

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY, 2014 AT 7.30PM

Present:-

Cllr. I Paterson – Chairman

Cllr. Bickford-Smith – Vice-Chairman

Cllr. P. Elliott

Cllr. J. Betteridge

Cllr. P. Martin

Cllr. M. Morgans

Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe

Parish Clerk Mrs. Pauline Williams, and 6 members of the public,

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – were received from Cllr. B. Deacon and Cornwall Councillor John Keeling – illness.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd December were proposed by Cllr. Morgans, seconded by Cllr Elliott and unanimously agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr. P. Martin declared a non registerable interest in Affordable Housing Item21 as a local landlord.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith declared a disclosable financial interest in Affordable Housing Item 21 as the landowner and left the meeting prior to this item being discussed.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Lane Chynhale to Crowntown – An e mail had been sent to Mr. Glasper asking for the lane to be restored to its previous width, and to make local farmers aware of their responsibilities in respect of Rights of Way on their land

Update Wheal Bramble – Mandy Smith, CC had advised the Clerk that she would visit shortly

Trevarno Turn (near to junction of road from Chynhale with B3303 OS grid ref SW637311). Passing bay. – The Clerk had chased Mike Peters, Cormac Solutions for an installation date.

Little Bosoha, Trenear OS ref SW664318. – Lee Viner, CC Planning advised the Clerk that an application has been submitted.

Crash Barriers Lowertown Bridge – A wooden fence has been erected by the Historical Railways Estate Team, which is part of the Highways Agency. It was still felt that a vehicle, in bad weather conditions, could smash through the fence and end up down the embankment with serious consequences. Cllr. Pascoe agreed to take photographs of the section of greatest concern, which the Clerk was asked to forward to Cornwall Council again, with a request for safety barriers, which it was considered was their responsibility.

Footpath 9/2 – Cllr. Bickford-Smith reported on a conversation with the landowner Greville Richards. It transpired that the land on which the footpath stands forms part of the Parkham Farm complex and is currently farmed by Winchester Growers. A request for action had been incorporated in an e mail to Trevor Glasper with the request for action at the Lane from Chynhale to Crowntown.

Road Surface Merther Farm to Carleen Road – A copy of the report from Claire Banks, Cormac Solutions is awaited.

Flooding at Prospidnick – The Clerk had passed on the information concerning ownership to Martin Clemo.

Weed Spraying - The Clerk had received a map and estimated cost of the work currently carried out by CC. This was approximately £200 for 2013/14. It was considered that the majority of the area shown on the map as being sprayed was not in Sithney Parish Council area, and it was agreed to take no further action at the present time.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman opened the public participation session by saying that he had personally witnessed the water and mud in the Prospidnick area. Indeed Cllr. Morgans property had been flooded. He stated he had been 'kept up to speed' by e mails from Mr. Maylam, and a friend had taken photographs on their mobile phone, which were handed around. He said it was unfortunate that Cornwall Councillor John Keeling was too unwell to attend the meeting, but that he had assured the PC that he was meeting with Tom Marks and Martin Clemo and would be contacting George Eustace MP who is the Environment Minister about modern farming practices, issues with landowners and the impact on local people and their homes.

Mr. Richard Goedegebur of Penvose, Chynhale said that during the recent heavy rains and storms when his neighbour tried to move his car from the lane to the car park the level of the water was up to his car bonnet. He said that a fire engine had attempted to get through but had turned back. He stated that Cornwall Council was repeatedly clearing the drains, but the mud simply blocked them again. Mr. Martin Maylam of Penpraze Farm said his garden and the road was a sea of mud. He said hedges had been removed in recent years resulting in 5 fields becoming 3, and the effect of the removal of the hedges was that water and mud could freely flow. He felt the problems were due to farming practices, with fields being ploughed so the water ran towards houses and the road, compaction of the land and the removal of

stones in the soil which aided drainage. Years ago the fields had just been pasture land. He reported large quantities of water coming down from Trevarno Farm Yard. He stated that his garden was ruined.

The Clerk stated that Lee Viner, Enforcement, CC, had told her that Helston Railway had done their best to stop the water by building an earth bund, however, the weight and volume of water could not be held back.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith said he could get no response from the landowner or his agent. Some 4/5 years ago the Environment Agency said they were carrying out a survey of the River Cober.

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Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe said she was unsure that the modern idea of piping water instead of open ditches was the best solution. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to:-

- Station Officer Keith Stringer, Helston Fire Brigade and ask for a report on the difficulties they experienced in the area.
- Ask Cornwall Councillor John Keeling to get in touch with the Environment Agency to ensure they were aware of the problems and the extent of it. Photographs to be sent to support the letter.
- The Clerk to write to Cornwall Councillor Bert Bissoe, holder of the highways portfolio, and George Eustace MP to apprise them of the situation.
- A meeting is set up with affected local residents, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr. Morgans to discuss the problems with Officers of CC.

Cllr. Morgans said he was impressed that eight local people helped him with clearing up his flood damage. He said it showed great community spirit.

Complaints were made about fly tipping and the general untidy state at the top of Roseawen Wood where Mr. Trelvion was working. It was agreed to contact him and ask for the site to be tidied up.

Mr. T. Martin presented the Council with a map denoting dog fouling in Merther Close. The Clerk stated that the dog warden had visited the area and seen Cllr. Deacon in the past. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Dog Warden and ask for assistance. He asked if Cllr. Deacon's roles on the Council had been re allocated. This was confirmed.

7 POLICE REPORT – PCSO Paul Whitford sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. He stated that for the period of December 2013 1 crime had been recorded. This was at Trenear a Section 4 Public Order Offence – which is under investigation – with the possibility of Restorative Justice being used as the outcome.

He stated that the total number of crimes for the year within the parish is ten. Six of these having positive outcomes.

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – The Chairman said that the senior citizen party is on 18th January at 3pm at Sithney School. He asked any available Councillors for their help to wait at tables.

9. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Cllr. Pascoe asked when the hedge from Nurses Hill to Menamber was going to be repaired.

Cllr. P. Martin said he was still selling Millennium Maps. It was agreed that Cllr. Bickford-Smith supply him with 5 signed and 5 unsigned (which he would sign for to comply with audit procedure) on a sale or return basis.

Cllr. Elliott said that the path (230/6/1) which runs from Mellangoose to Newham Barton and Farm had a lot of debris on the road by the bridge and the drainage gullies were full of silt and not working. The path surface had 2 feet deep ruts, presumably caused by running water, which were dangerous. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways and Linda Holloway, ROW, and ask for remedial work to be carried out.

Emergency Planning– Cllr. Bickford-Smith said there had been no response to his request for helpers etc from the Parish Newsletter. It was agreed that he speak to Sithney Community Group to see if they could offer assistance.

Cllr. Paterson said, subject to availability, he had 6 bed and breakfast rooms and 3 self catering units available for use in Emergency. He said he would speak to the Crown Inn and ask if they could make any facilities available.

10. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Apologies were received from Cornwall Councillor John Keeling. He wished a Happy New Year to one and all and with a fervent hope that this year brings with it some better times for

Local government for all tiers. He said he was very aware of the misery caused locally by flooding. Runoff from fields has caused some hedges to be breached with mud and water cascading down roads with dire results for properties in its path. He stated that he would be raising these issues with landowners, and take up the question of modern farming Practices and the impact on neighbouring properties with George Eustace MP. He stated that he intended to progress Neighbourhood Planning and the Lengthsman Scheme during the year.

11. PLANNING

Planning Applications To consider planning applications received: --

PA13/10790 Nanskerris, Trevarno, Sithney, Helston TR13 0RU. Domestic extension and associated works}

PA13/10791 Nanskerris, Trevarno. Sithney, Helston TR13 0RU. Listed building consent. }

Cllr. Bickford-Smith said that a site meeting had been held between two members of PAP and the owner prior to the PAP meeting. They viewed the property which was very small and inadequate for a family of four. The bathroom and WC were not attached to the property and necessitate going outside. This was acceptable when the property was built but was not now. The proposed development was to retain the charm of the 19th century building and to join it by means of a glass corridor to the bathroom facilities and the proposed two storey development. PAP considered the design to be sympathetic and unobtrusive to the surrounding area. The visual impact from the road was minimal. There was some existing screening which would grow up. Buildings were eco friendly with turfed roofs and a low profile.

It was proposed by Cllr. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. Betteridge and carried unanimously that Standing Order SO40xxiii) be invoked to allow Mrs. Raffield to speak. Mrs. Raffield said that her husband and herself had just wanted to create a family home where they could stay. They realised that the building was very special, indeed that is why they had bought it, and that it was very visible from all angles. They had tried to keep impact on the property to a minimum and to use materials sympathetic to the woodland and the house. Standing Orders were resumed.

It was proposed by Cllr. Bickford-smith, seconded by Cllr. P. Martin, and carried unanimously that the PC support this application.

PA13/09564 B3303 Crowntown, Helston TR13 0AD. Trevarno Ltd. Outline application for construction of dwellings and associated works.

This application was not discussed by PAP as the Chairman declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as he was a contiguous land owner. The Clerk stated that this application had been withdrawn.

PA13/10843. Amended Plan (PA13/00585) 5 The Sidings, Nancegollan. Live/work unit. PAP supported this application.

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Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe said that the plans were unclear; however she assumed that the garage and bedroom were the amendments. She expressed concern that the garage would take up some of the intended 3 commercial unit's parking spaces. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. Bickford-Smith and carried unanimously that the Council support the application.

It was proposed by Cllr. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe and carried unanimously that the decisions of the Council be commuted to CC.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS – Enforcement

EN13/02212 Pengoon Farm. – Mandy Smith, CC said that the CLUED application is still awaited.

EN13/01276 Alleged stationing of a caravan on land for residential use. Land adjacent to Higher Roseawen, Sithney Green, Sithney TR13 0RT. Lee Viner, CC, stated that he had satisfied himself that no one was living in the caravan, but had served a Planning Contravention Notice on the owners, which they are obliged to complete, stating what they are using the caravan for. If in future they then live in the caravan action can be taken.

Yurt at Roseawen Woods – Lee Viner, CC, is to visit this week to confirm that it has been removed.

EN13/02680 Helston Railway and Organic Trevarno Soap – Lee Viner, CC had visited the site. A toilet block had been moved, and a field had been cleared – run off had been a problem and a bank has been built to try and stop this. A planning application is due to be submitted, and the Railway are co-operating with the Planning Officer.

Planning Consultation – Cllrs. Paterson had responded to this consultation document saying that it was a very well presented document, but he felt the mapping could have been made clearer. He stated that he felt that following his attendance at the Renewable Energy Course there was a need for extensive training for Parish and Town Councillors.

Decisions Approved.

PA13/08332 Boscadjack Farm Coverack Bridges Helston TR13 0LZ. Erection of a shed

PA13/09626 Chanters, Tregathenan, Sithney TR13 0RZ. Construction of sun room.

PA13/10391 Tregoose Cottage, Tregoose, Sithney, Helston TR13 0RT. Proposed extension to provide enlarged kitchen accommodation and extra bedroom (en-suite) with study.

Local Enforcement Plan – Cllr. Paterson said he would try and attend to this before the next meeting.

12. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – Due to extreme weather no progress had been made on the missing footpath signs.

13. LOCALISM/CODE OF CONDUCT /NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – The Clerk to inform Maxine Hardy that the meeting date of Tuesday 28th January at 6pm at the One Stop Shop in Helston was acceptable.

14. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Consultation Document re Poltair Hospital

CALC The Week Issue 12, Details S137 levels for 2014/15 and details re meetings.

Safer Cornwall Newsletter.

South West Water – price freeze until 2015

Sithney Parish News Issue 15 Autumn 2013

Rural Services Network Rural News 2/12, 9/12, 16/12, 23/12. Rural Opportunities Bulletin December, 2013

Rural Services Network – Spotlight on Health and Fuel Poverty and Transport December 2013

Peninsula Community Health Annual Review (3 hard copies)

CC – Traffic Management at Community Events

Guidance for assessing the landscape impact of wind and solar farms

CC – Press release re heavy rain and strong winds

First – Fares and ticket changes from 5/1/2014

15. FINANCE

a) To consider the following accounts for payment:

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

Mrs Pauline Williams, Clerk £503.20	Salary	437.96
	Mileage	23.50
	Office Allowance	20.00
	Computer Depreciation	15.00
	Telephone Calls	3.15
	Petty Cash	3.59
Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership	101.00
Parish Magazine Printing (PMP)	Autumn newsletter	51.00

b) To consider the following applications for donations – The Clerk reported that she had received a request for financial assistance from Sithney Christmas Lights Committee. She stated that the last donation was made in November

2011 of £100 from Section 137. It was decided that any donation should be deferred to the normal meeting in March where all requests are considered. Meanwhile they be asked for a list of their costs and donations received.

16. Parish Website – Cllr. Betteridge said there was nothing to report.

17. School Governors Report – Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe said she had attended a Governors Course recently. The new Head Teacher was in place. Cllr. Bickford-Smith said he had attended a Safeguarding Training Course. An Ofsted inspection is due soon.

18. Updating Standing Orders – It was agreed that the Pre Application guidelines should be added under PAP Standing Order 59. Councillors were asked to review the amended Standing Orders and advise the Clerk of any anomalies.

19. Consideration of implementation of a committee system - Deferred to the February meeting.

20. Adding extra Cheque signatory at bank – The Chairman agreed to speak with a contact he had at the bank.

21. Update on Affordable housing scheme Nothing to report. Trand are to attend the February meeting.

22. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 4th February, 2014 at Sithney School.