**ERBISTOCK AND EYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held Monday 22nd March 2021 via Zoom**

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

1. **Apologies; Councillor Cooke was unable to join the meeting due to technical problem**
2. **A declaration of Interest – none**
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 - These were agreed as a true and correct record, and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.**
4. **Matters arising – Councillor Thomas reported that yet more cannabis plants had been dumped in Erbistock but she had received a better response from The Police this time, and it was thought it was from a fairly local source. Councillor Pritchard also reported that he had brought the issue up at a recent Police Meeting.**
5. **Crime Figures from Police.co.uk – December 2020 – 1 x violence and sexual offence, 1 x other crime. January 2021 – x 0.**
6. **Appointment of Internal Auditor – This was deferred from previous meeting due to possibility of a new type audit. However due to Covid-19 the Wales Audit Office had reverted to the original system. There was some debate as to the rising cost of the whole audit system. The Clerk recommended last year’s auditors (Hacker Young) and it was agreed they would be engaged.**
7. **Church Donations – It had been agreed via email following the last meeting to donate to St. Deiniol’s Church and St.Hillary’s as is usual practice before the year end. The Treasurer from St Deiniols asked for the Community Council to confirm that the donation could be used as The Church thought fit and that also all previous donations could be accorded as such as well. The Community Council agreed to this. Councillor Barnett also thanked the Council for the donation on behalf of St. Hillary’s and the Treasurer.**
8. **Flooding, verges and potholes. Councillor Pritchard informed the Council that the problem with the flooding stemming from Manley Hall was possibly due to a tree root blocking the drains. Unfortunately Highways were very busy still dealing with other more serious issues and would get to this in due course. He hoped to tour the area with Gareth Matthews from Highways (when Covid-19 regulations allow) to assess all the work that needs to be done in the area, but in the meantime Highways would do what it could and indeed some potholes had been filled. Councillor Cooper also highlighted a flooding issue along the Village Hall road. The Chairman confirmed that complaints had been received about the stones alongside the verge of The Garden House and that Wrexham Council would be dealing with that issue. He reminded the Council of the danger of placing obstacles along the verge edges and that nothing should be placed within 45cm of the road which could cause a danger to the public.**
9. **Notice Board - The Chairman thanked Councillor Pritchard for his efforts in providing a Notice Board by The Bungalows (St. Erbins) which the Community Council has use of, and also the renovation of the bench and paved area, and provision of new planters, for which volunteers would be needed. – Clerk to organise. Councillor Thomas was concerned the wording was incorrect on the board and that Resident needs an ‘s. Councillor Pritchard would look into it. He was also still working on providing a Notice Board for Eyton.**
10. **County Councillor’s Report- Councillor Pritchard also informed the Council that the traveller encampment currently at Allyn Waters was likely to be on the move shortly and to be alert. Councillor Matthews brought to his attention a problem on the Straight Mile by The White House – a large loose grid/manhole cover which was reported to the council and improved slightly but was apparently actually the responsibility of BT- Councillor Pritchard to pursue. He also brought to the Council attention a new initiative for ‘Dementia Friendly Villages’ but will provide more detail at the next meeting.**
11. **Future Projects and Earmarked Funds – it was agreed that either flashing speed signs or new place name signs would be possible future funding projects and that the sum of £750.00 be earmarked towards that end.**
12. **Income and Expenditure. Payments St.Hillary’s Church £150.00, St Deiniol’s Church £150.00. Current Account balance £2,045.**
13. **Planning Applications - None. EytonGrange P/2020/0856 – Granted**
14. **Any Other Business – The Clerk reported that the Residents of Rose Cottage Next to The Old Post Office had very kindly cleaned the Old Red Telephone Box and that the Clerk was looking into the paint situation, but had received no reply from BT. Also that the Facebook page seemed to have been well received.**
15. **Date and Time of Next Meeting – Monday 28th June 2021 – format to be decided nearer the time.**

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

**Chairman**

**Date…………………………………………………..**