

Clerk referred to Flintshire's surfacing programme. The programme will only allow Flintshire to surface three roads this year. The remaining problems will have to be dealt with as pothole repairs.

Members found it difficult to understand why Cilan Lodge Road was scheduled for resurfacing when most of the road had been surfaced last year. The road past Plas Wilkin was in a much worse condition, but was not included in the surfacing programme. Clerk referred again to the reasons given in the June Council Meeting. Flintshire has a policy of sealing roads with surface dressing (tar and chippings) one year after surfacing work had been undertaken. This practice was utilised to prolong the life of the new expensive surfacing. 'Surfacing' costs is approximately four times more expensive than 'surface dressing', so it made economic sense to surface, dress and prolong the life of the expensive 'surfacing' material.

Cllr Derek May referred to the road between Cilcain and the Pentre having seventy two patches and twenty three potholes needing repair.

Regarding Flintshire's general policy on inspection and repairs of potholes, Clerk referred to Mr Lightfoot's comment in a Council Meeting earlier this year - rural roads are routinely inspected for potholes twice per year. Flintshire has then three months from the inspection date to repair the potholes identified in the inspection. However, the fact that Flintshire has a planned inspection regime need not prevent the Community Council reporting individual potholes as they are noted.

p12 **Repair to damage at Glasfryn** - Cllr W Owen Thomas requested Mr Russell Broughton to have a look at the road camber immediately adjoining Glasfryn. Cllr Thomas maintained the camber suddenly changes by Glasfryn, resulting in vehicles being given a sudden lean towards the property. This sudden change of camber could be the cause of repeated damage to Glasfryn. Correcting the camber deficiency would probably involve re-profiling approximately eight metres of road surfacing.

p12 **Coed Du to Plas Wilkin** - The roadside gully opposite the Coed Du Hall entrance had been cleaned out but water was still seeping out of the gully, even in dry weather, suggesting that the outfall pipe was blocked. There was no smell from the gully. An overflowing septic tank was not therefore suspected. Members felt that an obstruction to ground water at this location could result in a landslide. Members referred to the carriageway settlement / landslide / expensive reconstruction work which had taken place in this vicinity some six years ago.

Cllr Gareth W Hushes referred to the condition of the Plas Wilkin Road. Approximately two years ago, the farmer had been asked to undertake some drainage work, with the understanding the County would then come along and repair the road. The farmer had undertaken his work. Eighteen months later the County do not seem to be prepared to honour its side of the arrangement.

p12 **Nant Alyn, width restriction and sat nav sign** - Mr Russell Broughton would check if any spare sat-nav sign were available, and order a new one if necessary. Cllr John S Douglas submitted photographs of a recent incident whereby a large wagon had come down Nant Alyn, having followed the sat-nav instructions. On this occasion, the wagon was not the articulated type, and was able to reverse back to the Trimm Rock quarry entrance from Cae'r Eithin.

- p12 **Cilcain Toilets** - Mrs Gwen Hardman and Mrs Sue Jones reported on the work done by Flintshire:
- new urinal fitted in Gents Toilet.
 - doors, first coat applied.
 - down pipe brackets replaced
 - repair to gutters done.
 - supply of emulsion paint arrived on site, painting in progress.
 - water meter monitoring indicates water consumption halved.
 - tile on roof outstanding.

Mrs Harman reported being very pleased with the way Mr B Watkins from Dutton and Peters was updating Clean'n Lock on each step of the way.

On behalf of the Community Council, the Chairperson expressed appreciation to Mrs Sue Jones and Mrs Gwen Hardman for all the hard work they had undertaken to keep the toilet going.

- p13 **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd, Flint, 2016, fund raising** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes had attended a fund raising meeting last week. The coffee afternoon which had been arranged for the Village Hall had now been re-scheduled for the last Saturday in September.
- p13 **Cilcain Play area refurbishment** - Sketch plans to be provided by Flintshire Leisure. Regarding the existing equipment, Cllr W Owen Thomas had received information that one of the items was not running as smoothly as it should. Cllr Thomas to take a closer look at the issue.
- p13 **Revision of Cemetery Fees** - Clerk to pursue revision of Fees.
- p13 **Rhydymwyn Play area refurbishment** - Detail plans to be provided by Flintshire Leisure. Mr Richard Roberts had indicated recently that planning permission would not be required, now that the skating facility is not being pursued. The slight jolt in one of the existing swing units needed to be looked at again. Flintshire had indicated that the play item in the sand area was scheduled for replacement anyway. Cllr Mrs Andrea Davies maintained the swing concerned was not in the sand area, and could be identified by the red surfacing patch beneath it. Clerk to pursue again.
- p14 **Street Lighting Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth Hughes had reported (17 June) the lamp column outside No 8 Church Meadow was not working. Cllr Hughes reported that new lamp columns were currently being erected in Church Meadow.
- p14 **Rhydymwyn Football Club, water ponding in stone area** - Work not yet done by Flintshire Leisure. Clerk to pursue.
- p14 **Blocked gulley adjoining Winnwood** - Works by Flintshire to the soakaway in the Donkey Field had been reported upon in the June 2014 Council Meeting. Cllr Gareth W Hughes to monitor position in the next spell of wet weather.
- p14 **27 Ffordd y Llan, gulley blocked** - Flintshire Streetscene to inspect the two gulleys up from No 27 in the next spell of wet weather.

- p14 **Sleeping Policemen, Dolfechlas Road** - Flintshire Streetscene to assess if there is a need to re-paint the speed control red paint patches in Dolfechlas Road.
- p15 **Parking in Hendre** - Item dealt with under correspondence.
- p15 **Rhydymwyn cemetery** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes expressed concern about the grass cutting in Rhydymwyn cemetery. The cutting machine being used this year appeared to discharge the grass out in rows instead of spreading the cut grass evenly. Mr Broughton confirmed that Flintshire had not received a complaint from any other cemetery in Flintshire. However, Mr Broughton would check if the cutting machine can be modified or a different machine hired. Mr Broughton indicated that the grass is cut by Flintshire seven times per year. Cllr Hughes reported that 25 to 30 large plastic bags had to be taken away from the cemetery on the 19 June to make the cemetery look respectable.
- p15 **Cilcain cemetery** - The cemetery grass had been cut in Cilcain on Monday 14 July 2014. Cllr J Emyr Davies and Cllr W Owen Thomas had been requested to inspect the cemetery following the cut. Cllr J Emyr Davies has reported back to indicate the appearance of the central portion of the cemetery (where the grass has been trimmed) was extremely satisfactory, even though the grass cuttings had not been collected. Photographs were available at the Council Meeting. Cllr W Owen Thomas and the Clerk also reported positively on the position in Cilcain.
- p15 **Former Ysgol y Ddol link footway, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported that the path had not yet been cleaned, and the overgrown trees needed attention. Mr Broughton to pursue.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Community Council observations requested on -

- (i) Location: Foel Awel, 2 Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain
 Proposal: Two storey rear extension and rear dormer
 Ref No: 052287
 The Community Council **supports** the development.
- (ii) Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawful use for a dwelling
 Location: The Old Farm, 18 Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn
 Ref No: APW/052330
 The Community Council considered the request. Members were able to confirm that the property had been 'lived in' for 15 years plus

Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council: -

- (i) Location: 3 Church Meadow, Rhydymwyn
 Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension in lieu of conservatory
 Ref No: 052066
 Decision: Approved
- (ii) Location: Cefn Isa, Cefn Melyn Lane, Cilcain

Proposal: Change of use to all weather manege
Ref No: 051981
Decision: Approved

(iii) Proposal: Outline - erection of a dwelling
Location: Land adj Heatherdene, Vicarage Road, Rhydymwyn
Ref No: 050037
Decision: Refused

(iv) Location: Part of Plas yn Llan, Mountain Road, Cilcain
Proposal: Formation of an agricultural field access gate
Ref No: 052072
Decision: Approved

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED The following items were considered:

- 16/06 A541 Tarmac Entrance planning Committee Site Meeting - Response from Flintshire's Head of Planning with attached copy of Flintshire's Code of Conduct policy document for Site Meetings.
- 19/06 Annual Report of The Ombudsman 2013/14 - Copy of report available at the Council Meeting. Only one copy received this year. Clerk reported at the Council Meeting.
- 26/06 One Voice Wales Flintshire / Wrexham Area Committee - notification of AGM meeting on 7 July 2014 at Wrexham.
- 27/06 Flintshire's surfacing programme. Cllr Miss Ann Baker reported in the 16 June 2014 Council Meeting having noted Flintshire's surfacing list in a Daily Post article. Members noted the three schemes earmarked for work in the Cilcain area. Clerk to enquire why the scheme at Star Crossing was selected in place of Plas Wilkin Road.
- 30/06 Coed Du entrance, Rhydymwyn - overflowing gulley - Response from Flintshire Streetscene Section. Item discussed earlier.
- 01/07 Queen's Birthday Honours List 2015 - application invitation from Welsh Government.
- 04/07 Flintshire County Summer Playscheme, 2014 - Information and posters regarding the summer playschemes. Posters erected in Rhydymwyn. Incorrect poster received for Cilcain.
- 04/07 OwlWatch Eastern - Invitation to participate in on-line crime reporting system.
- 10/07 Cilcain Toilets - Information from Cilcain Clean'n Lock regarding refurbishment works by Flintshire. Item discussed earlier in Council Meeting.
- 18/07 Flintshire County Summer Playscheme, 2014 - New Cilcain poster received - Poster still incorrect. Clerk made corrections and posters distributed / posted up in Cilcain.

8. MATTERS RAISED / ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING:

- (i) **Street Lamp, Church Meadow** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (17th June) the street lamp outside No 8 Church Meadow not working - Item discussed earlier.
- (ii) **Nant Alyn, Highway verges late being cut** - Cllr John S Douglas had reported (17 June) the highway verges had not been cut at all in Nant Alyn this year. Clerk had reported to Mr Russell Broughton. Cllr John S Douglas reported that Flintshire's operatives had been to trim the verges, and that an excellent job had been done.

- (iii) **Rhydymwyn Cemetery** - Three Rhydymwyn Ward Members, one Rhydymwyn resident and the Clerk had met in the Rhydymwyn cemetery on Thursday 19 June 2014 to clear the accumulation of cut grass. Between 25 and 30 large plastic bin bags were taken away. Cllr Mrs J M Butlin, Cllr Gareth W Hughes, Cllr John S Douglas and the Clerk reported at the Council Meeting.
- (iv) **Cilcain Public Toilet** - Two Cilcain Ward Members, Clerk and Mrs Gwen Hardman (Cilcain Clean'n Lock) met Mr Derek Charlton, Mr Andrew Lightfoot, Mr Russell Broughton and Mr Bob Watkins from Dutton and Peters on Friday 20 June 2014. The outstanding work was identified and an undertaking given by Flintshire for works completion. Cllr W Owen Thomas, Cllr Derek May and Clerk reported at the Council Meeting.
- (v) **Coed Du entrance, Nant Alyn, overflowing gulley** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported (25 June) a blocked / overflowing gulley at the bottom side of the Coed Du Nursing Home junction. Item discussed earlier.
- (vi) **Cilcain Cemetery maintenance** - Cllr J Emyr Davies reported (1st July) on his cemetery inspection to assess maintenance requirements for this summer / autumn. Ivy on front wall needs removing. Fallen tree near Bier House requires removing. Central bushes need cutting back. No topsoil to fill depressions is required this year. Ward Members consider it appropriate to arrange a Saturday morning in September to undertake the tree maintenance work.
- (vii) **Cilcain Public Toilets** - Mrs Sue Jones of Cilcain Clean'n Lock reported (3 July 2014) Flintshire's Building Contractor had undertaken repair work at the Gents and Ladies Toilets in Cilcain on Tuesday 1 July 2014. Item discussed earlier
- (viii) **Nant Alyn, cutting of highway verge** - Cllr Mrs Janet Butlin reported (11 July 2014) - grass verges in Nant Alyn have not been cut in 2014. Item reported to Mr Russell Broughton. Flintshire cut the grass on 15 July 2014. Item discussed earlier.
- (ix) **Rhydymwyn and Cilcain cemeteries** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes reported the grass being cut in Rhydymwyn on Friday 11 July 2014. Cllr Hughes was concerned about the way the cut grass is left in distinct rows following the cut. Item discussed earlier.
- (x) **Fly-tipping near tarmac entrance, A54, Rhydymwyn** - Cllr W Owen Thomas reported two loads of builder's rubble including plastic sheets having been tipped in the 'cattle shed' site. A photograph was available at the Council Meeting. A sign has been erected by the entrance gate to indicate that a reward will be paid to anyone supplying information regarding the fly-tipping.
- (xi) **Filming in the Donkey Field, Friday 25 July 2014** - Cllr Gareth W Hughes and the Clerk had been approached (16 July 2014) by Lowri Thomas, Lime Pictures (a private film Company) who was seeking to arrange filming in Church Lane and the Donkey Field. Provisional arrangement had been made for the playscheme to be re-located to the Football Field on Friday 25 July. A fee will become available for the Rhydymwyn Kids Club and the Community Council. Cllr Hughes and the Clerk reported at Council Meeting. Members approved the arrangement.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS / REPORTS - Items raised following the Chairman's permission.

- (i) **Damage to roof, Ffordd y Llan, Cilcain** - Cllr Derek May had received a concern form a Ffordd y Llan resident regarding damage to the roof of his property from firework remains. Members noted / questioned
- (a) Why the damage had not been noticed before now?
 - (b) The difficulty of identifying whether the damage was from the organised display or from a private display which could have taken place in the village.
 - (c) The resident had already discussed the issue with the Young Farmers Club.
 - (d) The resident had been requested to write in to the Community Council but had not done so.

Cllr John S Douglas commented on the problems occasionally encountered in Rhydymwyn - Some rockets have their own agenda and do not follow the intended flight path. Despite the best endeavours of the display organisers to direct the flight into the adjoining fields, a strong wind can often influence the eventual flight direction.

Cllr May to contact the resident and remind him of the need to write in to the Council, otherwise it would not be appropriate to consider the matter further.

- (ii) Cllr May reported that another quad bike had been stolen in Cilcain since the June Meeting.

10. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS - Accounts scheduled in the Appendix were approved.

- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - **Date of next meeting** - The next meeting of the Council will be held on 15 September 2014 at the Football Club Premises, Rhydymwyn. Members authorised the Chairman and Vice Chairman, following consultation with local Members as appropriate, to determine the Council's business on behalf of the Council during the recess period.**

Signed
Chairman

Date

Clerk

MATTERS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

1. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

(i)	Bloomin Gardens - 02/06/14 Rhydymwyn park, bench, cemetery (£35), Cilcain Cemetery - 17/06/14 6 hrs. maintenance (£95) + waste removal (£25) (L.G.A.1972 S214)	155.00
(ii)	A Evans - sal + expenses per month for June 2014 = £485.36 + tax rebate of £58 due to overpayment = £543.36 (L.G.A.1972 S111)	543.36
(iii)	A Evans - office equipment Amazon (L.G.A.1972 S111)	159.61
(iv)	Canon - contract payment for photocopy machine from 01/05/2014 to 31/10/2014 (L.G.A.1972 S111)	127.04
(v)	A Evans 4 bags of topsoil (£11.01) for Rhyd cem + Tin of Sadolin for Cilcain seats (£18.87) (L.G.A.1972 S111)	29.88
(vi)	A Evans - office equip from Asda (L.G.A.1972 S111)	60.68
(vii)	Scottish Power - street lighting energy - 01/04/2014 to 30/06/2014	248.72

2.0 PAYE - SALARY PAYMENTS TO CLERK

The Clerk had been informed by the Customs and Excise Office that overpayment of £451.32 has been made. This means the no PAYE deductions need to be made from the Clerk's salary until the total overpayment of £451.32 has been reached. The first £58 deduction was added to the Clerk's payment in the March Council Meeting.

Remaining overpayment is therefore $£451.32 - (4 \times £58) = £451.32 - £232.00 = £219.32$

Signed
Chairman

Date

Clerk