

# REDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** held on  
**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
**at 19:00 in Redwick Village Hall**

Clerk: Nicola Sutherland [RedwickCC@outlook.com](mailto:RedwickCC@outlook.com) 01633 401106

Councillors Present:

Kath James – Chair

Mair Duthie – Vicechair

Elwyn Jarrett

Rhys Waters

Jon Williams

Members of the public – Mr J Ballard and Mr J Evans (19:20 onwards)

Nicola Sutherland – Clerk

1. Apologies

All Councillors were present. City Councillor Martyn Kellaway was unable to make this meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. The draft minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Jarrett and seconded by Cllr Duthie.

4. Public Participation (15 minutes)

To receive any questions or addresses to the Council from members of the public, with seven days prior notice having been given of any questions, issues or concerns.

Mr Lloyd had submitted the following points:

- Potholes on South Row – the Clerk was asked to report these to NCC
- Poor road state on the ramp towards Magor - the Clerk was asked to report these to MCC

The following item was raised during the meeting;

- Potholes on Bryn Road – the Clerk was asked to report these to NCC

5. **Matters Arising** that are not elsewhere on the agenda. To include:

- Play area – The Community Council has now received proposals for a new play area from Jerry Widdas. This proposal is fully inclusive and fitness based. Cllr Jarrett will develop the proposal, investigate potential funding streams and work with the community to put in a community fund request for this work.
- Saplings purchase as part of the Jubilee celebrations – Cllr James confirmed that the saplings have been given to the village by Sirhowy

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Hill Woodlands Community hub. A donation of £100 was suggested and agreed. This money will be taken from the original grant given by the Community Fund. Cllr James to action this. The Clerk was asked to send the Chair a list of the residents who have requested saplings.

- The Royal Oak tree has been planted on Prince Charles' Patch. Thank you to Lynnette Jones for the kind donation of the tree and to James Pinder for transferring and planting the tree. It was agreed that a plaque be installed to identify the tree. Cllr James to action.
- Water leak in the verge near to Jesmond. It was confirmed that the water leak in the verge had been fixed by Dwr Cymru.

## 6. **National Resources Wales – Advisory Group**

Jim Ballard, the current village representative, will update the Community Council about the work of this body.

Jim Ballard updated Councillors about the NRW advisory group agreement. It was agreed that Jim would continue with the board in the short term and then will update the Community Council when appropriate to consider appointing a new representative.

## 7. **Village Issues:**

- Chevron sign at the corner of Longlands. This is now fixed! Thank you to City Councillor Martyn Kellaway for helping to finally close this ongoing issue.
- Drain outside Corner House, South Row. There is a new drain here but it has been installed too high. The Clerk was asked to inform Welsh Water about this problem.
- Appointment of a new clerk for the Community Council. Cllr Jarrett updated Council about the appointment process. He confirmed that an interview had been held. The interview had been scored and a highly qualified candidate had been identified. It was recommended that the Community Council offer the candidate the position, subject to references and with a 6 month probation period. The Clerk was asked to follow up on the references submitted and to make the offer to the successful candidate.
- Mr J Evans informed Councillors that the village church was potentially looking for a treasurer. This was possibly going to be a role that would be advertised and maybe something that the Community Council clerk could consider if Councillors did not think that there would be a conflict of interest. This is an item to note but there is no further action required at this point as the role needs to be advertised.

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## 8. Planning Applications:

There have been no new applications submitted to RCC for comment on by NCC.

Planning Application Updates (for information only):

22/0784 The Bryn	NCC refused
22/0807 The Bryn	Granted with conditions
22/1064 Mead Farm	Awaiting NCC decision
22/1015 Church House Farm	Awaiting NCC decision

## 9. Finance:

### i. Bank Balances:

Bus Bank Account			3980.42
<b>Treasurer's Account</b>			
<b>Opening Balance 21.10.22</b>			<b>£ 27,272.32</b>
Cheques going out		£	108.00
		£	58.77
		£	490.70
		£	17.50
Payments in		£	-
Cheques not yet showing on bank statement:		£	-
<b>Balance of Treasurer's Account 08.12.22</b>			<b>£ 26,597.35</b>
Community Fund	£	22,135.85	
RCC Funds	£	4,461.50	

The Clerk presented the finances to Council and these were unanimously agreed.

It was proposed to transfer the balance from the Bus Bank Account into the Treasurer's Account. Proposed by Cllr Jarrett, seconded by Cllr Waters and agreed by all. Clerk to action.

### ii. The following payments were proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Duthie:

HMRC £32.60

Salary (including pay award back pay) £633.10

Village mowing £360.00

Playing field mowing and hedge trimming £440.00

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### iii. Allotment Wardens Account:

The patches of land relating to the Allotment Wardens were discussed.

There is currently only one allotment warden, Mr J Evans.

Cllr Jarrett will action protection of the pieces of land.

Clerk to move the Allotment Wardens bank account to Mr J Evans address and also request a new cheque book for the account.

Current balance - £1523.86

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iv. Community Fund

- To consider the request received for repairing or replacing the play equipment in the park. This request was not discussed as a new plan is currently being drawn up.
- The community funding element of the proposed solar park was not discussed as all relevant information was not available. This will be an item on the March 2023 agenda.

10. Items for Information

It was noted that the Community Council does not have any ICT equipment. It was agreed to spend up to £500.00 to be able to provide the new clerk with a laptop to carry out Council activities. Cllr Jarrett to action this.

11. The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 19:00 at Redwick Village Hall.