

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 05th JUNE 2018 AT 7.30PM.

Cllr. P. Martin (Chairman)

Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. B. Rogers

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 7 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllrs. McDonald and Tresidder.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 01st May 2018 were unanimously agreed and were signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting also held on the 01st May 2018 were 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 5 Lowertown Leats. Cllr. B. Rogers declared a disclosable financial interest in item 11 Planning Application.

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

5. VISIT FROM CC REPRESENTATIVES – To Discuss Lowertown Leats, Bridleway 230/30/1 and Parish Footpath Signs. It was Proposed by Cllr. B. Rogers seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, all in favour to lift standing orders to allow members of the public to participate in discussions with Mr Deverill and Mr Gordon on behalf of CC and Cormac. Members of the public spoke to make the following points:

The Leats flooding needs to be stopped as it is causing damage to their properties. The Leat ran from the River Cober, east side of the viaduct is dry with no flowing water. All the water is coming from the spring at Trannack. Is there anything to stop land owners filling in the leat if it is on their land.

Mr Deverill responded to say Leats are man made water courses and therefore land owners must allow water that runs on to their land to flow off on its natural course. Investigations looked into skipping the leat and going straight into the cober but due to the drop it is not a feasible option.

A member of the public advised Highways take water from the road to the Mill. Therefore, Highways can take water to where is necessary.

Mr Gordon advised that most of the water is not coming from the highway, but a constant flow is coming from the railway track and other places as it is constant even with no rain fall. The Bridge at Truthall Halt is currently dry. The bridge back from that is always wet, where the spring is. Over the past 30 years this has increased from the railway line, if it blocks it overflows. Water Tables everywhere are higher than normal and the ground and leat cannot take the extra water. Flash Flooding on wet ground does not help the issue.

Mr Deverill advised the best way to investigate the issues is with the landowners help as enforcement action is discretionary and CC would have to be sure that a case could be won to take action.

A Member of the public stated that the Leat can quite simply not cope with the volume of water. It's not maintenance it is creating a new leat.

A member of the public that has lived in the area for many years advised the water has been on the road for many years but the volume at present is more than ever before. From the topside of the Railway Line there used to be a big channel taking the water away from the fields, this channel no longer operates. If it is cold the road is extremely dangerous.

Mr Deverill advised from the land drainage side of things they will be looking for the land owner to do the necessary under repair and ownership.

Mr Gordon advised that due to diminishing budgets it is unlikely that any new footpaths signs will be seen unless a large amount of work is undertaken on a section of a PRoW where a new sign will also be costed in if required. It is not advisable to let Parishes take on the fitting of new footpath signs due to the nature of the work being so close to the highway and the contractor would need to be specifically trained. Highways will continue to place missing signs on a list.

Cllr. P. Martin thanked Mr Gordon and Mr Deverill for coming and advised he hoped they would be able to do something for the parishioners within the vicinity of the Leats and Bridleway, to avoid any harm coming to their properties.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Defibrillator – Postponed to July Agenda.

Sithney School Junction flooding – Cllr. J. Keeling is hoping to get out and about and investigate it, as it is an issue in all his parishes due to things like ditches not being trimmed as they used to be.

Speeding through Crowntown – Cllr. J. Keeling is looking into a division wide speed watch programme.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – None.

9. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable.
– None.

10. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the monthly report: ‘There was ground breaking decision at County Hall at the last Council meeting when it was resolved that all new homes directly delivered by the Council and, where practical, in future homes commissioned, financially-enabled acquired by the Council will have sprinklers. The present review of CORMAC and the Client (Cornwall Council) it is not only the public who are finding that the basic services are far from satisfactory; but also elected members, such as myself. I am intending to provoke a Select Committee investigation into parking enforcement. It would appear, on the face of it, that despite the cost of Traffic Regulation Orders to put in double and single yellow lines there does not appear to be the resources or the will to enforce parking restriction outside of the larger towns. Still on traffic issues the B3302 and B3303 are a matter of concern to those people living adjacent to these roads’.

11. PLANNING: -

Application:

Cllr. B. Rogers left the meeting at 8.35pm

PA18/04061 - Boscadjack Mill House, Coverack Bridges, Helston, Cornwall - Listed building consent to change the colour of external woodwork (doors, windows and timber steps and rails).

The amended plans for the colour of the woodwork were supported by all. It was Proposed by Cllr. J. Keeling seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, that SPC supports this application.

Cllr. B. Rogers returned to the meeting at 8.38pm.

Approved:

PA17/07736 - Pednavounder Farm Sithney Helston Cornwall TR13 0AF - Listed Building Consent: Retain and re-instate the original features of the Farmhouse.

PA18/02007 - Ashwood Sithney Helston Cornwall TR13 0AE - Removal of Existing Lawful Caravan and replacement of side extension for additional bedroom, games room and associated works.

PA18/01712 - Land North of Brook House Coverack Bridges Helston Cornwall TR13 0LY - Reserved matters application for the construction of dwelling. (Details following application no. PA17/06163 dated 15/09/017).

PA18/02809 -Land North Of The Crown Inn Crowntown Helston Cornwall TR13 0AD - Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: Development up to 4 dwellings.

12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

CC Neighbourhood Planning E-Bulletin

CALC – Cllr Skills Training – Truro – 07.07.18

Road Closure – Trannack, Helston – 13-14.06.18 – 7.30 – 18:00

CNP – Community Network Highways Scheme

PCC Small Grant Scheme

RSN Weekly Bulletins

Longstone – BT Openreach have confirmed they are looking into the PC’s objection and will be in touch shortly.

Audit – The end of year audit and accounts have been forwarded to PKF Littlejohn. The Internal Auditors report has been forwarded to all Cllrs.

GDPR – New Legislation Requirements – Clerk advised that after attending the training the council holds a lot of historical paperwork that needed to be destroyed to be compliant with the legislation and this would be ongoing. It was agreed the clerk would investigate the Purchase of a Parish Council Shredder and get costs for the Computer Software to be encrypted.

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

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Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	97.59
Cornwall ALC Limited (GDPR Training 50%)	27.00
Mrs J Ellis – (Mileage NB and Training Mileage)	15.30
CASH – (Reimbursement of Petty Cash – Ink Cartridge, Stamps)	41.78
Mr D Gallie – Audit Fees	80.00
	261.67

13b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £261.67 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of May on the Current Account is £11,483.67 and on the Business Saver is £32,603.61. 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. Mrs. L. Penrose seconded by Cllr. J. Keeling, all in favor that the report be accepted.

Risk Assessment – None.

14. CO-OPTION – No applications have been received.

15. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 03rd July 2018 at 7.30pm at Trannack School.