

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3rd JULY 2012 AT 7.30PM

Present:-

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

Cllr. E. Williams arrived 7.40p.m.

Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin

Parish Clerk Mrs. Pauline Williams and 1 member of the public, Mrs. Debbie Palmer Chair of the Governors of Sithney School and Mrs. Susan Evans, Head teacher of Sithney School.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trannack School on 12th June, 2012 were proposed by Cllr Deacon seconded by Cllr Morgans and unanimously approved.

3. SIGNING OF NEW DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FORMS - As these had not been received the Chairman moved to the next item.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr. Bickford-Smith declared an interest in item 17 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, and Item 19 Affordable Housing.

Cllr. P. Martin declared an interest in Item 19 Affordable Housing.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mrs Debbie Palmer, Chair of the Governors of Sithney School spoke on the role of a Trust Governor and asked if any Parish Councillor would be willing to take on the role. She said it would entail a total of 6 meetings a year. Cllr. Bickford-Smith said he would consider the role, Cllr. P. Martin said he would take the role if no one else wanted to.

Mrs Palmer and the Head teacher Mrs. Susan Evans spoke of their concerns on the speed of traffic passing the school gates, especially with the number of pupils on roll increasing. Susan Evans stated that the number of pupils on roll would increase from 36 to 72 in September. She said that this and the baby club would result in even more on street parking, and people entering and leaving the school premises. There have been many instances of car wing mirrors being damaged by speeding vehicles lately.

This issue had been discussed by CC on previous occasions. Cornwall Cllr. Loveday Jenkin said she would investigate previous decisions. The Clerk was asked to contact CC voicing the concerns about the speed of traffic. It was felt that the type of action to achieve speed reduction was not important as long as it worked.

Susan Evans thanked the Parish Council for organising the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and hailed them a great success.

Mrs. Mickler thanked the Council for getting the rubbish bags moved (Trannack Triangle not Releath). The Clerk thanked Cllr Paterson for assisting CC. Mrs. Mickler stated that she suspected that their was Japanese Knotweed on the right hand side of the entrance into Trannack Industrial Estate. The Clerk was asked to report the possible site to CC for action.

6 POLICE REPORT – PCSO Ceri Sadler sent a report along with her apologies as she was unable to attend. There had been one crime reported in June (the same as last year), this was the theft of a ladder from an insecure garage in Nancegollan.

In response to Cllr. Paterson's request that the Council should be supplied with crime reference numbers so that the outcome of investigations could be reviewed, PCSO Sadler said that due to data protection this was not possible. Also some crimes are pending for a number of years and it was felt that up to date monthly information was of more use. Cllr. Paterson wished it to be recorded that he was disappointed with the response.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Cllr. P. Martin said he had no comments.

8. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Following a request from Cllr Paterson the Clerk had reported to CC that there was poor visibility due to excessive vegetation at Pednavounder Farm on the B3302. Cornwall Council had very speedily cleared this problem spot and thanks had been conveyed.

There had been no progress with the item raised by Cllr P. Martin at Trannack Hill (heading north out of Lowertown towards Trannack School between SW659294 and SW659296) the trees had badly overgrown the road, closing it in, reducing light and visibility.

At the June meeting Cllr. Paterson had stated that on the hairpin 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 was instructed to contact CC in the first instance. Cornwall Council had put roadside bollards up, which whilst defining the edge of the road, would not prevent vehicles going down the embankment. The Clerk was asked to contact CC again asking when they planned to take further action to prevent vehicles going off the road.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith had asked the Clerk to contact CC concerning overhanging branches, some of which are almost touching cars, on the road between Sithney Green and Trevarno Front Lodge. CC has responded saying that the matter will be attended to.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith had asked the Clerk to get in touch with CC again re the Caravan Site at Pengoon Farm which is expanding into two more fields. A reply had not been forthcoming in time for this meeting.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith had raised the condition of footpath 14/1 with the Clerk prior to the meeting. Cllr. Paterson said that the line of the path, as cut by the contractor was the nearest to the original line as possible. The farmer had ploughed up the original path and it was unsafe to use. Cllr. Loveday Jenkin suggested the Clerk contact Linda Holloway at CC and ask her to get the original path line reinstated. Agreed.

Cllr. Paterson said that it was the centenary of Sithney School in 2013 and asked if the PC could help with the organisation

9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. Loveday Jenkin reported the recent death of Cllr Pam Lyne who worked hard for her area and Cornwall for many years, she will be sadly missed.

She reported that there had been no rubbish issues reported this month, but there are still issues with delivery of recycling bags and green waste containers.

She had attended:-

- The fourth Helston Framework meeting which looked at potential housing sites within the framework plan
- Cornwall Council meeting that day – standards regime and governance review
- Been sitting on the discretionary rates review working group which is looking at standardising the guidance across Cornwall and maybe reducing the amount allowed for certain categories. She was concerned that small community groups may be affected. There will be a public consultation on proposals before September.
- Been discussing the three sites that are being assessed for siting the proposed New Archive – Hayle, Redruth and St Austell.
- Green infrastructure Strategy presentations at two meetings – this is an opportunity to genuinely develop mapping of valuable natural sites (green, blue and yellow) and how they can be connected to ensure viable ecosystems. This will feed into the Core Strategy process. Towns are being focused on initially but some funding has recently been obtained to assist other communities.
- Been investigating the best way to ensure that historic structures (e.g. leats and stones and rails structure at Coverack Bridges) can be maintained and protected within the current Council regime.
- Looking at traffic management within Lowertown – some improved signage has been provided.

Cllr. Loveday Jenkin reported on the issue of posts at Wheal Dream which were raised by Cllr. Pascoe at the last meeting. It was reported that CC had been asked to put these posts at the Lowertown junction not Wheal Dream. It was hoped that they would be removed.

Cllr. Loveday Jenkin reported on the issue of listing the grade 2 fence between Coverack Bridges and Boscadjack. Jane Powning of CC is researching the history of these and will report back on her findings.

Cllr. Paterson had assisted Jane Powning in locating two other sites, at Tregathenan, and Lowertown. She stated that these railings seemed to be part of the local character of the area and provide a 'sense of place' in the landscape.

10. PLANNING

Planning Applications None received.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

The Agenda of West sub-area Planning Committee meeting held on 6/6/2012 had been received.

Permissions Granted - None

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – Cllr. Paterson reported receipt of the invoice for the 1st stage of the LMP contract. Cllr. Paterson added that he had examined BW 14 and 30 and Footpath 4 which were all well trimmed. There is an issue with BW29 (Longstone Farm to Bodily) which the contractor has reported to CC. It was proposed by Cllr. Paterson seconded by Cllr. Pascoe and carried that the payment be made. The Chairman signed the interim claim form which the Clerk will forward to CC.

12. REGENERATION – Cllr. Ashmore asked Councils' permission to meet with Cllr. Loveday Jenkin, Charlotte Chadwick and Susan Evans to discuss the position in respect of a Community Hall. This was agreed. He stated that there was some funding available for the initial stages such as research, planning etc. The Clerk said she had investigated a grant from the Lottery available to small Parish Councils' mentioned in CALC The Week issue 19 received after the issue of the PC Agenda. Unfortunately whilst the PC would qualify on their size the money had to be used by September 2012 and whatever project it was used for had to be self financing, bring work to the area, and contribute financially to the area. Therefore it was not appropriate for a community hall. However, she had ascertained that PWLB grants over 50 years were still available to Councils' at reasonable costs.

13. LOCALISM – The Clerk reported that following Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkins' conversation with CC, a list and map of all the listed buildings in the Parish had been received. The Clerk thanked Cllr. Loveday Jenkin for her assistance in this matter.

14. CODE OF CONDUCT – Whilst the Council had signed up to the new Code of Conduct at the June PC meeting the forms for individual Councillors to sign had still not been received. Noted.

15. ADOPTION OF BT PHONE BOXES – Cllr. Ashmore said he awaited the Risk Assessment by the PC. A new door needs to be fitted to the Coverack Bridges Box and it will then be painted when weather permits. Cllr. Ashmore left the meeting at 8.30p.m.

16. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

CALC Issue 17 The Week

Rural Services on line Weekly news letter 6/6, 11/6, 18/6 and 25th June, 2012

Rural Services Network Rural Opportunities Bulletin June 2012

Letter Cornwall Rural Housing Association seeking new board members

Bulletins re Incinerator at St. Dennis

Interlink June 2012

Cornwall Countryside Access Forum details of grant scheme.

New Parish Council Code of Conduct in draft.

Excerpt from SLCC re discussions for Parish Councils to use on line banking facilities.

Message from Alec Robertson 11/6/2012

Press Release re update of Register of Electors

E mailed newsletter MEP Julie Girling June

It was proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded by Cllr. Bickford-Smith and carried that the increased premium of **£32.97** for upgrading Fidelity Guarantee in respect of Clerk to £30,000 be paid.

The Clerk reported that the Annual Risk Assessment and Quarterly Audit will be carried out on 5th July by Cllrs. P. Bickford-Smith and T. Martin (Audit and Risk Assessment) and Cllr. P. Martin (Risk Assessment)

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit, carried out by the Audit Commission, had been completed and there were no comments made. Notices will be put on the Parish Council boards advising the public of this and inviting them to view the Annual Return made to the Audit Commission.

17. QUEEN DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Clerk reported that the number of mugs sold had been reconciled with the amount of money received.

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It was proposed by Cllr. Deacon, seconded by Cllr Paterson and carried that authority be given to pay for an additional 40 mugs ordered by PBS at a cost of £187.20 including VAT.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith said that it was proposed that monies left in the Diamond Jubilee fund were to be used for benches and tree planting to commemorate the event. This was agreed. Work would be carried out later in the year when the weather was suitable.

18. 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)	419.52)
	Office Allowance	20.00)
	Computer use	10.00) £536.12
	Mileage	11.50)
	Telephone	4.21)
	Reimburse Petty Cash	70.89)
Post Office Ltd	(HMRC payment)	0.40
AON Ltd	Upgrade of Fidelity Guarantee	32.97
R. Sanders	First Payment of LMP contract	227.50
Chown China	Forty additional Jubilee mugs	187.20

b) To consider the following applications for donations:

1st Sithney Green Brownies and Rainbows – circulated via e mail 19/6.

It was Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure

It was proposed by Cllr. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. Deacon and carried that a donation of £100 be made towards the cost of the provision of a marquee for Sithney Green Brownies and Rainbows for their outdoor meetings so they will not have to keep hiring one at a high cost.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith left the meeting at 8.50.

19. Update on proposed affordable housing in Crowntown Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe reported on a briefing meeting held on 28th June, 2012. There are only two sites left under consideration site 2 and site 5/6.

The group consisted of Cllr. Pascoe, Cllr. Morgans and Will Morris of CC. Cllr Pascoe said that it was felt that both schemes need perfecting in order to fulfil the brief, there were also aspects that the group were unhappy with. It was uncertain what the ratio of private purchased to rented properties was which needed to be clarified.

The Clerk stated that, subject to Councils' approval, she could book the Hall at Sithney School from 1.30 to 8.00 on 11th September for the consultation meeting with the public. It was proposed by Cllr. Pascoe seconded by Cllr Morgans and carried that the Clerk book the hall. It was felt vital that all residents were aware of this meeting.

20. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th August, 2012 at 7.30p.m. at Trannack School