

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON 4th APRIL 2012 AT 7.30pm

Present: Cllr P. Martin (Chairman) Cllr P. Bickford-Smith (Vice Chairman) left 8.55pm
Cllr M. Morgans Cllr R. Ashmore
Cllr. B. Deacon Cllr. T. Martin left 9.00pm

Parish Clerk, Mrs P.L. Williams, Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin, PCSO Ceri Sadler and 1 member of the public.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- were received from Cllr Mrs A.Pascoe – illness and Cllr. I Paterson - holiday

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Sithney School on 6th March, 2012 were proposed by Cllr. Morgans seconded by Cllr. Deacon and unanimously approved.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Councillors Deacon (helper), Bickford-Smith and Morgans declared an interest as members of Jubilee celebrations committee.

Councillor P. Martin declared an interest in item 18 update on Affordable Housing in Crowntown as a landlord and builder.

Councillor P. Bickford-Smith declared an interest in item 18 on Affordable Housing in Crowntown as a landowner.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Mickler said she had not realised that the fence between Coverack Bridges and Boscadjack was listed. The Clerk asked if it had been mended, Mrs. Mickler said it had not. The Clerk to chase CC.

5 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Ceri Sadler reported that there had not been any crimes reported to the police for the month of March. This compares to three crimes reported at the same time last year.

In the surrounding Parishes there have been a few thefts of domestic oil and of garden machinery. She urged the public if at all possible to mark their belongings to make them distinguishable. This could be your postcode for example. This could prove either as a deterrent or could help with returning property to the correct address if retrieved at a later date.

PCSO Sadler said she would be unable to present the detection rates to the Annual Parish Council meeting as previously requested by Cllr. Paterson, due to pressure of work. However, if there was a specific crime of interest she would do her best to investigate.

6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman said he had attended the 'Cornwall Conversations' meeting at Helston Community College as agreed. There were only 3 or 4 Parish Councils represented. He raised the issue of fly tipping with the change in the rules for vehicles using recycling/household waste sites, but the response was not helpful.

He said that Cllr. Robertson had stated that Cornwall was one of the best unitary authorities in the country.

7. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cllr. Ashmore said that he was no longer employed by CC, but by CC Housing Ltd, an 'ALMO' (at arms length) organisation. He said there was a Managing Director and board members. Affordable Housing and environmental Housing (where there are legal implication) still remain with CC.

Leisure is now a Trust.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS.

Cllr. Loveday Jenkin reported that she had:-

- Attended various meetings relating to the proposed Urgent Care Centre at West Cornwall hospital. Acute care GPs are currently being appointed to staff the facility when a consultant is not present.
- Attended meetings with planning, highways and enforcement officers on local issues and attended West Cornwall Planning Committee in relation to Trevarno Mill, Section 106.

- Notwithstanding the concerns of the Parish Council the planning committee voted to lift the S106 however it was made clear that any proposals for future development of the sites would require planning permission and could potentially impact on the WHS.
- Attended the launch of the Landscape Character Best Practice Guidance in relation to planning (<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=28967>). There was great concern on how to protect the character of the countryside outside of designations with the New Planning Policy Framework. However the new planning framework now includes a reference to 'recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside and supporting thriving rural communities within it' which may help.
- Attended a briefing on the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board that has been set up in Cornwall and how Health and Local Authority services will need to integrate in the future if Government proposals are passed. (<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=27206>)
- Attended the first Helston Framework meeting which will be looking at the development site options in and around the town in order to deliver Core strategy targets. Of concern are proposals that could lead to Helston expanding onto surrounding green spaces in order to meet the proposed housing targets (1100) and thus impinging on surrounding Parishes – it is therefore important that the relevant parishes are included in the discussions and it was agreed that representatives of each surrounding parish should form part of the core steering group with CC local members and the Town Council.
- Been involved in meetings of the developing Helston and South Kerrier Heritage Trust and in the working group involved in selecting proposed sites for the New Archive for Cornwall.
- Went to a 'Talk to me' Youth event at Helston Youth Centre which highlighted issues in the youth manifesto which concerned young people in the area.
- Attended full Council on the 27th March where saying prayers at Council meetings was discussed and it was agreed to revert to the current custom of saying prayers at the start of the meeting. There was also a rather public disagreement between various members of the Conservative group on proposals for a Stadium for Cornwall.
- Been appointed to the SACRE committee which considers the RE curriculum in Cornish Schools and attended my first committee which highlighted proposed changes to reduce the number of core subjects in the National Curriculum and increase the flexibility to include other subjects outside the core.
- Been appointed by Cornwall Council to the Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) which is set up to decide on fisheries communities related applications for European funding and attended my first meeting.

9. PLANNING

The PAP had not met due to a lack of quorum.

Planning Applications

PA12/00359 Conversion of barn to holiday accommodation. Sithney Water Cottage, Poldown, Breage, Helston. Mrs Roberts.

Councillor Morgans read an excerpt from the CC website concerning an objection to this application which broadly complained that the barn would overlook both the accommodation and garden of the adjoining bungalow, and the objector felt, that contrary to the Highways Officers comments, the access on the apex of a bend in the dip of a road was dangerous. The complainant felt that this barn may have been the Mine Captains residence for Carnmeal mine and as such was part of the mining heritage site and protected under World Heritage status.

It was proposed by Cllr. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr Deacon and carried unanimously that the PC support the application.

An application had been received too late for this agenda in respect of Boscadjack Farm. It was agreed to apply for an extension of time until the next meeting on 1/5/2012

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

Minutes of West sub-area Planning Committee 14/3/2012 concerning Trevarno Mill.

Courses on Planning – The Clerk said she would forward details to all Councillors.

Application Withdrawn

PA11/08311 Conversion of Barns into two residential dwellings. Lowertown Mill, Lowertown Mrs and Mrs. Hopper

Permissions Granted

PA11/09777 Retention of chalet for duration of refurbishment of remaining barn to primary dwelling. The Barn, Lower Boscadjack Farm, Trenear. Ms S. Smith
 PA12/00026 Demolition of lean to office and construction of garden room. Tregrannick Farm, Trannack. Mr and Mrs. D. Rogers

The following complaints had been made to Councillors and the Clerk was asked to forward them to the Enforcement Officer at CC Planning Department.

- Blue Grass, on the Nancegollan to Moffats Corner section of road where there is a new stable block. In the field beyond to the East towards B3303 there is a caravan parked which is being used as accommodation.
- A large number of caravans are parked at Pengoon Farm and are being used as accommodation. This has been in existence for some years and the Council is unsure as to the history of this site.
- A letter had been received concerning unauthorised works being carried out at Bracken Farm Caravan Park, Poldown.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – In the absence of Cllr. Paterson, the Clerk reported that the tender papers for the Bridleway and Footpath Maintenance had been sent to three contractors, Mr. Pascoe (existing contractor), Mr. Saunders and Mr. Tilling.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith said he felt that the path numbers should show where they run from and to. The Clerk said the tender papers are supplied by CC to all Parish/Town Councils.

11. REGENERATION – Nothing to report

12. LOCALISM - The Clerk clarified what constituted 'elected' in respect of the 'General Powers of Competence'. CALC stated that it means 'stood' at an election even if 'unopposed'. Therefore only those who stood for the full elections in 2007 would count. This would be subject to annual review if an election had been held. In any event the Council would be required to pass a resolution annually to retain the power. It was agreed that Councillors should put their names forward for election in 2013, even if they are not opposed in order to comply with these requirements.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT – Nothing to report.

14. ADOPTION OF BT PHONE BOXES –Cllr. Ashmore stated that BT had agreed to replace the door on the phone box at Coverack Bridges once the Parish Council had paid for it. The contracts for purchase of BT boxes at Releath and Coverack Bridges had been signed by Chairman of the Council and Cllr. Ashmore agreed to furnish the Clerk with the address for them to be sent to.

Cllr. Ashmore said that Mrs. Walker had asked if the PC could supply paint for the box at Lowertown. It was proposed by Cllr. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Morgans and carried that Cllr. Ashmore be authorised to purchase the necessary paint and present the bill to the PC for reimbursement. The cost to be met from the 'property maintenance' budget.

15. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Instructions from last meeting:-

Message Alec Robertson leader CC dated 5/3, 12/3, 16/3, and 23/3/2012

Letter Cornwall Council re applications for engineering works only being available on line from 5/3/2012

CC – Town and Parish Council Newsletter edition 5th March.

CALC The week issue no. 7, 8,9,10

NALC Legal Topic Note 80 – members conduct and registration and disclosure of their interests.

NALC legal briefing re General Power of Competence to permit prayers at council meetings

NALC Legal Topic Note 5 Parish, Town and Community Council Meetings

NALC Legal Topic Note 7 Non Councillor members of Committees

NALC Legal Topic Note 81 Pre determination

NALC Employment Briefing Local Government Pay 2012/-13

Rural Services Network 12/3, 19/3, 26/3,

Letter of thanks from Penhaligon's Friends, Cornwall Air Ambulance and Sithney and Lowertown over 60's Committee for grants was passed around to be read.

Interlink Cornwall March 2012

Sustainable Government - Angus Robertson on procurement challenges within energy efficiency

Letter re Broadband Speeds

Confirmation of change of Clerk details and renewal of registration under the Data Protection Act 1998. The Clerk reported she had received the renewal from CALC for the forthcoming year. There had been a slight reduction in the charges. It was proposed by Cllr. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr. P. Martin and carried unanimously that the subscription be renewed.

16. QUEEN DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Cllr. Bickford-Smith reported that meetings had been held on 23rd February, 1st March and 22nd March. He reported that the layout plan and road closures were in progress. There was £150 in the bank. £1,800 had been promised by locals and businesses. He said that he thought it would be a good idea for the Parish Council to present and pay for the mugs to be presented to local children. He stated that there were 152 in the school, plus local children who went out of the area to schools, plus relatives may wish to purchase some. The cost of each mug, including VAT is £4.68. They would be sold for £5 each. The Clerk stated that providing the mugs were presented at the celebrations, not at school, the cost could be funded under S145 of the 1972 Local Government Act which covers 'Entertainment'. She asked if it was envisaged that these be purchased in addition to the up to £2,000 grant previously agreed by Council, or in addition as there was no resolution to cover this. It was confirmed this would be in addition and like the grant met from Reserves. It was proposed by Cllr. B. Deacon, seconded by Cllr. R. Ashmore and carried (voting by Cllr. P and T. Martin) that the Clerk be asked to purchase these from PC funds.

17. FINANCE

To approve the following accounts for payment:

It was proposed by Cllr. Morgans, seconded by Cllr. Bickford-Smith and carried unanimously that the following account be paid:-

Pauline Williams, Clerk	Salary (gross)	397.64)
	Office Allowance	20.00)
	Computer use	10.00) £499.16
	Mileage	18.50)
	Telephone	4.50)
	Reimburse Petty Cash	48.52)

To consider the following applications for donations: None Received.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith left the meeting at this point.

18. Update on proposed affordable housing in Crowntown.

The Clerk mentioned that it was regrettable that no members of the public were present she sought confirmation from Will Morris that Sheila Hilditch had been notified – he said that he had not invited her to the meeting specifically but had been keeping her up to date with progress. Cllr. Deacon stated that Mrs. Sheila Hilditch was on holiday at present. It was however, decided that Will Morris would continue with the presentation.

Mr. Morris said that following the Planning Briefs, which contained site specific information, and a suggested development strategy, an Assessment Criteria had now been drawn up. Will Morris explained that the criteria could be broken into three parts

- **Fit with planning brief** – proposals will be assessed as to how closely they follow the elements of the brief. Any deviations must be justified
- **Meeting the Need** - proposals must meet the affordable housing needs of the Parish. Proposers should liaise with CC Affordable Housing Team to ensure they are seeking to provide an appropriate tenure and development mix.
- **Deliverability** - Proposals must enable work to start on site by 3 March 2013 and provide evidence of ownership free from encumbrances and have the financial ability to carry out the development.

It was proposed by Cllr. Morgans, seconded by Cllr. Ashmore and carried (PM abstained) that the Assessment Criteria be accepted.

It was proposed by Cllr. Morgans, seconded by Cllr. Deacon and carried (PM abstained) that the proposals to consult further on the planning briefs be dismissed and that the landowners now be approached and asked to produce proposals. The proposals will then go through the assessment process including a further public consultation.

19. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting followed by Full Council Meeting.

Tuesday 1st May 2012 at Sithney School starting at 7.15pm NB