

# HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
**STAFF AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
held on **13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Joyce Angell

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 previous meeting of the Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 be received as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were none.

**POLICE MATTERS:**

PC Martin Price had been unable to attend the meeting. The Clerk said that she had recently spoken to Martin who had advised that the North Wales Police, due to limited resources, had asked that Police Officers only attend meetings of the Community Council when they are formally invited to discuss a particular issue rather than attend regularly on a monthly basis. Members were disappointed to learn this and asked the Clerk to invite the Police to the next meeting to discuss the problems being experienced with parking outside the Village School Hawarden, as discussed previously.

Councillor Clive Carver advised of recent events whereby local residents in Vickers Close had been intimidated by anti-social behaviour. After CCTV footage had been viewed by the police, a person had been arrested although the Crown Prosecution Service had not pursued the prosecution and a conditional discharge had been issued. Since that time a number of men had been riding quad bikes around the area and causing a nuisance. Residents had become fearful of reprisals and had requested whether a 'kissing gate' could be placed at the end of Vickers Close to prevent access.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that PC Price be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the above matters.

### **HIGHWAYS ISSUES:**

The Chair welcomed John Griffiths to the meeting. The following matters were raised:

Councillor Emma Preece, on behalf of local residents, asked John to assist with the large trees in the wood behind Eliot Close, Ewloe to which John responded that as they were on private land and private property Flintshire County Council had limited powers. Councillor Alison Halford said that she had received the same complaints, had contacted Redrow but subsequently been ignored and would contact them again the next morning.

Councillor George Hardcastle advised that Stuart Body, Forestry Officer, Flintshire County Council, had indicated previously that if trees were on private property and caused a potential danger, then the County Council could take action.

Councillor Emma Preece had also received a number of complaints from residents who had been unable to access their drive during school times at Ewloe Green CP School. A number of members said that this had been a problem for some years and Councillor Joyce Angell suggested that the Clerk write to the Head Teacher at the school to see if a letter could be sent direct to parents asking them to be more mindful of local residents when parking.

Councillor Brian Williams complained about the continuing problem of dog fouling on The Highway and stated that the gully clearing had only been carried out along one side of The Highway. John Griffiths said that he would ensure that an evening shift of gully cleaning be initiated to complete the task as parked cars during the day had meant the job had not been finished and that he would advise the enforcement team about the dog fouling issues.

Councillor Ve Amos asked whether there had been any update on the request to install yellow lines on Mancot Lane to which John advised that the matter was currently being dealt with by the Highways Department.

Councillors Ve Amos and Kevin Jones complained about the number of pot holes in the road on Hawarden Way and between the co-op and Wood Lane.

Councillor Glenys Diskin said that tyres had been being dumped on Duckers Lane.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- I) the Clerk write to Redrow Homes about the trees behind Eliot Close
- II) the Clerk write to the Head Teacher at Ewloe Green CP School about the parking problems
- III) John Griffiths pursue the request to install a kissing gate at Vickers Close, Hawarden

**JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Services Committee held on 19 January be noted.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

The Clerk had circulated details of a number of consultations with the agenda for the meeting and sought Members comments and contributions.

- a) **2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales:** the consultation was noted.
- b) **Welsh Government – Vision for North Wales:** the consultation was noted.
- c) **A55/A494 Deeside Corridor:** the public consultation events would take place from the 21<sup>st</sup> March to the 24<sup>th</sup> March at Ewloe Social Club and Coleg Cambria; all members would attend one of the events. Some Members expressed their dissatisfaction at how the consultation had been publicised with conflicting information about the events.
- d) **Gypsy, Traveller and Showpeople sites:** the consultation was noted.
- e) **The Well-Being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015:** the consultation was noted and Members agreed that the profile for Community Area 6 was a fair reflection of the local area.

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

The Clerk advised Members that she had duly completed the Declaration of Compliance with the Pensions Regulator as required under the Pensions Act 2008 for the new rules around Auto-enrolment.

**MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.