

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 12th JUNE 2012 AT 7.30PM

Present:-

Cllr. P. Martin	Cllr. I Paterson
Cllr. R. Ashmore arrived at 7.43	Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith
Cllr. B. Deacon	Cllr. T. Martin
Cllr. M. Morgans	Cllr. A. Pascoe

Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin

Parish Clerk Mrs. Pauline Williams and 1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr. E. Williams who had to work late.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting held at Sithney School on 1st May, 2012 were proposed by Cllr. Paterson seconded by Cllr. Deacon and unanimously approved.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr. Bickford-Smith declared an interest in item 16 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, Item 17b) Contribution towards upkeep of Chynhale Chapel and Item 18 Affordable Housing.

Cllr. P. Martin declared an interest in Item 18 Affordable Housing.

Cllr. B. Deacon declared an interest in Item 16 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and 17b) Contribution towards upkeep of St. Sithney Churchyard.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Nothing to report

5 POLICE REPORT – PCSO Ceri Sadler sent a report as she was unable to attend. She stated that 2 crimes had been reported in May, one more than last year. In Coverack Bridges there had been a burglary and in Prospidnick there had been a Pig trough and cast Iron Roller stolen. Both crimes are still under investigation. PC Richard Wearne is now the Beat Manager for the area.

Cllr. Paterson asked if the PC could be supplied with crime numbers so that periodically PCSO Sadler could be asked to check their records and report the outcome of investigations.

6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS –Cllr. P. Martin said that he and the Clerk had attended the Helston Railway Preservation Society 125th Anniversary celebrations on 9th May commemorating the opening of the Helston Branch line on 9th May, 1887 and the first railway operated motor bus service in Great Britain which began in August 1903 between Helston Station and the Lizard. Plaques had been erected at Hens Horn Court (old railway station site) and at The Top House Inn (the terminus of the bus service at the Lizard). Transport was on old buses and it was a very good day.

He thanked everyone for the massive effort made to make the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations such a success. He said he had no doubt they were the best and many compliments had been received. He especially thanked Cllr. Bickford-Smith and his team for their tireless work. He said it would be lovely if this could become an annual event in the form of a fair.

7. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe asked why the Posts at Wheal Dream Junction with B3297 Redruth Road had been installed and by whom. She stated that whilst it was technically not in the Parish Area, it did impact of people dropping and collecting people from the bus especially in respect of school children, and moreover it had not stopped the parking. Cornwall Cllr. Loveday Jenkin said the posts had been put their by CC at the request of Wendron Parish Council but agreed to discuss the matter with CC on the PC behalf.

Cllr. Paterson had asked the Clerk to contact the Highways Department to enquire when the sandbagged temporary repair at Tregathenan would be completed. CC had responded stating that once the drainage improvement scheme is designed the work will be completed during the summer.

Cllr. Paterson asked the Clerk to obtain an update on the pipe through the Cornish hedge opposite Chynhale Chapel. CC had responded saying they had met with the Agent on site. It was clear that there are a number of locations where water could flow from adjacent land onto the highway including the gateway which had been blocked to prevent this. Whilst CC could ask for the pipe to be removed, they felt this would lead to the re opening of the gateway which would make the problem worse. CC felt the land owner had taken positive action to prevent water flowing onto the highway, and therefore they planned to take no further action. Cllr. Bickford-Smith said the pipe had stopped water flooding cottage no. 1. Noted.

The Clerk reported that CC stated they had not viewed the area at New Road where it had flooded which was reported to them on 8th May, but they would do so shortly,

The Clerk had chased what was happening about the grade 2 listed fence between Coverack Bridges and Boscadjack first reported on March 12th. An e mail from CC dated 4th May stated that the granite posts and railings had been in a poor condition for a long time, but were not a safety issue but he would discuss their possible replacement with the Area Manger. However due to the cost it was unlikely to be carried out. On 12th June Neighbourhood Steward Tom Childs said the fencing was not CC responsibility as it did not form part of the Highway. Cllr. Pascoe stated that she thought they had been erected by the Highway Authority to stop people falling into the Leat at the back of the verge many years ago, she also felt they had been previously maintained by the Council. Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin agreed to take up the issue of listing (as this should show details of ownership) and repairs with the Officer.

The rubbish in bags at Releath Triangle had been overgrown, the Clerk to advise CC.

Cllr P. Martin said that at Trannack Hill (heading north out of Lowertown towards Trannack School between SW659294 and SW659296) the trees had badly overgrown the road and closing it in, reducing light and visibility. The Clerk to contact CC and ask them to get them cut back.

Cllr. Paterson stated that on the hair pin bend by the old railway line (SW661297) there were no protective barriers to stop anyone falling over the edge of the road where there is a steep drop. Ownership and responsibility was uncertain. The Clerk to contact CC in the first instance.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith said he had been in conversation with Mr. Lavery of CC regarding the fact that many properties still had not had refuse and or recycling collected since the new contract came into force in April. Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin said that whilst the aim of the new contract was to save £3million, the collections were in chaos. None of the existing staff remained to ensure all properties were collected. She asked that anyone still experiencing difficulties should contact her.

Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe reported that she had attended another meeting of the Helston Framework Group. The areas for expansion of Helston are being narrowed down. At present there was no threat to Sithney PC area.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. Loveday Jenkin reported that since the last report she had:-

- Been sorting out continuing rubbish issues!
- Attended the third Helston Framework meeting which looked at the work to screen sites within the framework plan
- Attended the Annual Council meeting on 15.05.2012 and supported motion for more scrutiny on the Stadium issue.
- Watched the Olympic Torch pass through Helston
- Attended various Jubilee events including Sithney School and Sithney Village plus viewing the beacons from the road.
- Attended Lowertown Community Group re developments at the top of Lowertown and the Helston Town Framework plan
- Attended the Royal Cornwall Show

9. PLANNING – no applications had been received.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

Agenda of West Sub-Area Planning Committee meeting to be held on 6/6/2012

Permissions Granted

PA11/10902 Discharge of section 106 agreement regarding tie to development land (PA97/00882F and PA99/00015F) Trevarno Mill, Trevarno, Sithney.

PA12/01101 Erection of an agricultural building for domestic use Chyreen Farm House, Tregathenan, Sithney. Mr. D. Holt

PA12/01970 Re roofing of barn. Replacing corrugated sheeting with slates and raising of eaves height. Gew Farm House, Prospidnick Hill, Prospidnick. Mr. C. Osborne

PA12/03224 Pencoys, Crowtown, Helston. Erection of sunroom. Mr. P. Chattaway.

Withdrawn

PA12/01688 Design Amendments to PA11/08730 Separate dwelling from Granny Annexe, Boscadjack Farm, Coverack Bridges. Mr. N. Hack.

The Clerk reported that Mandy Smith of CC Planning Department had visited Wheal Bramble and spoken to the owner. Works had not been completed but it was hopeful that they may be soon. The owner had again confirmed that once completed the temporary structure would be removed. She stated that she would contact the owner in a few weeks to confirm the situation and from there it would be decided whether to take Enforcement action.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – Details of Parish Walk no. 34 and 35 had been received.

Cllr. Paterson stated that the first cut of the Gold Paths and the 1 stile had been reported as complete. He stated that Parish Walk 35 used Footpath 3 and it was well cut. He would check the remaining footpaths and asked if horse riders would check the cut of Bridleway 27 and 30 and report back to him and the Clerk, as an invoice for payment will be received shortly.

11. REGENERATION – Cllr. Ashmore reported that he had delivered the paint to the people who are going to paint the boxes at Releath and Lowertown.

12. LOCALISM - Cllr. Paterson presented a précis of the last section of the Localism Act 2011 which covers reforms to ensure that decisions about housing are taken locally.

The Act

- Enables local authorities to make their own decisions to adapt housing provision to local needs and makes the system fairer and more effective.
- Gives local authorities more control over the funding of social housing, helping them to plan for the long term
- Gives people who live in social housing new ways of holding their landlords to account and making it easier for them to move.

He stated that The Localism Act 2011 is an Act with the potential to effect significant change in national life, passing power to a local level and he felt that Sithney Parish Council should be prepared to take control of as many as aspects of the decision making process as they are able to do.

He said that putting the Act into practice will represent a major milestone towards the transfer of power and control to a local level.

He stated that he would look at the document received by him and the Clerk at the Neighbourhood Planning Course and report back. The Clerk stated that she had approached the Planning Department of CC asking for a list of the listed properties in the Parish with no success. She had approached English Heritage with no success. Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin said she would speak to CC on the PC behalf.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT – The draft New Code of Conduct had been received on 11th June from CALC which they believe meets all the statutory requirements of the Localism Act 2011. It has to be considered by the Standards Committee of CC prior to them adopting it. CALC recommended that all Parish Councils adopt this code as from 1st July (when the old one is withdrawn) on the understanding than an amended version may need to be adopted at a later meeting if there are any changes. A New Register of Financial Interests must be completed by members by 28th July.

It was proposed by Cllr. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Morgans and carried unanimously that Sithney Parish Council adopt the new Code of Conduct for members in compliance with the Localism Act 2011.

14. ADOPTION OF BT PHONE BOXES – AON had stated that providing the kiosks were inspected regularly and a signed record kept of these inspections, and that the PC were solely responsible for their maintenance and upkeep they were prepared to hold insurance for Public Liability covering accidents or bodily injury to third parties or damage to their property. If however the PC wanted the kiosks insured against damage they would be prepared, subject to receipt of a valuation, to quote for this cover.

Cllr. Ashmore said he had spoken to John Mitchell at CC for advice. It was felt that if a risk assessment was carried out, with a visual inspection monthly and a six monthly inspection this should suffice. However, the Clerk was asked to await further contact from Cllr. Ashmore before taking any further action.

15. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Devon and Cornwall Police – April 2012 newsletter

Rural Services on line 23/4, 30/4, 8/5, 14/5, 21/5, 28/5,

Rural Opportunities Bulletin May 2/5,

CC Localism Newsletter Edition 6

CALC The Week issue 12, 13, 14 and 15

Julie Girling MEP April and May newsletter

CC messages from Alec Robertson Leader of the Council 25/4, 27/4, 14/5, 30/5,

Details of Caravan and Camping Sites and Street Trading Licences Regulations.

Interlink Cornwall May 2012

Olympic torch Relay Briefing Sheet

Cornwall Countryside Access Forum

NALC National Planning Policy Framework Legal Briefing L07-12

Legal Topic Note 27 and Guidance Document from Cornwall Council on providing information to disabled persons in the format they require.

Details of proposed bus service to replace the West Cornwall Community Wheels dial-a-ride Scheme (gone out to tender)

Cornwall Air Ambulance Magazine and details of recent move to Newquay.

The PC had been notified that Grant Thornton, Accountants had been appointed to conduct the PC Audit for 5 years from September 2012. It was proposed by Cllr. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Paterson and carried unanimously that the PC had no objections.

It was proposed by Cllr. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Morgans and carried unanimously that the PC pay the additional premium to AON insurers for insuring picnic bench of £30.74

E mail from Cornwall Young Carers asking if anyone can take part in sponsored zip wire event

Sithney Parish News Issue 12

Amendments to Licensing Act 2003

Employers first Aid obligations from CALC

Raising of School Leaving Age

E mail re changes in community department of pcdt.

16. QUEEN DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – Cllr. Bickford-Smith said the celebrations had gone without a hitch. It was reported to be the best event ever carried out in Sithney Parish. He thanked everyone for attending the meetings, carrying out their roles and also the people from Mellangoose who worked tirelessly erecting the tent. The community spirit was superb. The only down side was that Matthew Deacon was injured towards the end of the Cornish Wrestling competition. The Council send him best wishes for a speedy recovery. Cllr. Deacon said he had been asked to enquire as to whether there would be any compensation as Matthew would not be able to work for a long time and he had a young family to support. It was agreed that the Clerk pass the letter on to their insurers.

The sales of the Jubilee Mugs had exceeded expectation. Cllr. Morgans is carrying out an audit of the sales and issuing of mugs. It is anticipated that a further order will need to be made.

It was proposed by Cllr. Paterson, seconded by Cllr. Pascoe that the invoice for an additional 10 mugs ordered on 31/5 at a cost of £46.80 be paid and authority be given to order additional mugs should the need arise.

17. FINANCE

a)To consider the following accounts for payment:

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

Pauline Williams, Clerk	Salary (net)	441.20)	
	Office Allowance	20.00)	
	Computer use	10.00)	£577.20
	Mileage	33.00)	
	Telephone	9.13)	
	Petty Cash reimbursement	63.87)	
	Post Office Ltd (HMRC payment)	1.00	
AON Insurance	Cost of insuring picnic bench	30.74	
T. H. Eddy (Chown China)	Extra 10 Jubilee Mugs purchased	46.80	
St. Sithney PCC	Grant towards upkeep of churchyard	786.00	
Chynhale Methodist Chapel	Grant towards upkeep of churchyard	168.00	

b)To consider the following applications for donations:

Requests for contributions towards upkeep of St. Sithney Churchyard. (donation last year £749). Copy of Accounts shows expenditure for 2011 as £975.41 and predicted expenditure for 2012 of £1478.94.

Chynhale Chapel (donation last year £160) . Accounts show expenditure for 2011 as £1,400 and expenditure this year of £750 to date. Cllr. Pascoe proposed an increase of 5% to ease the burden of fuel payments. It was proposed by Cllr. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. T. Martin and carried on a majority vote (PBS and BD abstaining due to an interest)

18. Update on proposed affordable housing in Crowtown – It was agreed the consultation should not be part of a Parish Council meeting as it may restrict the time available. It was felt that people who want to live in the properties should attend the consultation as some residents did not believe there was a need. It was agreed that early September seemed a good time, before the schools break up. It was agreed to ask Sithney School to host the function as it was near to the proposed sites. It was queried where the funding for the project was coming from, and what exactly the consultation would encompass. The Clerk to raise the issues with Will Morris. Advertising was imperative.

19. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 3rd July, 2012 at 7.30p.m. At Sithney School