**ERBISTOCK AND EYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.30pm**

**At Eyton School**

**Present; - Councillors John Evans (Chairman), Charles Barnett, Glenys Matthews, Robert Blakemore, Vicki Cooper, Sarah Cooke, Chris Thomas. The Clerk, County Councillor John Pritchard and also PCSO Dean Sawyer.**

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies- None**
2. **A declaration of Interest – None**
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021 - These were agreed as a true and correct record, and were signed by the Chairman.**
4. **Matters Arising – There were none.**
5. **Police Matters –The Chairman welcomed PCSO Dean Sawyer (Overton) to the meeting as the new contact for the area. He reported that he had carried out speed tests by Eyton School but due to the traffic calming measures and possibly his presence no vehicles had exceeded the speed limit. It was queried if breathalyser tests were ever routinely/randomly taken due to the large number of discarded bottles and cans found on the roadside in the area. He explained they would only be taken if there was Anti-Social behaviour observed or part of a larger Traffic Op. He was informed of another dumping of cannabis waste (just pots and plant stems) in the same location by the bridge. He asked that any suspicious behaviour be reported directly to the Police. He was thanked for his attendance.**
6. **Planning Applications – No new applications had been received.**
7. **Planning Applications - Decisions**

* **Garth Stewart/Manley Lodge P/2021/0767 – Granted**
* **Coed Derwen P/2021/0250 – Pending**

1. **Extra Planning issue - request to discuss field by St.Erbin’s.**

**It was agreed that this matter had already been dealt with by the Community Council and was in the hands of WCBC.**

**9(a) Income and expenditure**

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| **Bank balances as at 18/11/21** | **£** |
| **Current account** | **1623.91** |
| **Business Money account** | **217.35** |
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| **Income (precept July)** | **£500.00** |
| **Payments to be agreed** |  |
| **Clerk’s wages for September – December 2021** | **£152.88** |
| **Donation to St. Hilary’s Church**  **For upkeep of graveyard** | **£150.00** |

1. **(b)Audit Report - this had still not been received back from The Wales Audit office**
2. **Setting The Precept (2022/2023) The Clerk highlighted that correspondence had been received from The Electoral Registration Officer of WCBC alerting Community Councils of the impending Town and Community Council elections due to take place on 5 May 2022 and that the minimum cost to the Community Council was estimated to be £200 -£250 should the Community Ward be uncontested, therefore the Precept may need to be adjusted accordingly. Taking into account other additional costs such as room hire (£80), bank charges (£60), Audit charges not known and the biennial payment (£90) for the website it was proposed by Councillor Barnett to increase the precept from £1500.00 to £1700.00, Councillor Cooke seconded the motion, a vote was taken and a majority were in favour - Councillor Blakemore objected. The extra £200.00 would mean an average of an extra 90 pence per annum per household.**
3. **County Councillor’s Report :**

* **The Notice board for Eyton had arrived and may be in situ by Christmas but would inform the Clerk as and when known.**
* **The drainage problem by St.Erbin’s had proved to be quite a major job but was now completed- (unfortunately a large quantity of pipe had been stolen whilst the work was in progress) and also some soakaways had been rejuvenated. Hopefully problem solved.**
* **Some potholes had been filled- some yet to be done.**
* **It was hoped that the general poor condition/potholes on the Mill road would enable it to be resurfaced –hopefully by the end of March – but would depend on the budget.**

1. **Any Other Business**

* **The chairman expressed concern at the size of the potholes down Eyton Hall Lane, causing damage to vehicles**
* **Councillor Thomas reported that the timber carting along Church Road had caused a lot of mess and that the potholes still needed attention. Also that there were still some ongoing problems by Cae Gwyrdd.**
* **Councillor Matthews also queried the community’s access to a defibrillator, it was thought it could be looked at again.**
* **Finally the Chairman thanked Councillor Thomas and husband Caerwyn for all their litter picking work in the area- It was very much appreciated by all.**

**Date and Time of Next Meeting – Monday 7th March 2022**

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

**Chairman**

**Date…………………………………………………..**