

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 04TH OCTOBER 2016 at 7.30PM

Present: -

Cllr P. Bickford-Smith - Chairman	Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe - Vice-Chairman
Cllr. A. McDonald	Cllr. Ms. E. Williams (arrived 7.46pm)
Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose	Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell
Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling (arrived 8.00pm)	Cllr. P. Martin

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 4 members of the public.

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

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES –The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 06th September 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell and unanimously agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose declared a disclosable Financial interest in Item 10 Planning Jasmine Cottage. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith declared a disclosable financial interest in Item 10 Planning Land Adj to Cudna Barn.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – None.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised that both he and Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe are away between the 13-26th October and asked for a representative to cover any emergencies, Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell kindly agreed, and it was proposed by Cllr. P. Martin, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, all in favour that Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell would provide the necessary cover. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised between Hilltop and Pednavounder in the dip there is a road from the valley joining the B3302. Visibility is extremely poor from Crowntown and Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith was nearly in a collision. It was agreed to ask Cllr. J. Keeling to raise it with highways with the possibility of making it a one-way section.

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith again raised the issue of the speeding through Crowntown and it was agreed that only average speed cameras would be effective, it was agreed to ask Cllr. J. Keeling to raise with highways due to the school location and new houses being built it is becoming a very busy area with lots of children.

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised the budget meeting had taken place last week and will be discussed in detail at the November Parish Council meeting. The proposal is to reduce Council Tax Precept to avoid adding to the reserves currently held by the council.

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised that Nancegollan Village Hall Committee have installed a defibrillator outside their hall and have trained local people. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith asked if Cllrs would like to revisit the possibility of putting a defibrillator in Crowntown and Lowertown. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that as it had been discussed less than 6 months ago under standing orders no further discussion could take place. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith noted that in the recent Helston and Kerrier Community Network Panel minutes it was noted that police should try and contact the chairman of the parish in emergencies to gain local knowledge of the area. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised he has a copy of the Sithney scrap book by the W.I from the 1950's and asked if Cllrs would like it to go on the website, Cllrs agreed they would and it was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, all in favour that Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell would contact the W.I to find out about copyrights.

8. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS –

Cllr. Ms. E. Williams advised that the ditch going up Avounder Hill has been cleared out but the mud has been banked up and every time it rains it is washed back in and causes flooding to the local property. It was agreed the clerk would ask highways to investigate.

Cllr. P. Martin advised that patching work on the road between the Grove and Breage has started.

Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that the hedges are so overgrown on the Truthall road below the bridge that you cannot drive through without the growth touching your car. It was agreed the clerk would contact Highways.

9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. Keeling reported that he attended a planning conference at Kingsley Village conference centre to look at the local plan and comment on the different planning committees throughout Cornwall. Cllr. Keeling also attended a meeting reference the Parliamentary boundary changes which will come into effect at the end of 2018. This is the issue about DEVONWALL and as to whether we have 5 or 6 MPs once the boundaries are changed. Presently the proposed boundaries include a Bude, Launceston and Bideford constituency that straddles the Tamar. No doubt there will be many challenges to keep Cornwall pure in the near future; but the message is really that this is about fairness and equality of voting. The first public consultation takes place at New County Hall on the 10th and 11th of November. Another useful meeting was with Gavin Barwell MP, Minister for Housing in company with Sarah Newton MP and Councillor Ferguson. Most of the issues dealt with concerned the retention of the local connection requirement for starter homes, repeal the 5-10 affordable homes limit and get hard-nosed about viability on rural exception sites so that they remain 100% affordable. Essentially, the brief was to influence the government's agenda of more housing to more about

Cornwall's agenda of tenure, quality homes, in the right place and to meet our particular needs. Locally, Cllr. Keeling will try to help the Godolphin initiative to buy and develop the church for community use, push forward with the development of a speed watch group once the police get together with me on the matter. Jack Thomas the Highway Steward is planning to clean up some of the verges and pathways in the division before the winter sets in. Speeding issues abound and the real answer is the presence of police on our village roads.

10. PLANNING: -

Applications

PA16/07291 – Trevarno Mill, Trevarno, Sithney, Helston – Construction of garage on site of previous shed. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that PAP had met with herself and Cllr. A. McDonald and their thoughts were that perhaps there could be a better location out of sight for the garage. However, if the need was proven then the application should be supported. Discussions took place and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell, 5 in favour, 1 abstained that Sithney Parish Council supports the application if there is a proven need.

PA16/07997 - Truthall Farm, Truthall, Sithney, TR13 0DG - Proposed New Dwelling and garage for additional farm worker to live on the grounds. Discussions took place and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell, 5 in favour, 1 abstained that Sithney Parish Council supports this application to support the continuation of family run farms.
Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith left at 8.01pm, and Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe took the chair.

PA16/08395 - Land Adj to Cudna Barn, Cudna Lane, Crowntown - Outline application for construction of dwellings. Cllr. A. McDonald advised the application is for 3 new dwellings and it was felt that it should be supported. Discussions took place and it was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell, 4 in favour, 1 abstained that Sithney Parish Council supports this application.

8.03pm Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith returned, and Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose left the room.

Amended Plans

PA16/07361 - Jasmine Cottage, Access from Tuckingmill to Jasmine Cottage, Lowertown, TR13 0DA - Proposed first floor extension. Cllr. A. McDonald advised the new amended plans were improved and more neighbourly. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, 4 in favour, 1 abstained that Sithney Parish Council supports this application.
8.05pm Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose returned.

PA16/07661 – Wostiwedh Barn – Conversion and Extension to Bran to form a dwelling – Cornwall Council have asked Cllrs to vote from one of the following three options:

1. Agree with their recommendation.
 2. Agree to disagree.
 3. Maintain our objection to the proposal against their recommendation and request committee consideration by the planning committee (which they will then discuss with the Divisional Member who may or may not agree with our view).
- Cllrs All voted with option 2 Agree to Disagree.

Approved

PA16/04848 - Borlowen Barn, Crowntown, Helston, Cornwall, TR13 0AB - Replacement of existing granite stone agricultural barn with a single residential dwelling.

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 a new rear extension.

PA16/06766 - Land Adj to Glanneth Farm, Prospidnick, Helston, - Change of use of a redundant former agricultural outbuilding to a one-bed holiday-let, including a new rear extension.

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Footpath 230/8/1 – Tregoose to Tregadjack – Modification Order – The amended form has now been returned to CC.

Footpath 230/3 – Sithney to Pednavounder – Missing section on definitive map – It was agreed the clerk would write to the land owner to ask if they are in agreement to add the piece to the definitive map.

Footpath 230/3/1 – Sithney to Wheal Fortune – Stiles - Cllr. P. Bickford – Smith advised that he is still talking to the land agent.

Footpath 230/9/2 – Trimming Update lane between Crowntown and Chynhale – The lane has now been trimmed but unfortunately not to a very high standard. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith has spoken to the land agent to advise.

Bridleway – 230/30/1 – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown – The clerk has been advised by Bob Sanders the LMP Contractor that the requested works have now been completed, Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe confirmed this.

Footpath 230/28/1 – Boscadjack to Trenear – Condition - The clerk has been advised by Bob Sanders the LMP Contractor that the requested works have now been completed. Cllr. Ms. E. Williams confirmed this.

The clerk has also written to the local land owner regarding the fence by the ditch, and has been advised he is not the landowner and the current land holder is, unknown. It was agreed the clerk would contact Cormac.

Lowertown Old Notice Board - Lowertown Community Group – The clerk has passed the key to the Lowertown Community Group so that they can now install and use the old board. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. P. Martin all in favour that the old notice board key is held by the Lowertown Community Group.

LMP Contract 2017/2018 – postponed to 1st November 2016 meeting.

12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Rural Services Network Weekly Bulletin 30/08, 06/09, 19/09

RSN – Rural Economy Spotlight, Spotlight on Older People, Rural Broadband & Rural Opportunities Bulletin.

CC – Governance Review External Group (GREG Report)

CALC – Open Meeting Invite – NCH Truro – 06.10.16 – 7-9pm

Bags of Help – Tesco Community Grants

CC communities & Devolution – August 2016

CSP – Bulletin – August 2016

CCPFA – Summer Newsletter 2016

Derek Thomas Newsletter September 2016 & Great Western Dog walk

13a) To consider the following accounts for payment: It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. P. Martin, all in favour that the following cheque and standing order payments be authorised:

	£
Cornwall Council (LGPS) – Clerk	88.42
R Sanders (LMP 2 nd Invoice)	1649.49
Borlase & Co (In relation to Purchase of Land adjacent to Sithney School)	480.00
Grant Thornton UK Ltd (Audit Fees)	<u>120.00</u>
	<u>2337.91</u>
Standing Order - Mrs Jodie Ellis (Clerk Salary and Expenses)	£510.35

13b) Financial Reports by Clerk – Financial Report

The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £2337.91 and a standing order for £510.35 totaling £2848.26 as reported in item 13a.

The balance at the end of September on the Current Account is £10,575.21 and on the Business Saver is £32,577.59. These are considered adequate to undertake the work of the Parish Council. Both the monthly and quarterly reports have been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell, and seconded by Cllr. Ms. E. Williams that the reports be accepted. All in favour.

13c) Poppy Wreath – RBL have again kindly offered to donate a wreath to Sithney Parish Council to lay at the remembrance service. The clerk asked does the Parish Council wishes to offer a donation to the Royal British Legion in pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Last year £60 was donated, in 2014 £100 was donated in their centenary year, and £60.00 in the previous two years. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Martin and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, all in favour. That the Parish Council makes a donation of £70.00.

14. South Kerrier Heritage Trust – Helston Museum – The clerk has received an email which has been circulated to all Cllrs asking if SPC would like to offer an annual contribution to help with the running costs and enable Helston Museum to continue to offer a free service. It was agreed that SPC could only offer a donation on a year by year basis. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. Ms. E. Williams, all in favour that SPC donates £100.00 this year.

15. Helston Town Council – Traffic Regulation Order – The clerk has received an email from Helston Town Council as they are currently considering applying for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to allow them to resolve a number of highways issues, such a double yellow lines, within the town. They have been advised that it is possible to include a number of schemes within the Community Network Area under the same TRO for a relatively small additional cost. This means that they may have the capacity to include a scheme from our parish within the TRO so we can all benefit. They are still at the planning stage, and cannot guarantee that they will be able to incorporate our requests but they would endeavor to do so if at all possible. The only cost to our Parish would be the additional cost of incorporating our scheme. It was agreed that this would not be for SPC at present.

16. Transport Scheme Update – Sithney Access System – SAS – Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that herself, Cllr. Mrs. J. Daybell and Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose had met and decided that the next steps to start the pilot scheme which is hoped will commence in January 2017, is to contact all volunteer drivers and thank them and advise of the DBS checks and references required and find out about their availability. Also to contact the scheme users to advise that SPC are going to run a pilot scheme which is hoped will start in January 2017.

Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe has written a statement for the website, volunteers and scheme users. It was agreed and proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, all in favour that the clerk would proceed and contact the above mentioned people and publish the statements on the website.

17. Co-Option – No applications have been received.

18. Website – The clerk has still not received a personal profile and / or picture from all Cllrs other than Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe and Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith.

19. S137 Applications – None received.

20. School Governors Report – Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised he recently attended a very lengthy school governors meeting, mainly about pupil attendance.

21. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 7.30pm at Trannack School.