

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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13/17

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 04th JULY 2017 AT 7.30PM. To be approved on the 01st August 2017

Present: -

Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell – Chairman

Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose

Cllr. M. Tresidder

Cllr. P. Martin (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. A. McDonald

Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 29 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None Received.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES –The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 06th June 2017 were proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose and unanimously agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose declared a disclosable financial interest in item 11 Lowertown Leats.

4. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011- None received.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES –

Average Speed cameras in Crowtown – Cornwall Cllr J. Keeling advised that he has a meeting on the 05th July 2017 with the community link officer to see if they can progress the project.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The following members of the public spoke in relation to PA17/04129 Pengwedna, Breage: Mrs Robinson – Advised the scale of the plans including the building height had not been clarified in detail. The 110,000 birds would require 12 tons of feed per day. No details have been given on the fox proof fencing, access, transport and waste management plan.

Rod Lyon spoke to raise the health issues that the chicken farm will produce. The disease caused by bird manure Histoplasmosis may be fatal, and people who live locally that are most at risk such as the elderly, young and those of ill health will be most affected. The dust from the hens can aggravate COPD, asthma and lung problems. The 50 extractor fans will spread the threat of airborne disease to those living locally.

Randolf Pearce – has lived in Nancegollan for 44 years. The size of the proposed chicken farm is monstrous and far too close to a village that is home to nearly 500 people. The smell of ammonia and poultry dust will be unbearable for residents. Mr Pearce has new neighbours who have just moved in and have stated they would not have brought the property had they know of the development. The local football field is only 300m from the development and the quality of the air for those using the football field will be severely affected. Since the closure of the previous poultry farm in Drym the air quality and lack of bluebottle flies has been noticeable, if this proposal goes ahead the smell and flies will surround locals houses once more. The equipment used by the Poultry farm company is too large for the local roads and their lorries / tractors are often seen dislodging stones on the roadside hedges without being repaired.

Norman Pringle – Spoke with concerns over the incomplete documents that are missing important facts regarding the development. No anti- fox fencing had been mentioned. Material to be used and height of structure had not been shown in depth. The proposal is double the size of Nancegollan Industrial estate. No decision can be made by any of the councils until the full facts are known and Mr Pringle urged Cllrs to postpone any decision until the facts are known.

John Truscott – Has recently moved to the area and has the worst affected property from the proposed development. The lack of detail is very worrying. The maps do not show the ranging area for the outside hens to be free range. 45 Hectares is required for this number of hens to be classed as free range, which would make Mr Truscott's property only 1m away from the ranging area, and his bore hole only 2m from the ranging area. This gives concerns for water contamination. Mr Truscott feels this development must have more detail before it can be considered seriously.

Graham Franklyn (Agent for Applicant) – spoke to advise that more details on the development is being updated daily through CC. The development has also applied to the Environment Agency for a permit which once granted is checked annually, and advised that the development will have no noise / pollution issues for locals. The manure will be removed from the site twice weekly by covered trailers and complied with good agriculture practice and will not be spread back on the farm. Dirty water will be emptied by approved contractors. All equipment / machinery leaving the farm will be cleaned first. Run off will not go into streams and landscaping will be in keeping with the local area such as Cornish hedging and will benefit the landscape and local conservation.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell advised that she had attended the Helston Town Council civic service on Sunday 2nd July with Cllr. M. Tresidder to represent SPC. Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell advised the service was very interesting and the band was full of talented musicians.

8. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Cllr. A. McDonald advised he would like to raise the issue of Defibrillators within the parish again, but was unsure if the 6 months had passed since it was last raised. The clerk advised she would look into this and raise at the next meeting if the 6 months had passed.

Cllr. A. McDonald also asked if hedgerows could be trimmed at this time of year, Cllrs. P. Martin and J. Keeling advised they could be trimmed along roads where the uncut hedge was deemed to be a safety issue.

9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. J. Keeling advised that it had not a particularly busy month at County Hall with the cabinet being formed and committees established. Nevertheless, there was a lively cabinet meeting last Thursday with questions being asked by new councillors on a number of issues involving finance and housing. The EU City of Culture Bid was officially removed from the capital programme following pressure from the general public and a mix of councillors. Cllr. Keeling will be pushing for the funding earmarked for the bid to be used for highway projects that resonate with local people at the next full council at the end of July. Locally catching up with the numerous planning applications amongst which are the Chicken Farm and of course Pengelly Mill; which Cllr Keeling should know the result of when this is presented to Breage Parish Council. Cllr. Keeling is discussing other planning issues with planning staff and various ongoing enforcement matters. Cllr. Keeling advised he will pick up on the Speedwatch initiative again following conversations with local people and the Community Link Officer and will be looking at a Traffic Regulation Order for the Crowtown area in terms of speeding and dangerous exits and entrances along that stretch of road. Cllr. J. Keeling advised he has a pot of £1000 for community projects if anyone has any projects they should get in touch with him.

10. Planning

Applications:

PA17/02562 - The Blacksmiths Shop Tregathenan Sithney TR13 0RZ - Conversion and extension of blacksmith's shop to dwelling and erection of a detached garage with home office over.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, all in favour that SPC supports this application.

PA17/04129 – Pengwedna, Breage, Helston, Cornwall TR13 0AZ – Erection of agricultural buildings for free range egg production with associated feed bins, hard standing and access.

Councillors agreed with the comments raised by Breage Parish council that more facts are required before a decision can be given. Cllr. J. Keeling advised that he has asked the case officer that once all details are known that a public meeting is held for the public to have their say. Cllr. P. Martin asked the agent what happens to the manure from the chickens that are outside. The agent advised that NVZ rules will be complied with, and the development will be a traffic reduction of 50% on the current traffic using Pengwedna Farm. Cllr. M. Tresidder advised that there were certain aspects that he would like to see answered such as the plans advised employees will use local buses, of which he is not aware of such in this area. Where would culled birds be disposed of and the pasture manure management program requires more detail.

It was concluded that it was too early to comment on the application as more detail was required. It was agreed the clerk would forward all comments made by the Public and council to the planning department.

Other Matters:

Cornwall Council - E P & E – Consultations for Planning Policy & Guidance Documents – The clerk advised Councillors that Cornwall Council had published the planning policy and guidance documents, and the consultation runs from Monday 12th June 2017 until the 5pm on Monday 07th August 2017.

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Footpath 230/8 – Sithney – Missing section on definitive map is in the process of a modification order, and is with Cornwall Council's Environment Service.

Footpath 230/28/1 – Boscadjack to Trenear – Fence Ownership -Cormac have advised that this is with their Enforcement Team.

Footpath 230/11 - Stile at the eastern end - Cormac have advised that this is with their Enforcement Team.

Lowertown Leats – Cornwall Council have advised that: 'Unfortunately there has been a delay with the external body they have gone to for a clarification of the legal position. CC believe this has now been sorted and they would expect a response sometime next week'.

Footpath 8 Closure – Helston Railway / Black Arch Bridge – The clerk has asked Cormac for a progress update.

12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Rural Services Network Weekly Bulletin 30/05, 05/06, 12/06, 19/06 & Rural Economy Spotlight

Rural Opportunities Bulletin & Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty May 2017

Your Village Defibrillator

Code of Conduct Training Penzance 03.08.17

Rural Residents – Online Survey

Cornwall Community Flood Forum

Communities & Devolution Newsletter – May 2017

Cruse Cornwall 2017 AGM on Monday 17th July 2017 – NCH

Post Office Community Branch Fund.

CC – Neighbourhood E-Planning Bulletin May 2017

Civic Service Helston Methodist Church – 02.07.17

Helston and South Kerrier CNP AGM at 5.30pm – 05.07.17 – Cury Village Hall

13a) To consider the following accounts for cheque payment: It was proposed by Cllr. P. Martin, seconded by Cllr. M. Tresidder, all in favour that the payments listed below are authorised.

	£
Cornwall Council (LGPS) – Clerk (2 Months contribution due to destroyed cheque + Annual Lump sum contribution)	385.10
Cornwall ALC Limited (Good Councillor Guides + Clerk Finance Training)	47.40
	<u>432.50</u>
Standing Order - Clerk Salary and Expenses	£530.93

13b) Financial Report

The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £432.50 and a standing order for £530.93 totaling £963.43 as reported in item 13a.

The balance at the end of June on the Current Account is £9,317.38 and on the Business Saver is £32,581.65.

The clerk reported that the accounts are considered adequate to undertake the work of the Parish Council. The monthly and Quarterly report have been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Martin, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, all in favour that the reports be accepted.

Risk Assessment – The clerk advised that on doing the notice boards the boards at Trannack and Lowertown still needed trimming and has contacted the contractor again to request that this is carried out. The clerk advises that the Bus shelter in Crowntown is overgrown around the entrance do. It was agreed the clerk would contact Highways to trim.

14. S137 Application – Sithney Churchyard

The clerk has circulated the figures received from St Sithney Church for 2016 and 2017, and advised that in 2016 the Church spent £480.00 on grass cutting. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. P. Martin, all in favour that SPC donates £500 to St Sithney Church towards it's grass cutting.

15. Training – The clerk advised that she attended the Finance training in Helston on the 20th June 2017 and found it to be very informative.

16. Co-Option – The clerk has circulated Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling's C.V to all Cllrs, it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. M. Tresidder, all in favour that J. Keeling is Co-Opted on to Sithney Parish Council, and Cllr. Keeling signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

17. New Councillor Responsibilities

Cllr. M. Tresidder agreed to take on the following roles / responsibilities on behalf of Sithney Parish Council:

School Governor – Trannack School

Audit & Risk Assessment

18. Cornwall Council – Electoral Review of Cornwall – The clerk has received correspondence regarding the Electoral review of Cornwall and Cornwall Council Councillor Numbers which has been circulated to all Councillors. The Closing Date for the review on Councillor numbers is the 07th August 2017. CALC have advised that they think each Council should nominate a couple of Councillor representatives to read and report back on all matters relating to this as the impact could be on each council in Cornwall. Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose and Cllr. M. Tresidder agreed to report back on the electoral review to Full Council.

19. Website – The clerk advised that the SPC website had been hacked recently, thanks to the web developer and hosting company the website is now back up and running. Whilst the clerk is happy to amend details, add and remove documents etc, she is not an expert in backing up the data and performing updates behind the scenes. The developer does carry out this service at a monthly cost of £35.00. Discussions took place and it was agreed that this was a lot of money and to continue as the council is, and if the clerk needs assistance in performing the back-ups she would bring the issue back to Full council.

20. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 01st August 2017 at 7.30pm at Sithney School.