

Peterston-super-Ely Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned a Llanbedr-y-Fro

Minutes of the Churchyard Committee Meeting held at 7:30am on Monday, 13th December, 2021, remotely on Zoom

Present: Cllrs D Moody-Jones, D Jaques & H Potter

Also Present: Tor Trundle (Clerk to the Council)

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Election of Chairperson for the Village Maintenance Committee.

Cllr Moody Jones and Cllr Potter nominated Cllr Jaques as Chairperson and Cllr Jaques confirmed he was happy to be chair of the Village Maintenance Committee.

3. Agreement on frequency of committee meetings.

It was agreed that meetings would be held in February and July of each year, unless there was any requirement to hold any further meetings. The meeting in July would, if possible, involve a walkabout the village to consider any maintenance issues.

4. To consider any village maintenance issues.

It was discussed whether the owner of the steps at the river had been identified and the Clerk confirmed that lines of communication were open and that the steps would be moved to a safer location. Cllr Moody-Jones asked for an update regarding the replacement of two grit bins. The clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Vale Council, who had confirmed ownership of both bins. These should have been replaced. The Clerk would chase the Council to clarify the position. The planter opposite the Three Horseshoes was in need of replacing and Cllr Moody-Jones wondered if the Clerk could contact a contractor to remove and replace. A discussion was held over the flower planting in the village and if the current resident who kindly undertook the function wished to continue. The Clerk would check and if not, then a message would be placed in the Parish News to request if any other resident would wish to take over. Cllr Potter reported that one of the wooden bollards by the white bridge had been damaged and required replacing. Cllr Potter confirmed that he would take a picture and forward to the Clerk. It was also reported that the hedges on Station Road required cutting back. The Clerk would contact the Vale Council, who would in turn contact the necessary landowner.

Action: Clerk to contact the Vale Council regarding the two grit bins and contractor regarding the broken planter. Clerk to contact resident regarding the current flower planting schedule and if they did not wish to continue a notice would be placed in the Parish News. Cllr Potter to forward picture to the Clerk regarding the damaged bollard. Clerk to contact the Vale Council regarding the hedges that require cutting back.

5. To consider current cutting schedule.

The Community Council was reviewing the cutting schedule and it had been previously decided at the Finance Committee on 5th August, 2021, that this Sub-Committee would need to meet to review the cutting schedule. The Clerk had previously circulated a map provided by the current contractor who cut the verges alongside the riverbank. The Sub-Committee wondered if it would be possible for the width of the area to be cut slightly narrower, while ensuring enough "pavement" for pedestrians whilst allowing access to the benches and down to the riverbank. Cllr Jaques would provide specific measurements to the Clerk to enable this to be added to the request for quotation and source a suitable map of the location to mark. The Clerk shared a plan of the playing field and the Sub-Committee discussed the areas that could be left to grow wild. It was agreed that the area to the left of the path could grow wild, though it was accepted that there should be access to the benches

and cutting should ensure that these are free of brambles. Wildlife corridors could be introduced in these wild areas. The area to the right of the MUGA would be used to introduce wildflower seeds and a grant had been secured to plant fruit trees and locate several habitat boxes. Cllr Moody Jones confirmed that he was sure that Peterston Connect would be happy to take care of the maintenance surrounding the habitat boxes. Cllr Potter had noted that the Yew Tree in the churchyard together with some of the other trees nearer the village hall needed attention. The Clerk would contact the Vale Council and speak to the Arboriculturist for advice.

Action: Cllr Jaques to determine area to be cut alongside riverbank and notify Clerk. Clerk to contact the Arboriculturist regarding the trees in the churchyard.

There was no other business the meeting closed at 20.50

Chair _____ Date _____