

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM

Present:-

Cllr. I Paterson – Chairman Cllr. P. Elliott
Cllr. P. Martin arrived 7.39 Cllr. M. Morgans
Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe Cllr. Ms E. Williams

Parish Clerk Mrs. Pauline Williams, Cornwall Councillor John Keeling (arrived 8.18) and 8 members of the public,

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith Vice-Chairman

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th August, 2014 were proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr Morgans and unanimously agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – None received. See Page 37 Disclosure of Interests book

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

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Update Wheal Bramble – The Clerk reported that she had obtained all the paperwork in respect of the Appeal from Sandra Oram, CC Planning. These documents are not in the public domain and must remain confidential; however they have been forwarded to Councillors on this understanding.

Footpath 230/6/1 Mellangoose to Newham Barton and Farm -The Clerk said that Hamish Gordon had advised that he was still awaiting confirmation of funding from CC.

Footpath 230/9/2 – This has yet to be cut and sprayed.

Footpath 30/1 – The householder has met with his insurers and works are due to start in September with the path being re-opened some time in October. However an extension of closure order to 11th February, 2015 had been received. Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe stated that there was still a lot of erosion at the Tuckingmill end from Lowena up. It was agreed that the Clerk contact CC and ask for reinstatement.

Replacement of missing/defective footpath signs - The Clerk, had, as instructed, put these works forward to the Helston and Lizard Works Scheme and is awaiting a response.

Overhanging bough Front Lodge to Mellangoose – As Councillor Bickford-Smith's was absent a report will be made at the next meeting.

Light Bulb Lowertown Library Box - Mrs. Bedell confirmed this would be done shortly.

Helston Railway Signs junction Trevarno Turn from Chynhale to B3303 – Cllr. Keeling was asked to chase this.

Coose Trannack Wood – The path and tree cutting had been carried out to a satisfactory standard. It was agreed that the Clerk thank the Woodland Trust.

Box on post outside The Crown Inn - CC had confirmed that this has not been sited by them, but thought it may be a police radar class portable device which detects and records the speed of passing vehicles. This box had now been removed. However, they did confirm that they had sited one outside Sithney School at the beginning of August. It was agreed that the Clerk ask for the interpreted copy of the data.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Mrs. Mickler reported that there was a sign 'Electrical Kitchen' at the junction of B3297 and road to Coverack Bridges. She stated that there are no retail units permitted on the Trannack Mill site. It was agreed that the Clerk ask Enforcement to look into the matter.

Mrs. Linda Smith stated that the owners of Lowena had contravened the permitted development in respect of the four cabins on the site, in that they are now totally separate (not ancillary to) from the main building having their own services and are self contained. She felt that the height of the cabins, which are up on blocks was too high and that they were too near the boundary. The Clerk was asked to contact Enforcement (previous ref. no. EN14/00535).

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs. Pascoe seconded by Cllr. Morgans and carried that that Standing Order SO40a(vi) be invoked so that item 20 Affordable Housing be brought forward in order that the public can put forward their views.

Mr. Aldridge stated that it was the wrong place to develop as there were no services – shops etc in the village and the Pub which currently housed the Post Office twice a week is for sale. He stated that the subsidy to the bus company is due to cease in 18 months and this could cause problems to people in affordable housing. He felt that the quality of the access road would lead to further housing on the site and what would the open space be used for.

Mrs. Hilditch said her main concern was the number of properties being built which would double the number of properties in Crowntown and the population, also the speed of the traffic at the front of the site.

The Chairman stated that the access road was brought up to adoptable standard at the request of the PC so that future liability would rest with Cornwall Council not the PC. He said that whilst the pub was for sale it would probably be sold, as in the past, to be retained as a pub and hopefully the Post Office would be retained.

There being no other questions the Council reverted to the original order of the agenda.

7 POLICE REPORT – Because PCSO Paul Whitford was on leave, a report had been received from PCSO Berry who stated that there had been one crime reported in August, that of theft. The report has been filed pending any information being forthcoming. She warned about the dangers of employing cold callers for works on properties.

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Cllr. Paterson reported that Community Energy and Energy Saving Seminar – are to be held at the University of Exeter (Penryn campus) on 19th September 9.30am and asked if anyone was interested in attending.

Cllr. Paterson stated that at a previous meeting the issue of an abandoned car in the car park of Sithney Church had been discussed. The Council had decided not to get involved, but the Clerk had, as instructed, advised the complainant to contact CC. This they had not done. They had contacted the Clerk and Chairman again prior to this meeting. The owners of the vehicle had been made aware of the costs they would incur if CC had to act. It is understood it may be removed by a local garage and sold on the families' behalf.

9. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Cllrs. Elliott, Morgans, and Martin all expressed their concern at the speed of traffic in front of the school and new development area. Cllr. Martin said he felt it should be 20mph. Trand had intimated when asked, that they may be able to fund a flashing speed warning sign at the site, and the Clerk said she would transmit the comments to CC.

10. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cornwall Councillor John Keeling reported that the Waste Management Team is reviewing residents who are registered for assisted refuse collection, recycling or garden waste removal to ensure the service is still necessary due to the cost of providing the service. He stated that savings of £196 million by Cornwall Council needed to be made and some hard choices would have to be made.

11. PLANNING

Planning Applications To consider recommendations to planning applications received: --

PA14/05546 Affordable Housing Scheme, land adjacent to Sithney Community Primary School, Crowntown. 18 houses and 2 flats with associated roads, public open space and parking.

Cllr. Martin stated that the Homechoice register proves there is a need for Affordable Housing. Cllr. Elliott said that nationally there is 12% Affordable and in Sithney Parish there is only 2%. Cllr. Ms Williams stated that she had spent nine years trying to find Affordable Housing in the Parish and had ended up on the edge at Nancegollan. Cllr. Paterson stated that when the PC asked for land for housing to be put forward the only land made available was in Crowntown. Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe proposed the PC support the application, Cllr. Morgans seconded and it was carried (Cllr. Martin abstained as he serves on CC Planning meeting).

PA14/06504 Chyvadna House, Crowntown, Helston TR13 0AD. Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr Morgans and carried (PM abstained as above) that the PC support this application.

PA14/07087 Crowntown Car Sales, Crowntown. Proposed demolition of existing garage and construction of 2 houses and 1 garage. The PC felt they could not support this application. There appeared to be no plans showing land levels so that the height of the three storey properties could be compared to the adjacent properties. There was also a perceived need for a geotechnical report to ascertain whether there is any contamination on the site following the garage activities.

Agricultural Applications - PC not consultee

PA14/07648 General purpose agricultural building for hay/straw storage and some machinery. Pengoon Vean, Hayle road, Nancegollan

Decisions Approved

PA14/04909 Wheal Christopher Farm, Trenear. Conversion of barns to form 2 independent holiday lets.

PA14/03190 Moffats Corner, Nancegollan. Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling.

Other Planning Matters – The Clerk had forwarded a list of planning conferences being held by CC at Pool Innovation Centre on 30th September from 2.00p.m. There is a choice of 4 workshops and the charge is £10 per delegate which includes refreshments and a light supper. The Clerk asked interested Councillors to enroll themselves and the PC would refund costs.

12. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – Cllr. Paterson reported that BW27 had been cleared by Mr. Sanders – this was additional work to LMP contract (price agreed last month £125). Footpath 9/2 additional works to LMP (price agreed last month £75) had not yet been carried out

FP14 - The Chairman, as agreed at the last meeting, circulated a map showing the existing route of this path. Cllr. Ms Williams felt that an Extinguishment Order was the wrong way to proceed as the path would never be reinstated. It was agreed that Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe and Ms Williams would meet with the land owner to try and resolve the line of the path (avoiding the boggy area) and report back to the next meeting.

13. LOCALISM/CODE OF CONDUCT/NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Helston and Lizard Works. The Clerk had put forward the two schemes agreed at Council in August. The replacing of damaged or missing Rights of Way signs and painting of the telephone boxes owned by the Parish Council and the bus shelter at Crowntown. CC had initially declined to take on the signs, but was now giving the matter further consideration, but had put forward the painting scheme for consideration. The Clerk asked Cllr. Ms. Williams to let the PC have the red paint for the ex BT boxes which the regeneration group currently holds.

14. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Safer Cornwall 28/7/2014

Rural News Network weekly news 28/7, 4/8, 11/8 and 18/8. Details of funding package to fight rural crime. Rural Opportunities Bulletin August, 2014; Rural Vulnerability Service – Transport and Broadband August.

CALC The Week – 14th August, 2014

Environment and Transport – The Clerk had been sent a copy, by Cllr. Loveday Jenkin, of a request to CC for works to the Helston to Camborne Road (for reduction of speeding and safe access to the road identifying areas where pedestrians are likely, and in villages protection of structures) and in Lowertown (to prevent use by large vehicles etc on the stretch from B3297 to Hayle through Lowertown with resultant damage to hedges, bridges and risk to pedestrians)

CC had notified changes to Cornwall Bus Services from 7/9/2014

Helston and Lizard Works presentation The Clerk stated that a meeting was to be held at Helston Guildhall, Helston on Thursday 11th September 6 for 6.30 preceded by light refreshments. She asked if any Councillors were free to attend.

15. FINANCE

a) To consider the following accounts for payment:-

It was proposed by Cllr. Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Morgans and carried unanimously that the following accounts be paid as per the schedule of payments:-

	£
1 st Sithney Green Senior Section	200.00
Chynhale Chapel	177.00
Mrs. Pauline Williams	566.24
Cllr. I Paterson (reimbursement web site fee Spanglefish Gold)	24.95

b) Consider the following applications for donations – None

c) Financial Reports by Clerk

Financial report – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totalling £968.19 as reported at item 15a. The first portion of the LMP grant in the sum of £238.62; the VAT refund of £40.19 and the HMRC refund of £49 had been paid in to the bank The balance at the end of August on the Current Account was £19,999.40 and on the Business Saver £13,544.26. These are considered adequate to undertake the work of the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Morgans and carried unanimously that this report be accepted.

Approval of Monthly Report. The accounts to end of August had been circulated. They do not include the payments drawn on 5th August. It was proposed by Cllr. Elliott seconded by Cllr. Martin and carried that these represent a true account of the Parish Council finances and they were signed by the Chairman.

Virement – At the last PC meeting no decision was made as to where to vire the £300 surplus in the Insurance budget. Cllr. Elliott said he felt that as this was a surplus no immediate action was necessary.

Monthly Risk Assessment – The Clerk had produced the usual monthly risk assessment. Items of note were the need for the new lock on the notice board at Lowertown (Mr. Sanders doing); the repainting of the Crowtown Bus Shelter (hopefully being carried out by Helston and Lizard Works) and the replacement of the light bulb in the Lowertown Library Box (Mrs. Bedell has in hand). It was proposed by Cllr. Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Morgans and carried that this be accepted.

16. Co-Option of new Parish Councillors: - to receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office and set a date to receive Declaration of Interests Form – No applications received.

17. Flooding – Cornwall Councillor John Keeling reported that he had attended the meeting at Pool Innovation Centre on 21st August. He had asked to put a question to the Chairman of the Panel but was unable to. The question will now be asked of the George Eustice, Under Secretary of State for Farming at his Camborne Surgery. The question was

“Are we paying farmers to flood the homes of people in rural areas”? He stated that the run-off from fields in intensive agricultural growing areas has reached epic proportions in some of our rural areas. Whilst the growing of crops is vital, it should not be at the expense of local people who are suffering flooded homes as a consequence. As the local Cornwall Councillor for a rather large rural area he had witnessed these events first hand and the disruption it brings during the winter months and particularly during the last severe winter rains. Mitigating against water run-off with green margins and sumps should be mandatory with severe penalties for breaches of this requirement and will the minister give assurances that this matter will be addressed as a matter of urgency before the next winter rains set in? The Clerk reported that an invitation had been received to attend the Cornwall Community Flood Forum AGM on 1st October at The Eden Project.

18. School Governors Report Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe said that work at Trannack School was well under way with the installation of the new septic tank opposite the school. The Clerk stated that works to the kitchen were still incomplete; hence this meeting was being held in the classroom. It is understood that the scouts had hired the kitchen when using the premises for camping and the caretaker had set up an impromptu stove in the porch area.

19. Website – It was proposed by Cllr. Elliott, seconded by Cllr. Ms Williams and carried that the renewal payment for the current website of £24.95 (paid by the Chairman) be refunded (as shown at 15a) above). It was agreed that Cllr. Paterson prepare a paper about the pros and cons of the PC obtaining a .gov. website for the next meeting.

20. Affordable Housing – Cllr. Paterson stated that the land owner had asked if ‘Plovers Field’ could be considered as an acceptable name for the development. This was agreed.

21. Time and date of next meeting - Tuesday 7th October 2014 at Sithney School.