

## **MINUTES**

### **1. Attendance**

Cllr Colin Deakins, Cllr Jenny Carpenter, Cllr Ann Bowyer, Cllr Jo Storey

County Councillor Meirion Howells

### **2. Apologies**

Cllr Julian Bowen-Sargent, Geraint Spacey

County Councillor Tony Kear

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **4. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed everyone for attending

### **5. Clerk's Annual Report**

- a. Councillors were issued a draft copy of the Annual Report for 2022/2023. The Clerk asked that any errors, omissions, and amendments were brought to his attention prior to the next ordinary meeting so that the document could be agreed and published on the website.

### **6. Comments / Questions from members of the public**

No members of public present

### **7. County Councillor Participation**

- a. Usk Improvement plan – The brief for the plan has almost been agreed for works between Bridge Street / Usk Square. There is a meeting taking place next Wednesday. 10:30-12:30 Sessions House (refreshments will be served)
- b. A resident has brought the condition of the road from Llanbadoc Church up to Prescoed. County Councillor is going to investigate and photograph the potholes.
- c. Cllr Carpenter said that there isn't feedback from MCC regarding any repairs (e.g., potholes) when they are reported to MCC.
- d. Cllr Carpenter reported that a drain cover near The Beaufort Arms is damaged, and this has been reported numerous times to MCC who have forwarded it to Dwr Cymru as a defect notice – it is to be treated as a priority. It has been two months presently and the repair has not been carried out.
  - a. County Councillor said that there is an online system with Dwr Cymru that allows you to report issues online and that he will forward this to the council.
- e. MCC are hoping to trial a specialist pothole repair machine in the summer of 2023. If the trial proves successful MCC would consider purchasing one of the machines.

### **8. Approval of Minutes from Ordinary Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Councillors agreed that the previous Minutes are accurate. Proposed by Cllr Ann Bowyer, seconded by Cllr Jenny Carpenter

## 9. Action Points

The Clerk took councillors through the action points from the previous meeting.

- Lack of internet connection at Little Mill Village Hall.
  - o LCC has discussed the option of paying for a mobile internet hub that would remain at Little Mill Village Hall for use by LCC. LCC considered allowing the Hall use of the hub in exchange for waiving hire fees for the meeting room.
  - o It was concluded that LCC should buy a simple mobile dongle and pay the monthly cost so that meetings could easily be held at Little Mill Village Hall and that the basic hybrid meeting functions could be met (people logging on remotely need to be able to hear the meeting and must be heard if they speak at the meeting) **Action: Clerk to purchase a USB dongle for internet use.**

## 10. Authorisation of payments

Merlin Environmental <i>Emptying of 6x dog poo bins</i>	£109.20
Staff Salary	£522.16
Audit Fee 2021/2022	£200.00
DL Corran additional tree removal	£138.00
SLCC Membership for 2023/2024	£94.50

- a. Proposed by Cllr Jenny Carpenter seconded by Cllr Ann Bowyer

## 11. Maintenance

Security at Llanbadoc island

- If a site visit with David Cox is carried out can LCC ask him what security measures he would suggest preventing campers and fly-tippers. **Action: Clerk to contact David Cox to setup a site meeting**
- Cleaning of cattle grid, removal of Balsam from the brook.
  - o To include this matter within the site-survey carried out by David Cox.

## 12. Planning

Write to planning DM/2023/00828 – can it go to planning consultancy as there are two outstanding enforcement notices with the existing properties. Concerns over lack of acreage for the number of structures that have been proposed. It is understood that the land is predominantly used for the storage and sale of agricultural vehicles.

It was agreed to send a letter to planning Department setting out concerns over the application and the current premises and the types of business currently operating within agricultural structures.

## 13. Time and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in The Buffet Room of Little Mill Village Hall

Meeting concluded at: 7:49pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_