

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 02nd AUGUST 2016 at 7.30PM

Present: -

Cllr P. Bickford-Smith - Chairman

Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe - Vice-Chairman (arrived 8.30pm)

Cllr. P. Martin

Cllr. A. McDonald

Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose

Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling (arrived 8pm)

Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 5 members of the public.

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised that there would be a change to the agenda as Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe would be late so planning may be deferred to later during the meeting. This was Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, all in favour.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllr. Ms. L. Hutchinson.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES –The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th July 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose and seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald and unanimously agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA –Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith declared a disclosable Financial interest in Item 10 Planning Former Tennis Courts. Cllr. A. McDonald declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 10 Planning Pear Tree Game Farm.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES –

Parked Car in Sithney – The clerk has contacted Devon and Cornwall Police to notify them of the permanently parked car in the hedgerow in Sithney but as yet, has not heard back.

Lower Prospidnick Pond – Cornwall Council have advised that they have opened up an enforcement case to look into the pond.

Polling Station – Cornwall Council have responded to say ‘We received no complaints direct from any electors in the area about holding the Police Crime Commissioner Election or the European Union Referendum in this polling station. We are conscious that using the Crown Inn and Lodge is not ideal and that the curtain separating the bar from the polling station area whilst providing adequate privacy to the electors does not act as sound proofing from general noise from the public bar area. The only other option would be to use Sithney School as the polling station; this would mean either closing the school on polling day or having to bring in security guards, which would then add an additional cost to the upcoming town and parish elections. However, we can revisit this as an option in our planning for the Cornwall Council and Town & Parish Elections Next May. Do you as the Town Council have any other suggestion as to where we could relocate the Polling Station to that is still within the polling district?’ Discussions took place and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, 3 in favour, 1 abstained that the clerk would write back with the suggestion of Sithney School and the Post Office located in the Crown Inn.

Local Council Administration Book – The clerk has obtained the older version of the book from Breage Parish Council so that Cllrs can have a look at the book, and the possibility of purchasing the new version for £73.60. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith has had a look at the book and believes it to be a comprehensive guide that this council should own. Cllrs agreed and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell, all in favour that the clerk would order the book.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr. A. McDonald left the room at 7.39 pm as Pear Tree Game Farm was discussed.

Morwenna Wannell– spoke in relation to their planning application at Pear Tree Game Farm, to advise that both herself and her partner are local people who attended Trannack School, where their son also attends. The Game Rearing Business is going from strength to strength and is a local business for local people. The reason for the application to relocate the stables is due to the volume of traffic that uses their layby to turn or pull in when other traffic is met on the road. Miss Wannell recorded 27 incidents of people using their entrance as a turning space or pull, in the last 6 months, and therefore to provide better safety for the animals the stables need to be further back. Morwenna hoped that SPC would support the application as they did on a previous occasion.

Cllr. A. McDonald returned at 7.43pm.

Thelma – asked the council if they were aware of when Footpath 230/30/1 between Coverack Bridges and Lowertown would be reopened as it has been closed for a considerable amount of time. Recently there were 10 children from Lowertown that competed at the fair and had to ride their ponies up to Trannack and down to Coverack Bridges due to the closed bridleway. Cllrs agreed the clerk would contact the countryside officer.

The lowertown over 60’s Trip unfortunately had to be cancelled and has been rescheduled for 17th September 2016, departing at 1pm.

Mrs Mickler – asked if the council new if the Bridleway between Boscadjack Green and Trenear Footpath 230/28/1 was still open. It was agreed to ask the countryside officer to investigate.

7. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised that some road repairs / pot holes had been filled in, in Coverack Bridges but nothing had been done around the back entrance of Trevarno. Cllr. P. Bickford Smith advised that Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings)

Act 1960 The council RESOLVES that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be transacted the press and public be excluded at the end of the meeting for the discussion of 'Plover's Field'.

8. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Cllr. P. Martin advised that on the road between the Grove in Sithney and Breage, the layby that used to be on the left hand side has been filled with a load of chippings and now people are using it to dump rubbish. It was agreed the clerk would contact Highways.

Cllr. A. McDonald gave his apologies that he has not yet completed his profile for the Sithney Parish Council Website. Cllr. A. McDonald suggested displaying the relevant pictures to the item being discussed on the projector at meetings so that the public can identify what is being discussed. Such as the Parish map for footpath discussions. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, all in favour that where possible SPC would do this at future meetings.

9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. Keeling reported that he missed last month's meeting due to attending the Local Government conference where the hot topic of discussion was leaving the EU. Cllr. Keeling pleaded to the local government minister that the £603 million European funding continues for Cornwall. Also to ensure that Local Councils have the ability to negotiate with the Local Government on issues. Cllr. Keeling advised he has been asked to support the Sithney Christmas Lights and has done so in the sum of £100, which he has left in his budget, and urged SPC to support them if possible.

10. PLANNING: -

Cllr P. Bickford-Smith left the room at 8.05pm and Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell took the chair.

PA16/03725 – Former Tennis Courts, Crowtown, Helston, - Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: Formation of detached dwelling.

Cllr. A. McDonald advised he had looked through the application online and that Highways had recommended that the cars to the dwelling must be able to pull in off the road and turn so as not to be reversing on to the road, and that a 30 mph speed limit would be required. The world heritage site has commented online that more detail of the application is required. Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell advised that the site used to be a Tennis club and as it is no longer used a dwelling would be a benefit.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, 3 in favour and 1 abstained that the parish council supports this application.

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith returned at 8.12pm

Cllr. A. McDonald left the room at 8.13pm

PA16/03553 - Pear Tree Game Farm Trannack Coverack Bridges Cornwall - Continued use of land in association with game bird rearing business, erection of a replacement stable building and alterations to an existing agricultural building. Now that the Land Agent's report has become available CC have asked SPC to vote on one of the options below:

In accordance with the Protocol for Local Councils, you now have three options:

1. Agree with my recommendation.
2. Agree to disagree.
3. Object to the proposal against my recommendation and request committee consideration by the planning committee (which CC will then discuss with the Divisional Member who may or may not agree with SPC's view).

Discussions took place and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, 3 in favour, 1 abstained that SPC are in favour of option 2.

Cllr. A. McDonald returned to the meeting at 8.17pm.

It was agreed to ask CC for more time to look at the following two applications as they were only received on the 2nd August 2016. PA16/06765 - Land Adj to Glanneth Farm, Prospidnick, Helston – Change of use of a redundant former agricultural outbuilding to a one-bed private domestic dwelling house, including anew rear extension.

PA16/06766 – Land Adj to Glanneth Farm, Prospidnick, Helston – change of use of a redundant former agriculture outbuilding to a one bed Holiday Let, including a new rear extension.

Approved

PA16/05799 - Long Beam, Penpraze Farm, Crowtown, Helston - Non-material amendment to PA14/10671 to include alteration to material used on front elevation is replaced from wooden shiplap to recycled granite to be more aesthetically pleasing.

PA16/02254 - 2 Old School House, Sithney, Helston, TR13 0RP - Construction of outbuilding for uses incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling.

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Hedge Trimming – The clerk has written to Cormac as per agreement at July's meeting and has received the following response, which has been circulated to all Cllrs: 'Cornwall Council as the Highway Authority are responsible for the safety of the public highway and from a legal perspective, Cornwall Council has no responsibility for cutting hedges that grow adjacent to the public highway. From a legal perspective, hedges are the responsibility of the adjacent landowners and Cornwall Council has the power to serve notices upon those landowners under s154 of the Highways Act 1980. As such, any works to hedges by our tractor and flail are above and beyond the legal duty that the highway authority has placed upon it. Along our busiest roads, it is not considered safe or appropriate to ask landowners to undertake the works for themselves and as such we send our fleet of tractors to cut the visibility splays and do a swathe cut for pedestrians who may wish to walk along the verge. Of the other main routes that we cut in Sithney parish, (other than the A394, the B3302 and the B3303), we only cut visibility splays. In terms of hedges, as an act of good will, Cornwall Council commissions us to run our mower along the hedges between those junctions where there is no verge. This is why some of the hedges appear to be only cut to a lower height. I am keen to address any concerns that you may have about the safety of road users and therefore I wonder if you could provide me with some information regarding specific locations where you have concerns. I can then task an officer with investigating the issue and instruct them to serve a hedge cutting notice upon the relevant landowner as

appropriate'. It was discussed and agreed that in previous years a more satisfactory job had been completed, and at this stage there was not a lot more that SPC could do.

Footpath 230/8/1 – Tregoose to Tregadjack – Modification Order. The forms have been submitted to CC but require a small amendment to the description and have been passed back to Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe.

Footpath 230/3 – Sithney to Pednavounder – Missing section on definitive map – Details have been passed to CC so that they can liaise with the owners direct.

Footpath 230/3/1 – Sithney to Wheal Fortune – Stiles – Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised he had left a message but as yet had not had a response.

Footpath 230/9/2 – Trimming Update - Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised he had spoken to the land agent and as yet had no date for the trimming to be carried out.

Footpath 230/3/1 - Merther Close that leads down to Trelissick pumping station, Cormac have advised SPC about the growth of the path due to a report about the path from a parishioner. This has already been raised by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe and the clerk has already written to our contractor to ask for this to be trimmed on the next cut.

12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Rural Services Network Weekly Bulletin 27/06, 04/07, 11/07 & 19/07

Communities & Devolution – Alternative delivery of Libraries and One stop shops

Cornwall Area of Outstanding Beauty – Summer 2016

Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Broadband – July 2016

Helston & Lizard Works scheme

Road Investment Strategy – A30 West of St Erth

Communities & Devolution – Who Decides.

CSP – Bulletin – July 2016

Cornwall for Change – Petition for ‘Give Cornwall our Due’.

Communities & Devolution – Stakeholder Survey 2016

RSN – Rural Opportunities Bulletin

CC – Who Decides...how your money is spent event.

Communities & Devolution Newsletter - June 2016

Cornwall Local Plan Consultation

PCDT – June 2016 e-Bulletin

RSN – Spotlight on Older People

RSN – Rural Housing Spotlight

Thanks received from Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust S137 Donation.

13a) To consider the following accounts for payment: It was proposed by Cllr. P. Martin, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, all in favour that the following payments be made:

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Mrs Jodie Ellis – Clerk (Salary, Expenses)	556.84
Cornwall Council (LGPS) – Clerk	88.42
CASH – Reimbursement of Petty Cash	95.61
Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust (S137 Payment)	200.00
Cornwall Association of Local Councils	<u>24.00</u>
	<u>964.87</u>

13b) Financial Reports by Clerk –

b.) Financial report.

The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £964.87 as reported in item 13a.

A payment of £212.54 was made during the month to reimburse the clerk for ink cartridges and stamps required for the transport scheme leaflet. It was retrospectively agreed and proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, all in favour. The balance at the end of July on the Current Account is £5,513.90 and on the Business Saver is £32,573.53. These are considered adequate to undertake the work of the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Martin, and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell that the report be accepted. All in favour.

Approval of Monthly Report.

The accounts to the end of July had been circulated but they do not include the payments drawn on the 02nd August 2016.

It was proposed Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell, and seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald and carried unanimously that these represent a true account of the Parish Council finances, and they were signed by the Chairman.

Monthly Risk Assessment –

The Clerk reported that the area by the new Notice Board at Coverack Bridges had been trimmed possibly due to the roadworks being carried out, as the other two at Trannack and Lowertown had not yet been trimmed.

14. Transport Scheme Update – Cllr. P. Martin advised he had a spread out area to deliver to with some abnormalities, and would continue to deliver and advise which properties he has not got around too. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith agreed that there had been some issues regarding properties doubling up on different Cllrs lists, but was not sure why as his list was correct. Cllr. A. McDonald advised he had around 8 left to deliver and Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose had completed hers. Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell apologised that she had been unable to deliver hers due to her bad back. Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose kindly offered to deliver some of the remaining leaflets and Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith agreed to contact Cllr. Ms. E. Williams to see how she is getting on with hers and the possibility of her

helping out with the remaining ones. Thelma from Lowertown kindly offered to help deliver the leaflets if required, Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith thanked Thelma for her offer.

15. Co-Option – Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith asked did Cllrs wish to place a vacancy notice on the noticeboards again, or place an advert in the local press as Breage advertise their vacancy under the ‘Jobs Volunteers’ section in the Cornishman. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell, seconded by Cllr. P. Martin, all in favour to place the vacancy notice on the notice boards and website.

16. Footpaths – Covered under item 11.

17. School Governors Report – Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised Susan Evans had a splendid send off on the 20th July. The caretaker has also left and a new head will start in September at Sithney, and so it will be necessary to confirm our arrangements to hold meetings there. The MAT saga continues with delays until next year. There is an open meeting planned in the Cattle Market in September.

18. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 7.30pm at Trannack School.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, all in favour to Exclude press and public under SO 7 “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw” for item 7 Chairman’s Comments in relation to Plover’s Field’.