

REDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agreed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

held on Thursday, 12th May 2022 at Redwick Village Hall.

Clerk: Nicola Sutherland RedwickCC@outlook.com 01633 401106

Present:

Councillors

Kath James – Chair

Mair Duthie – Vice-Chair

Elwyn Jarrett

Members of the public:

Mr S Woodward

Mr G Lloyd

City Councillor Martyn Kellaway (arrived at 19:38)

Clerk – Nicola Sutherland

1. All Councillors were present at the meeting so there were no apologies.
2. There were no declarations of interest made for this meeting.
3. The Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday, 7th April 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Cllr Mair Duthie proposed and Cllr Kath James seconded.
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.

No issues had been received prior to the meeting however, the letter received re the bus service to and from Redwick was discussed.

Councillors noted that being unable to get a bus from Redwick to Newport before 9:00am was not acceptable and thought that this needed improvement. They also noted that there was a telephone number that you could call to request a bus service but that this no longer appears to work. Return journeys from Newport were also flagged as an issue.

City Cllr Kellaway suggested that the Newport transport manager, Richard Cope was contacted with regards to this issue. It was also suggested that the Community Council work with other local councils who are experiencing similar problems. Clerk to action this and liaise with other Community Councils and to arrange a joint meeting with Richard Cope to discuss this issue.

5. **Matters Arising** that are not elsewhere on the agenda:
The planning team from Newport CC are still to be invited to attend a Community Council meeting to discuss planning applications and the needs of the village. Clerk to action.

Litter Pick. The need for a litter pick before the Jubilee Celebration was discussed. It was agreed that it was too soon to arrange another litter pick for the village before this event. However, Councillors are keen to encourage residents to collect any rubbish that

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they see whilst out walking. Disposal sacks are available and can be collected from Mr Ballard at The Poplars. Clerk to send around an email to residents about this. The Clerk was also asked to find out when the verges are due to be cut this year.

6. Village Issues:

- Community Councillor vacancies. Consider the candidates for co-option.
- There are currently two vacancies on the Community Council. John Williams and Rhys Waters have both agreed to stand as Community Councillors and these applications were discussed. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt both as Councillors. They will be invited to attend the next meeting as Councillors. Clerk to action.

7. Planning Applications:

- 22/0349 Bareland Street – there were no concerns to raise. Clerk to inform NCC planning department.

Planning Application Updates (for information only):

- 21/1193 New House. NCC Refused
- 22/0166 North Court Farm Awaiting decision
- 22/0148 3 The Willows Awaiting decision

8. Finance:

i. Bank Balances.

The balances were shared and discussed in some detail.

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| Bus Call Account at 11.04.22 | £ 3,979.43 |
| Treasurer's Account | |
| Opening Balance 25.02.22: | £ 27,639.72 |
| Cheques going out | £ 7.40 |
| | £ 474.90 |
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| Payments in | £ 2,517.50 |
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| Cheques not yet showing on bank statement: | £ 29.00 |
| Balance of Treasurer's Account 22.04.22 | £ 29,375.92 |
| Community Fund | £ 23,920.85 |
| RCC Funds | £ 5,455.07 |

- It was confirmed that new signatories were needed for the Redwick CC bank account. It was confirmed that Cllrs James and Jarrett would become signatories and that retired Councillors would be removed as signatories. Clerk to action.
- The following payments were unanimously agreed:

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| The Samaritans (donation) | £ 50.00 |
| Young Farmers (donation) | £ 50.00 |
| Clerk Salary (inc back pay) | £529.70 |
| HMRC | £ 11.40 |
| Allotment Wardens | £180.00 |
| Jubilee Celebration (community fund) | £1785.00 |
| Insurance Premium | £257.60 |

iv. Allotment Wardens Account:

Current balance - £1523.86

- The rental charge for Quintin's Patch was discussed. It was agreed that Councillors needed more information before making any changes. Cllr Duthie will find out more detail about this and bring the information to the next meeting. Consider the rental charge for Quintin's Patch. Mair will talk to Mr Payne about this and bring info to the next meeting.

v. Community Fund

- The Clerk confirmed that the new Community Fund bank account was currently being set up by NatWest Bank. However, because of the time that it is taking to set this fund up, retiring councillors will stay on as signatories of this fund until such time as the account is open fully and operating (changes can then be made without slowing down the account opening process).
- It was agreed to make the payment for the Jubilee Celebration to allow plans to go ahead and purchases to be made. It was noted that although the full amount has been paid, any unspent monies will be returned to the fund. Payment made to the Village Hall account for the Jubilee Celebration.
- *Rushwall wind turbine community benefit money. This money was split between Redwick CC and Magor CC. Write to the company to express.....*
- The Council considered the proposed community benefit offer made by Rush Wall Solar Ltd. Currently the offer is £65k. The Clerk was asked to inform residents of this option and to ask for their thoughts about community projects that could benefit from or be implemented by using this money.

9. Items for Information

Jubilee Celebrations – an offer to purchase tea boxes for the celebration was discussed. It was agreed that the plan for a 'bring and share' tea was already in place and that the tea boxes were not required. Clerk to action.

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The village noticeboard has been sanded and a new coat of varnish has been applied by two local residents.

Mr Lloyd informed the Council that a seat in the churchyard is rotting. He was advised to take this query to the Church in the first instance.

It was noted that the rotten footbridges are still out of action. These have been reported to NCC previously. Clerk to follow up with NCC.

Meeting closed at 20:30

10. Date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday, 14th July 2022 at 7.00pm in the village hall.