**ERBISTOCK AND EYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 2nd February 2021 via Zoom**

**Present; - Councillors Evans (Chairman), Cooper, Barnett, Matthews, Thomas, Cooke and the Clerk. Also County Councillor Pritchard.**

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies; Councillor Blakemore was unable to join the meeting due to technical problem**
2. **A declaration of Interest – none**
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th June 2020. - These were agreed as a true and correct record, and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.**
4. **Matters arising – none**
5. **Review The Annual Budget 2021/22 and set the precept. – It was agreed by a majority vote to increase the precept from £1185 (since 2013) to £1500 to take into account increased costs and possible future Community Projects, such as speed signs for which the Council had insufficient resources to fund. Councillor Thomas expressed concern over the rise and the financial impact on residents.**
6. **Annual Review of The financial Controls, The Standing Orders, The Effectiveness of The Council’s Internal Controls and Risk assessment. – These were all considered and accepted.**
7. **County Councillor’s Report – Councillor John Pritchard confirmed that all the flooding reports received were in hand. He requested that Councillors copied each other in e-mails regarding flooding/road reports due to the duplication of reports sometimes causing confusion. He also confirmed that the installation of the new notice board by the bungalows at St.Erbin’s in Erbistock was imminent and would inform the Clerk in due course. He also informed the Council of the closure of the A525 between Cross Lanes and Bangor for resurfacing from February 22 which may impact the traffic in Eyton and Erbistock.**
8. **Planning – Eyton Grange P/2020/0856- 2 storey extension. Previously circulated – no objection- decision pending.**
9. **Appoint an Internal auditor – this was postponed to the next meeting due to potential change in Wales Audit Office arrangements for 20/21.**
10. **Crime Figures obtained from** [**www.police.uk**](http://www.police.uk) **– June 2 x violence & sexual offence, 1 x antisocial behaviour. July – October x 0, November 1 x violence & sexual offence, 1 x public order, 1 x other crime.**
11. **Review of Income and Expenditure. – As at 19/01/21 the current account balance was £2225.45, Reserve account £217.35. Payments - Clerk expenses £50.00, Wales Audit Office £281.75.**
12. **Any other business –**

* **Councillor Thomas reported that Cannabis plants had been dumped for the third year running in Erbistock. She had reported it to The Police but had a poor response from them.**
* **Councillor Cooke informed the Council that the tree which appeared to be causing some verge slippage had been cut down and thanked the Clerk for her speedy assistance in the matter. She also reported that the footbridge at Tinkers Brook, (fairly recently renewed) had stood up well to the recent severe flooding.**
* **The Clerk offered to attempt to set up a Facebook page for The Community Council despite little experience of Social Media. Councillor Barnett amongst others and including the Clerk thought that a Newsletter was still a good idea as not everyone is on Facebook.**
* **Councillor Barnett reported that the ongoing flooding problem by The Cefnydd had proved difficult to alleviate despite the help of neighbours and hoped that the Council would be able rectify the problems there soon.**
* **The Chairman also pointed out the flooding problem at the bottom end of Purcell’s Lane opposite Eyton Hall Lane, where a blocked drain and subsequent flood had possibly led to a recent accident. Fortunately nobody was hurt.**

**The Date of the next meeting was set as Monday 22nd March 2021 and would be using the Zoom format.**

**Signed as a true and correct record………………………………………………………………………..**

**Chairman**

**Date…………………………………………………..**