

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 06th MARCH 2018 AT 7.30PM.

Cllr. P. Martin (Chairman)

Cllr. M. Tresidder (arrived 7.41pm)

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. A. McDonald

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllr. K. Tapp and Cllr. J. Keeling

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 06th February 2018 were proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose and unanimously agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose declared a disclosable Pecuniary interest in item 10 Planning PA18/01234 + PA18/01585.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Defibrillator - Cllr. A. McDonald is in the process of organising a site visit.

Sithney School Junction flooding – Clerk will ask Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling to investigate and bring back to April’s meeting.

Speeding through Crowntown - Clerk will ask Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling to investigate and bring back to April’s meeting.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Mrs Mickler asked if the council could look into a replacement Footpath sign being erected on the footpath at Chyreen as the previous sign has been missing for some time. Clerk will investigate further.

Thelma Bedwells – asked if the council knew anything about the road being blocked above Anvounder Mill, as it has been unpassable for over 3 months. It was agreed clerk would contact highways.

7. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – Cllr. P. Martin had nothing to report this month.

8. COUNCILLORS’ QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS – Cllr. J. Keeling gave the following report: ‘A busy month in some respects but quite slow in others. The main event was the Chicken Farm application which went before the strategic planning committee on the 15th with the committee unanimously refusing the application. A lack of information on the environment side was the main reason members refused the proposal. Good support from community groups and the parish councils with some knowledgeable information coming forward. The main preoccupation at county hall was the lawful requirement to set a balanced Cornwall Council Budget. I put forward a motion for an alternative budget to reduce the amount of council tax payable by the people of Cornwall; but that was defeated, and the administration set a council tax that includes an increase of nearly 5%. In summary the council tax set at £281.68m and the council tax element be increased by 2.99% plus a levy of 2% to be spent solely on adult social care (an annual increase of 4.99%). It is worth mentioning that the government stepped in with additional funding to reduce the adult social care element by 1% giving some respite at least from these inflations busting rises. All in all, we will see an increase in our council tax for a band property of £69.80 at £1,468.50 for the 2018/19 period. I voted against the proposed budget.

Town and Parish councils’ precepts total some £22 + million with an average rise of 4.51% for a band D property with an average precept of £115.51 across the councils. There was no referendum for local precepting in terms of increase over 2% in precept.

Devon and Cornwall Police are putting forward a 6.81% with band D increases of £12 on the 2017/18 charge.

Other issues include the scrutiny of Customer Access and particularly “Digital by Default” that is paying bills and making enquires via the internet. Whilst this option is considerably cheaper than other methods; there are a lot of people who have problems using/accessing computers across Cornwall. Whilst recognising the importance of making savings, we must also take care not to put obstacles in the way of those people that find it difficult accessing computers. There is some excellent introduction training being offered by the council as indeed, do local community groups like Godolphin. The question of the “Stadium for Cornwall” is still lingering and the issues are many including the use of public money (resisted by many) and the location, some think Carn Brea would be ideal. Any thoughts?

Locally, there are flooding matters to resolve with the Highway Manager; as well as looking seriously at what can be done to put speed restrictions on the B3302, Pednavounder Hamlet. Planning and enforcement issues are always on my mind and I try to ensure that the enforcement section at CC is alerted to any suspected breaches of planning and continues to pursue those outstanding. Finally, I am well aware of the proposed 43 house development in Ashton and though I am very close to the development I don’t feel that I am affected by this application any more than other people in the village, so will be making representations on behalf of the people of Ashton. I have been aware of the nature of the proposal and now it is “Live” more open discussions may take place. At some point I will ask the case officer to join me in a public meeting in the village in due course. A couple of other issues include the steps at Praa Sands. Tony Woodmans and I met with the environment manager to assess and ensure the steps are fortified against the elements for the near future. The Public Protection Order where it applies to dogs on beaches is being revisited to allow further relaxations to the present ban and to harmonise the times on all Cornwall’s beaches so that all times are uniform.

10. PLANNING: -**Application:**

PA18/00809 - Old Farmhouse Cottage Lower Boscadjack Trenear Helston - Erection of single-storey extension to existing private domestic dwellinghouse. Application is within the existing footprint of the old shed. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose that Sithney Parish Council supports this application.

PA15/10111 - Land North Of 8 Merther Close, Merther Close, Sithney, Cornwall TR13 0RW - New detached dwelling and provision of public open space. Cllrs agreed that the previous objection for this application still stands as it is felt that the social housing landlords are not utilising the land effectively. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose that Sithney Parish Council objects to this application.

7.51pm Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose left the meeting.

PA18/01234 - Gew Farm Buildings, Prospidnick Hill, Prospidnick, Sithney - Proposal Lawful development certificate for existing use as a self-contained residential dwelling. Cllrs agreed they had no objection to the application, and no further comment as it would be down to the planning officers to decide through the evidence provided. It was proposed by Cllr. M. Tresidder, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald that Sithney Parish Council has no comment and no objection for this application.

PA18/01585 - Trannack House Bal Road Lowertown TR13 0DA - Removal of 250mm thick partitioning wall between kitchen and dining room. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. M. Tresidder that Sithney Parish Council has no objection subject to the listing officer and planning officer having no objections.

7.56pm Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose returned to the meeting.

Refused:

PA17/11041 - Windyridge Sithney Helston Cornwall TR13 0RL - Erection of a single-bedroomed annexe.

Approved:

PA17/11776 - Kestrel View Boscadjack Farm Coverack Bridges Helston Cornwall - Retention of granny annex.

PA18/00038 - Lower Boscadjack Farm Access To Lower Boscadjack Trenear TR13 0HH - Retrospective application for external works.

PA18/00039 - Lower Boscadjack Farm Access To Lower Boscadjack Trenear TR13 0HH - Retrospective listed building application for external works.

PA18/00532 - Borlowen Barn Crowntown Helston TR13 0AB - To build a conservatory onto the south elevation.

Other:

CC – Planning Newsletter requirements. Clerk has circulated an email from CC asking which newsletters the PC would like to receive, it was agreed to receive the town and parish council newsletter and planning newsletter.

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Lowertown Leats – Clerk has been advised by Mr Deverill from CC: ‘We have not had any response from the landowners yet. My plan was to take a trip West today (01/03) and check this site before making a final decision about whether we need to serve any notices to get work undertaken. Unfortunately, with the weather this has now been postponed until next week’.

Sithney 19 and 9 – no update has been received.

Bridleway 230/30/1 – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown – Mr Gordon from CC has advised: ‘This has all got very complicated unfortunately. We (CORMAC) undertook repair works to the old pipe system where it was failing under the bridleway on a design approved by CC. This has proven insufficient for the volume of water coming off the road and also coming down beside the old railway line which has led to overtopping and taking out some of the new bridleway surface. There are also issues with the leat system failing above Trannack House. If we instigate an improved system, this will mean more water into the leat and that will bring increased risk of flooding to Trannack. I have therefore requested a meeting with CORMAC’s engineering design team and also with CC’s land drainage engineer to review the whole system, from the road, under the bridleway and into the leat, to see what we can do and how we can do it – there are also technicalities and legalities to address especially with the leat system. I’m conscious that the longer we leave this, the more expensive it could become and so I’m trying to push this ahead as much as possible’.

12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

CC – Localism Bulletin – Grow Nature Seed Fund

Road Closure – Ninemaids, Helston, 20-22.03.17 – 19:00PM – 07:00AM

Cornwall Sports Partnership Bulletin – February 2018

Community Chest Application

RSN – Spotlight on Rural Health & Social Care

CC – Stakeholder Survey

RSN – Weekly Bulletins

LMP – Update

The Long Stone, Longstone Downs – Clerk had received comments from a parishioner to advise a new BT pole had been sited next to the Longstone monument and has reported it to CC. CC have advised: ‘The siting of poles adjacent to any listed building and/or Scheduled Monument should be avoided. Scheduled Monument Consent will be required to site any pole (and associated underground ductwork) within a Scheduled Monument. Having viewed the photographs of the work, the pole is not sited ‘within a Scheduled Ancient Monument’ and, therefore, Scheduled Monument Consent would not be required. However, in view of the impact of the development upon the Scheduled Ancient Monument, it would appear appropriate for the Parish Council to contact the telecommunications provider direct to ask for the re-siting of the pole further away from this historic feature to accord with the Code of Practice guidance. It was agreed to circulate photos to Cllrs and if agreed the clerk would take it up with BT.

Audit Date – Clerk would like to carry out the quarterly and end of year audit early April to arrange for the external auditor to carry out his work promptly. The auditing Cllrs agreed to meet on Tuesday 06th April before the meeting.

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13a) To consider the following accounts for cheque payment: It was proposed by Cllr. M. Tresidder, seconded by Cllr. P. Martin, all in favor that the following payments are authorised: £

Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	92.55
Southerly Point Co-operative MAT	75.00
Information Commissioner	35.00
CASH – Petty Cash Reimbursement	25.72
Cornwall ALC Limited	12.00
Mrs Jodie Ellis (Microsoft Office 365)	50.01
	290.28
Standing Order - Clerk Salary and Expenses	£530.93

13b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK –

The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £290.28 and a standing order for £530.93 totaling £821.21 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of February on the Current Account is £7,103.04 and on the Business Saver is £32,587.36. The clerk reported that the accounts are considered adequate to undertake the work of the Parish Council. The monthly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. M. Tresidder, all in favor that the report be accepted.

Risk Assessment – Clerk reported that someone had disposed of a strip light bulb in the telephone box at Coverack Bridges. Cllr. A. McDonald kindly agreed to remove.

14. PLOVER'S FIELD

Open Space Landscaping & Planting – Clerk has been advised by CC to confirm: 'I have been asked to approve the attached details regarding the design and future maintenance of the open space at the development adjacent to Sithney Community Primary School - PA14/05546. Can you confirm that the parish have assumed control of the land in perpetuity, as advised by Coastline, and are satisfied with the condition it was received in. Cllrs agreed to postpone until April due to Councillor numbers.

Sewerage Treatment Plant Fencing – Coastline have advised: 'The requirement for fencing of the sewage treatment plant is not included within the EA permit, but within the transfer between CHL and the Parish Council. I've double checked with Aquarod and there isn't any specific requirements for the type or height of fencing to be installed around a sewage treatment plant. Given that, I attach an example of some fencing recently installed at a sewage treatment plant in Breage. Is this the sort of thing the Parish Council had in mind? Coastline will be covering the cost of the fencing, but I wanted to ensure the Parish Council are happy with what will be installed. Cllrs agreed to postpone until April due to Councillor numbers.

Play Equipment – Cllrs agreed to postpone until April due to Councillor's J. Keeling and K. Tapp being absent.

Granite Post for Plaque – Cllr. A. McDonald will be meeting the contractor on site to arrange shortly.

15. CO-OPTION

Clerk had circulated to Cllrs Mr Brian Rogers application for Co-Option. It was proposed by Cllr. M. Tresidder and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, all in favor that Mr Brian Rogers is co-opted on to this Council. The chairman welcomed Mr Rogers and Mr Rogers signed his acceptance of office.

16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 03rd April 2018 at 7.30pm at Sithney School.