

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 12th DECEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Vice Chair: Councillor Glenys Diskin

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer,
Fran Griffiths, Administrator

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest were made by Members pertaining to this Committee.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14th November 2016 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Clerk reported that following the recent accident involving the cherry picker, youths had recently gained unauthorised access to the vehicle storage area, had damaged the vehicle further and stolen two keys inappropriately stored on the vehicle. The incident had been reported to the police and security floodlights had been installed in an attempt to deter the youths from congregating and trespassing in the area.

POLICE MATTERS:

PC Daniel Stanton and PCSO Emma Owen were welcomed to the meeting in the absence of PC Martin Price

PC Stanton stated that the Clerk had shared details of the recent problems with the council vehicle and problems with drug use and litter and said that spot checks in the area had been put in place.

PC Stanton provided an update on the issues discussed at the November meeting:

- Patrols would continue to be carried out at the St. David’s Park Hotel and Gladstone Playing Field areas regarding the ongoing drug abuse problems.
- A meeting had recently taken place with Councillor Clive Carver, North Wales Police representatives and the County Highways Department about the parking issues at Hawarden Village School; it had been suggested that a one way system be trialled, pending the data analysis exercise that would be undertaken. The Clerk had recently met with the Head Teacher at the school and advised that there was little room for improvement on the site of the school. A further meeting would be arranged in the new year with all relevant Councillors as agreed at the meeting in November.
- Councillor Glenys Diskin said that she had received a phone call from a resident saying that they did not want a one way system. It was agreed however that the safety of the children crossing the roads was paramount.
- There had been three thefts during the night-time from insecure vehicles in the Manor Lane/Level Road area.
- There had been four burglaries from insecure outhouses in Overleigh Drive over the last two months and from two dwellings in Wood Lane and Little Roodee.
- Councillor Helen Brown offered the mock camera/street light that had been used to deter anti-social behaviour in her ward to the police representatives.
- PC Stanton reported that despite North Wales Police constantly informing residents to secure their premises, the message did not appear to be received as the recent spate of burglaries were from insecure areas/vehicles. PC Stanton stated that the use of social media and apps like “Strava” did not help as criminals could access this data to review the activities of local residents to determine whether properties were occupied or not.

Members thanked the Police representatives for their updates and attendance.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (i) that a further meeting be arranged at the school with all relevant parties to review the traffic issues at the Hawarden Village School
- (ii) the updates be noted.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

John Griffiths was welcomed to the meeting and advised that the overhanging trees in Duckers Lane belonged to a resident and not Flintshire County Council but that he had written to them to request that they be trimmed.

Councillor Ve Amos requested that the yellow lines at the rear of Sandycroft CP School on Mancot Lane be extended further along to the bend in the road. The area was dangerous with parked cars and she was particularly concerned that an accident might occur.

Following Member concerns at the previous meeting, John confirmed that the gullies had all been cleared. Councillor Brian Williams disputed this and stated that the gullies between the Monument and the Crown and Liver were still blocked and had weeds growing out of them. It was agreed that a site meeting be arranged between John Griffiths and Councillor Brian Williams to review the situation.

John said that a “No Entry” sign had been installed at the Queensferry roundabout to avoid confusion to motorists and prevent an accident.

Councillor Ve Amos asked John to send an Enforcement Officer to check the ongoing problem of dog fouling in the Mancot area particularly in the alleyways to which he agreed.

John Griffiths confirmed that the meeting had taken place in Cross Tree Lane regarding the ongoing parking issues at Hawarden Village School and he would request an update from Lee Shone, Flintshire County Council.

The Clerk requested that a site meeting be held with Councillor Joyce Angell about the signage for Ewloe Castle, as discussed at the previous meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report, update and actions be noted.

CLERK’S REPORT:

The Clerk advised Committee of the following matters:

- A copy of the consultation workshop feedback on the Local Development Plan had been emailed direct to members for their information. Councillor Helen Brown confirmed that, as requested, a copy had been stored at the Community Library in Mancot and that she had also shared the links on social media. The Chair stated many residents had looked at the document and she had received a number of phone calls about it.
- Mr Jon Merrick, recipient of the Community Volunteer Award, had extended an invitation to all Councillors to visit the new Hawarden Cricket Club in the New Year.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.