Councillor | Village | Attendance
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John Gooding | Catbrook | Present
Michael Mason | Catbrook | Present
Bob Dagger (Chairman) | Llandogo | Present
Ashley Thomas | Llandogo | Not present
Martin Blakebrough | Llanishen | Not present
George Weston | Llanishen | Present
Adam Burtt-Jones | The Narth | Present
Steve Coppell | The Narth | Present
John Baldwin | Penallt | Present
Tessa Murray | Penallt | Present
Christine Green | Trellech | Not present
Alan Poulter | Trellech | Present
Doreen Warlington-Gardner | Whitebrook | Present
County Cllr Debby Blakebrough | MCC | Present

Clerk: Ann Davison

13087 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Councillors Blakebrough, Green and Thomas had sent apologies.

13088 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
None

13089 **POLICE REPORT**
PC Rhydian Evans reported a number of incidents in the area, mostly of thefts. These included a shed broken into in Trellech, a motorbike stolen in Llandogo, livestock stolen near Llangovan, and a break-in at the Carpenters Arms, Llanishen. PC Evans again promoted the use of OWL.

13090 **REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**
Broadstone Green playground: it was suggested that both Alan Watkins and local children should be involved in choosing how to spend the £6,000 available for improvements. An event could also be held to celebrate completed works.

13091 **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
(a) Cty Cllr Blakebrough reported that she is planning to spend a week personally cleaning road signs in the area. She would welcome any help and support.
(b) Broadband, WAG funds to improve broadband speeds are now available until September. The problem is best tackled in one village at a time, and Llandogo will be targeted next.

13092 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING on 18 March**
The minutes for 18 March were signed as a true record

13093 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES of 18 March**
**Item 13064 (13052): WAG Funding for community council websites**
The clerk will attend the consultation meeting on 25 April, and report back next month.

**Item 13070: Notice Board for Far Hill**
MCC Highways has indicated that a notice board may be placed on the verge adjacent to the post box on the Far Hill road. Paul Smith has said that a half-sized board on one post, large enough to display 4 x A4 sheets, would cost half the price of the boards already supplied.
Item 13071: Area Committee Grants
Mark Watkins is to meet with Dave Heales next week, and it is hoped that work on renovating the fingerposts will start soon.

Item 13072: Penallt/Redbrook Railway Bridge
The public meeting held by the AONB in Redbrook attracted unanimous support for their proposals. A further public meeting will be held at the Boat Inn, Penallt on Tuesday, 23 April.

Item 13076: Twitter guidelines
These were distributed to councillors.

Item 13081(b): Back Road, Catbrook
MCC Highways has agreed to provide a sign indicating that the road is unsuitable for HGVs.

13094 FOOTPATH ALTERATIONS
Details of the proposed footpath changes were unfortunately held by Cllr Blakebrough, who had been unable to attend the meeting. Discussion was therefore postponed until the next meeting. A letter from Amanda Copp was read to the council, deploring the fact that existing footpaths were impassable before the new paths had been put in place or approved by MCC. The clerk was asked to write to MCC, asking them to ensure that rights of way remain open until the new route is approved and in place.  

Clerk

13095 PLANNING APPLICATIONS
- 2012/00976, The Narth, Bowmead, 2 houses, amended plans. The amendments had not addressed any of TUCC’s original objections, so new comments had not been submitted. Approved at Planning Committee.
- 2013/00164, Whitebrook, Traligael, change of use of existing outbuilding from studio to holiday let. Recommended for approval
- 00182, Llanishen, Cider Mill, Far Hill, car port & associated works. Recommended for approval
- 00194, Llandogo, Laurel Bush Cottage, 2 storey side extension including garage. Recommended for approval, providing the finish is sympathetic to the original rustic cottage.
- 00229, Llanishen, Agricultural Notification, Keepers Lodge Farm, new storage shed No objection

13096 FURTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS
None

13097 PLANNING DECISIONS
- 2012/01000, Catbrook, Ty Gwyn, 2 storey extension. Approved
- 2012/01012, Catbrook, Dingle Cottage, Whitelye Rd, extension & alterations. Approved
- 2012/01030, Penallt, Streetside telecoms cabinet on Lone Lane & microwave antenna. Approved
- 2012/01032, Whitebrook, Hillside House; redesign of planning approval 2012/00150. (Conversion of stable to 1-bed holiday accommodation). Approved
- 2013/00013, Llanishen, Llanishen House, alterations & extension to ground floor, linking house to annex. New double garage and store. Approved
- 2013/00068, Whitebrook, Pilstone Farm House, retention of garden shed. Approved

13098 FURTHER PLANNING DECISIONS
None

13099 HALL HIRE FOR CONSORTIUM OF WYE VALLEY COUNCILS
It was resolved that TUCC should cover the cost of hiring Llandogo Millennium Hall for the CWVC meeting on 9 May.

13100 CONTRIBUTION TO CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
It was resolved to make a contribution of £1400, as per the budget for 2013-14.

13101 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
The following accounts were presented and agreed:
Cheque:                  MCC, clerk’s salary and admin charge, Jan-Mar     £1,047.39
                     500287
                     500288 One Voice Wales subscription            £292
                     500289 Trellech and Penallt PCC, churchyard maintenance £700
                     500290 Monmouth Citizens Advice Bureau          £1,400

13102   CLERK’S SALARY
It was resolved to accept the recommendation of the Finance Group to move the clerk above the substantive range of the national pay scale LC1. From April 2013 she should be at point 23 of the scale, moving automatically to points 24 and 25 in April 2014 and 2015.

13103   LAND REGISTRY SEARCH FOR OLD CHURCH GREEN, PENALLT
Consideration of this item was postponed to the next meeting.

13104   DEFINITIVE MAP OF C46-5
A report on this issue from the landowners, Mr and Mrs Copp, was read out. It was noted that the local members had not been consulted on the proposal. Since neither the proposer nor the landowners had been able to attend the meeting, the item was postponed to the next meeting.

13105   PURCHASE OF NEW LAPTOP COMPUTER
It was resolved that the clerk should purchase a new laptop computer to a maximum of £400, excluding VAT, as provided for in the budget.

13106   BROADSTONE VILLAGE GREEN PLAYGROUND
It was noted that all the nuts including those identified in the inspection report as loose had now been tightened.

The accredited safety inspections carried out each year have included a risk assessment, and have never suggested that safety surfaces need to be retrospectively added beneath the swing sets. Should an accident occur, TUCC’s insurance policy would therefore be valid. The inspection company newly recommended by the insurance brokers has also been asked to provide an opinion.

It was agreed that several equipment companies should be asked what they could provide for the available sum of £6,000. Their proposals could then be put to local residents (especially the children), for their reaction. It was also suggested that TUCC might apply to the Area Committee for a grant, to increase the amount available.

13107   STANDING ORDERS
Postponed to the next agenda

13108   TRELLECH BABINGTON EDUCATION TRUST
No names had been put forward to act as trustee.

13109   CATBROOK FOOTBALL FIELD
No report

13110   BABINGTON MEADOW
A report from the meeting included details of planned events.

13111   OTHER REPORTS
a) Pentwyn Green was mowed on 21st March before the grass had grown, but destroying the daffodils in flower
b) Handyman: for the agenda in June
c) Wye Valley River Festival, a meeting being held tonight in Llandogo
d) The “missing” pavement by Llandogo playground is half completed
e) Community-led plan, an open meeting to be held in Llandogo on 2 May
f) Memorial green in Llandogo. Efforts are still underway to confirm ownership.

13112 CORRESPONDENCE
The following correspondence was received and noted:
MCC, Shaun Pritchard, Proposed concurrent creation and extinguishment orders of public footpaths at Duffryn
MCC, Shaun Pritchard, temporary closure of footpaths in Ninewells Wood
MCC, Cllr B Jones, Waste prevention & recycling changes in Monmouthshire (2 letters)
MCC, P Thomas, Planning Training, Monmouth, April 25th, 9.30am-2pm
MCC, R Keeble, meeting on funding of websites, Thursday, 25 April, Royal British Legion, Usk, 6.30-8pm
MCC, Cabinet meeting, 3rd April, agenda etc
MCC, Highways, response re HGV sign, Back Road, Catbrook
MCC, R Rourke, how to register a ROW
MCC, LDP Hearings Statements, available via MCC website
MCC, Planning Enforcement reports
John Howells, re Old Church Green, Penallt
Wales Rural Observatory, services survey 2013
Western Power, wayleave payment, Catbrook
Monmouthshire Housing Association, Neighbourhood Services leaflet
AONB, Nikki Moore, Wye Valley River Festival
Consortium of Wye Valley Councils meeting schedule: 9 May, 25 July, 31 Oct, 30 Jan
Monmouth CAB, request for funding
Mazars, Annual Return form for submission by 30 June
Gwent Best Kept Village entry form2222
Play for Wales, Spring 2013
Rural Forum, agenda, 25th April
Babington Meadow Committee, agenda, 13 May
One Voice Wales, Allotments/Community Growing training programme
Welsh Language Society, Living Manifesto
P Copp, report on footpath C46-S
Gwent Wildlife Trust, Natural Assets, Spring 2013
S Haeffner, request for churchyard maintenance grants for Trellech and Penallt
A Copp, re footpaths at Duffryn

13113 ITEMS FOR CONSORTIUM OF WYE VALLEY COUNCILS
None

13114 ITEMS FOR THE PRESS
None

13115 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
None additional to those noted above

13116 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Monday, 20 May 2013, 7 pm, at The Narth Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Clerk:          Chairman:
Date: