

# SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Peter Bickford-Smith

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT TRANNACK CP SCHOOL AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 5TH MAY, 2015

### Present:-

Cllr. I Paterson, Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith, Cllr. P. Martin, Cllr Mrs A Pascoe, Cllr. E. Williams, Cllr C Perrin and Cornwall Cllr J Keeling

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 11 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. M.Morgans and Cllr P Elliott

### 2. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Paterson stated he was indebted to the Clerk and his fellow Councillors for their ongoing and enthusiastic support during his **second** term as Chairman and thanked them for their continuing patience during his probation. We were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Pauline Williams our previous Parish Clerk but we were delighted to welcome Mrs Jodie Ellis who has ably filled the **position**. Continuing on the manning theme we again start the year with a vacancy for a Councillor. This would have been two vacancies until a couple of months back when we were pleased to welcome Councillor Clive Perrin to our ranks.

We continue to be faced with changes in the legislation governing the way Parish Councils conduct their affairs, a fair amount of this being associated with the Localism Act 2011. This year we have added Freedom of Information Procedure to our list and the rules governing S137 Grants have been tightened such that applicants now need to provide audited accounts with their applications.

He expressed his (and he hoped everyone else's) thanks to our Ward Councillor, Councillor John Keeling who has once again had a significant input into the work of this Council and life in the Parish generally.

The parish had had its share of controversial planning applications including the Helston Railway which has reappeared with a modified proposal following **an** unsuccessful appeal against the rejection of its first application. Several enforcement issues are also ongoing at the time of writing.

We continue to make progress, albeit desperately slowly, towards the provision of a number of Affordable or so-called Social Needs Houses in the Parish. **He** wrote this time last that "we had hoped that the formal planning application would have been lodged prior to tonight's meeting but there has been another small delay", and it **grieved him** to record that the same situation exists today. **He closed** by thanking all those who have contributed to life in Sithney Parish and hoped that they continue to do so for many years to come.

### 3. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK AS RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

#### Year End Position - Sithney Parish Council 2014/2015

As at 31/03/2015 the council had an underspend of £6,537, compared to a budgeted underspend of £1207.

This increased underspend of £5329 is due to an increase in income of £1411, which was primarily due to the 13/14 LMP grant being paid in 14/15 and an underspend of expenditure of £3918, made up in the following areas:

Admin/Room Hire, Printing and Stationery, Property maintenance, Insurance, Newsletter, Councillors Travel and Subsistence, Refilling Grit Bins, Emergency Plan & Parish Development Plan

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council finances were adequate for the ensuing year.

#### Donations Made under S137

Sithney & Lowertown Over 60's club	500.00
Sithney Christmas Lights	560.00
Sithney Community Group	320.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Sithney Green Senior Section Girlguides	200.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	100.00
Chynhale Chapel	177.00
St Sithney Parish Church	825.00
Total Donations	<u>2682.00</u>

### 4. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF S137 DONATIONS IN 2014/2015

**Sithney & Lowertown Over 60's club** - £300 went towards the Christmas party at sithney school and the remaining £200 towards hire of a coach for the mystery tour at the end of June. The money was gratefully received and brought pleasure to around 60 people including pensioners.

**Sithney Christmas Lights** - Are particularly grateful for the latest assistance in funding for a new 100 m string of LED lights to replace ageing equipment which is proving problematic. New low running cost lights will enhance our display this year and reduce costs.

**Sithney Community Group** – For the year 2014/2015 they applied for and gratefully received a grant of £320.00, consisting of: £220.00 for annual insurance premium, £80.00 for Helston Concert Band to perform at the Summer Fete, £20.00 for the continuation of a lottery license. Unfortunately the group has since dissolved, in line with their constitution, it was agreed that their assets will be transferred to Sithney Christmas Lights Committee for the continued benefit of everyone in the Parish.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sithney Green Senior Section Girlguides** – Was set up for girls aged between 14-25 and the money was used to set up resources, get badges and books. It was gratefully received.

### 5. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RAISED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE PARISH –

None.

