	Mr & Mrs J & J Bebb, The Bungalow, Weston Rd., White Grit	The Bungalow, Weston Rd., White Grit	Erection of agricultural livestock/storage building	**
M20030550	K & D Dowley, The Homestead, White Grit	The Homestead, White Grit	Installation of septic tank & wetland sewerage treatment system	**

***M20030525** – CCC objected to this application, as there appeared to be insufficient grounds or reasons provided to justify the discharge the S106 restriction

****M20030544** – this application was received on the morning of the community council meeting (27th May) so Members had no opportunity to review the plans and its local impact. CCC formally asked that decision is deferred to allow the community council time to make a response at its next meeting 24th June.

****M20030550** – this application was received on the morning of the community council meeting (27th May) so Members had no opportunity to review the plans and its local impact. CCC formally asked that decision is deferred to allow the community council time to make a response at its next meeting 24th June.

Action – Clerk to process

5.0 Correspondence – to consider items of general correspondence

5.1 Members of the public

Re – Land adj. Bridge View Cottage & Old Bowling Green

Cllr P Delves and Cllr B J Davies a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item.

Three letters informing of, and objecting to, the presence of a portacabin at land adj. Bridge View and Old Bowling Green Cottage. The correspondents indicate this has been put in place without planning permission, and ask for the support of CCC in making objection to Powys CC planning office.

Members resolved that *‘CCC supports the objections of the correspondents and strongly objects the the presence of the portacabin without planning permission.*

Action – Clerk to write to PCC

5.2 Powys County Council – Director o Scrutiny & Democratic Services

Re – Standards of Conduct for Local Councillors

Information and reminders on aspects of the new rules as follows,

- a) Declarations of Acceptance of Office / Undertaking to abide by the code – reminder that signed copies of the declaration are to be sent to the Monitoring Officer so that they can be forwarded to the Local Government Ombudsman. The Clerk reported that CCC already does this as a matter of course.
- b) Register of Declared Interests – reminder that declaration are to be recorded and that a copy is also to be kept by the Monitoring Officer (photocopy will be acceptable).
- c) Training on Standards issues – offer to arrange further refresher training if sufficient demand. Members agreed that evening training sessions would be useful, especially for councillors recently taking office.

Action – Clerk to process (b)

Clerk to respond (c)

5.3 Welsh Assembly Government – Head of Local Government Modernisation Division

Re – Nominations for Appointment to Partnership Council

Notification that following the national Assembly elections May 2003 that the partnership council must be reappointed, and invitation for community councils to nominate their 2 representatives.

Noted.

5.4 Mr I Roberts – Headmaster, Churchstoke CP School

Re – School Admissions Situation

Letter reporting the situation regarding insufficient . The Headmaster informs that with 85 children on the school roll, the school is 16 above its capacity and that there are now insufficient places available to fulfil demand. The result being that not all the children of the community can be accommodated. The Headmaster requests the support of CCC in efforts to obtain extra capacity. Cllr B Madeley (School Governor Representative) reported on the recent meeting of the school governing body, and gave further explanation and support to the headmaster’s comments.

Members discussed the three-fold problem,

- a) insufficient capacity
- b) likely refusal of further admissions in the short term
- c) in view of the growth of the community which is anticipated in the Powys Unitary Development Plan to 2016, the problem is likely to be compounded in the longer term,

the result being that not all of the children of the community will be able to be accommodated in the school.

Members resolved to *‘write to Powys CC to express great concern at the situation and support the Headmaster in efforts to obtain sufficient capacity’.*

Action – Clerk to write

5.5 Various Materials tabled,

- Montgomery Community Health Council – ‘The Montgomeryshire Pulse’ newsletter
- Wales Association of Community & Town Councils – informing that the ‘Reviving Rural Communities in Wales’, rally 31st May at the National Assembly has been cancelled
- Cymdeithas Yr Iaith Gymraig – information on ‘Declaration on the future of communities in Wales’
- Royal Navy – invitation to attend a presentation and reception on the work of the Royal navy at Montgomery Town Hall, 28th May 6:30 pm

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

The Chairman recapped on the aims and work of the forum towards a community strategy, and highlighted the administrative difficulties – the forum is inviting nominations for Chairman and Secretariat and informed members

- Minutes & notes on the meeting 31st March have been received
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 2nd June, 7:00 pm, Welshpool Town Hall, focusing on **Housing** and **Planning** issues
- Nominations are invited for the vacant the positions of Secretary and of Chairman of the Forum
- Community councils are asked to nominated 1 Member each as representative to the Forum, and who can give commitments and continuity to the exercise

CCC resolved that *‘it is represented by Chairman and Vice-Chairman at meeting of the forum’*.

Action – Clerk to notify

7.0 Powys Unitary Development Plan (UDP), Consultation Draft March 2003 – report

The Clerk reported that the CCC response has been submitted as agreed at meeting of 22nd April, and acknowledgement received from Powys CC planning office.

8.0 Items of Maintenance & Recreation Field

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

Cllr M J Jones reported that investigations of drains will be undertaken shortly.

Action – Cllr M J Jones
& Cllr D G Page

9.0 Playground Inspection 2003 – to report on results of 2003 inspections round

The Clerk reported on the 2003 RoSPA Safety Report. Many of the items are similar to previous years, indicating the general wear on the playground.

Member agreed to review the recommendations on-site, to requisition repairs as appropriate, and to contact the school headmaster regarding safety at the playground/school gates.

Action – Cllr M J Jones
Action – Clerk to draft letter
to School Governors

10.0 BMX Cycle Facility – progress report

The Clerk reported on a letter of from the Churchstoke Recreation Association expressing concern that the users of the BMX area are using the water supply from the community hall to obtain water for the ramps, and on vehicle traffic alongside the community hall.

Members resolved *'against providing piped water supply to the site, and to suggest that the Recreation Association set out safety markings along the hall to discourage vehicles'*.

Action – Clerk to write to CRA

11.0 Car Park Resurfacing – report

The Clerk reported that Loan Sanction has been received from Welsh Assembly Government, loan arranged from the Public Works Loans Board, and Purchase Order for the work issued. Powys CC intends to begin work 21st July, lasting 2-3 weeks.

Action – Clerk to write to CRA

12.0 Financial Report

12.1 Members Allowances 2003-2004 – to report & to resolve on 2003-2004 allowances

The Clerk reported on notification from the Welsh Assembly Government of 'The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members of Community Councils) (Wales) Regulations 2003' regarding Members allowances 2003-2004. Members resolved to *'adopt the allowances as presented'*.

12.2 National Settlements 2003-2004 – report & to resolve on 2003-2004 settlements

The Clerk reported on the National Settlement of Clerks' Salaries 2003-2004. Members resolved to *'adopt the settlement presented, to amend the standing order, and to pay back-pay due'*.

12.3 Items received since last meeting – report

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

Payer	Description	£
	Allotment rent (plot 4)	70.00
Powys County Council	1 st instalment precept & recreation grant	3,888.59
E R D Corfield & Sons	Cemetery burial & excl. right fees (plot 441)	150.00
Powys County Council	Re-cycling site proceeds Jan-Mar 2003	608.88
H M Customs & Excise	VAT re-claim for 2002-2003	730.36

12.4 Items for payment this meeting – including as follows

Members resolved *'to authorise items for payment as follows'*,

cheque	Payee	Description	£
192	None	Cancelled/void/unused cheque	Nil
193	PATCC	Subscriptions 2003-2004	220.09
194	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Insurance premium 2003-2004	339.78
195	Powys County Council	Phase 1 Car Park surface/drainage	2133.45
196	None	Cancelled/void/unused cheque	Nil
197	Powys County Council	Rec. field aeration 2002-03 season	228.40
198	Mr D A Paterson	Hire of OHP for 16 th April meeting	11.75
199	Churchstoke Recr'n Assoc.	Room hire Jan-Mar 2003	21.00
200	E J Humphreys	Back pay April 2003	8.80

St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary May 2003	260.35
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Action – Clerk to process

12.5 Consolidated balances at 27th May 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	25,470.64	500.00
Less ring-fenced funds	17,602.45	0.00
Net balances available	7,868.19	500.00

13.0 Powys County Council and Highways Reports

14.1 Highways report from Powys CC to CCC

The Clerk reported on a letter of acknowledgement from Powys CC regarding,

- a) Woodgate area (re-reported) – severe potholes – programmed for work April 2003 (now done)
- b) Stone House Lane, Old Churchstoke (re-reported) – surface and pothole problems – patching work to be carried out in May 2003 (now done)
- c) Llanerch Road – road edge erosion – repairs to be carried out as matter of urgency (now done)

14.2 Highways report from CCC to Powys CC

- a) Cllr B Madeley – Owlbury lane – the bridge is subsiding and in need of repairs
- b) Cllr B J Davies – foot of Hall Bank – cars are being parked next to the junction with A489 causing a safety hazard.

Action – Clerk to write

14.0 Chairman's Announcements & Date Next Meeting and AGM

- a) Chairman – reported that the concerns on safety at the Maes Chwarae development site as reported by CCC, have been referred by Powys County Council to the Health & Safety Executive as the Enforcing Authority
- b) Cllr D H Latimer – brought Members' attention to the problems of effluent spreading at Weston Road, and that some members of the public are suffering eye & respiratory irritation.

Action – Cllr D H Latimer
& for June agenda

Next meeting – Tuesday 24th June 2003, 7:30 p.m. **at Churchstoke**

Meeting ended 9:35 p.m.