

**SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 05<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM.**

**Cllr. P. Martin** (Chairman)

**Cllr. J. Keeling** (Vice-Chairman)

**Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose**

**Cllr. R. Ashmore**

**Cllr. A. McDonald**

**Cllr. N. Logan**

**Cllr. B. Rogers**

**Cllr. Mrs. S. Hilditch**

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis, Cornwall Council Neighbourhood Development officer Imogen Day and 7 members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Were received from Cllr. M. Tresidder.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 08<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were unanimously agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA** – Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose declared an interest in Item 11 Lowertown Leats. Cllrs Logan and Hilditch declared an Interest in Planning – Crowtown Development.

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

**5. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN** – Imogen Day from Cornwall Council, gave a presentation on Neighbourhood Plans and an overview of the process involved. Cllr. Keeling offered his support if Sithney PC wished to start a NP. Cllr. Martin advised the council need to find out what the parishioners want. Cllr. Logan asked Ms Day what the cost of a NP is? Ms Day advised this was a difficult question as some have been done for £9000 and others upwards to £20,000. Cllr Rogers advised the parish has issues of getting people involved as the geographical area of the parish is very disbursed. Cllr Logan highlighted that Crowan still have objections coming in at this late stage of their NP. Ms Day advised that if the NP has been conducted correctly and any objections answered then it should not be an issue. Cabinet has the final decision on NP. Cllr Keeling advised a NP helps when taking planning applications to appeal.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Sewerage Fence – Plover's Field – Clerk advised Aquarod, are on site and are hoping to finish on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, weather dependent.

**7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

A member of the Lizard Peninsula Friends of the Earth spoke to ask Sithney Parish Council to consider declaring a Climate Emergency. It was noted that the government at present is distracted and things such as climate change, extreme weather, transport disruptions, social unrest and global warming are all issues contributing to the need of a climate emergency declaration. Cllr Rogers advised he is attending a conference in March on Climate Change and will report back in April to the council.

A gentleman from Transitional Helston and District Friends of the Earth spoke to advise they are trying to achieve a reduction in Carbon Footprints. It was advised that the Parish Council could receive a free report to help reduce the base line carbon footprint if needed. It was noted that everyone has a responsibility to try and reduce carbon footprints.

A parishioner from Pednavounder spoke to advise that despite highways carrying out a report on the speeds on the B3302, there are still issues and the road is dangerous for road users to pull out on due to the speed of oncoming vehicles approaching the hidden dip. Cllr Keeling advised that it is not the only road in the parish with similar issues and advised he would continue to take the issue up with highways as far as he could. The Community Network panel meeting on Wednesday 06.02 would also be looking at road issues.

A Parishioner spoke to reiterate the speeding issues around her property, also on the B3302. She advised she can no longer use her garage due to the pull out onto the road from the garage being too dangerous. Cllr Keeling asked if signs stating 'Blind Dip' would help. It was agreed they would, and Cllr keeling would look into.

A parishioner thanked the council on behalf of the girl guides for the grant towards the over 60's party, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Next Year's event will be on the 18.01.20.

**8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** – Cllr. P. Martin advised he attended the over 60's party which was a lovely event.

**9. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable.

Cllr. Penrose brought from the Lowertown community group an issue with a path / track being unpassable near to Polgarth Farm. It was agreed clerk would look into. The hedges from Trannack to Lowertown have become overgrown and the drain is causing flooding issues. Clerk would speak to Highways.

Cllr Rogers advised that a toolkit to deal with Ash dieback will be available and he will circulate to all.

**10. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS** – Cllr. J. Keeling gave the following written report: 'The full council met last Tuesday for a marathon session on a "declaring a climate emergency" debate and other items that included a shake-up on public right of way modification orders that are taking an inordinate amount of time to process and may run past the 2026 cut-off date. I spoke on the declaration of a "Climate emergency" around the reports on the increases in carbon dioxide and increasing world temperatures. Though I am always a bit concerned when science and politics are mixed on this subject, I supported the motion to declare a state of emergency mainly to raise the profile of something I have been involved with all my working life, Meteorology and Oceanography.

The budget will be debated at the next council in February and council tax set. Presently the increase is 1.99% with a precept of 2% solely for adult social care solely about 4%. Of course, this does not include the Towns and Parishes or police precepts. The government settlement gave us an additional £1m but so far there is still a £2.5m gap. I am looking at an amendment but with funding and resources as they are it is going to be hard to reduce the council tax burden as presently presented. A matter I was involved with shortly after the referendum on Europe in 2016 was the subject of European Structural funding for Cornwall and a replacement funding stream. I took this up with the Secretary of State at the time and he took it forward in the form of a Shared Prosperity Fund as a replacement. However, there is still no progress whilst government engages with more consultation over Brexit.

The frustrating business of Speed Watch and speeding traffic in our rural villages continues and the community link officer is pushing the police for more action on these outstanding matters. Breage has been nominated for a speed watch site together with other villages and more action is needed on this through the representation by the 7 local Cornwall Councillors at present. I have detailed monitored traffic information on the B3302 around Pednavounder showing the data on traffic speeds which I have shared with local people and equally I will distribute to the Sithney parish Council.

Finally, I have £200 left in my community chest and there is no roll-over of this fund so first come first served and it probably needs to be in by late February. I have just given funding to Breage School so would welcome ideas from the other schools in my patch as well as other ideas'.

## **11. PLANNING: -**

### **Applications:**

PA18/06510 - Land North East of Polwidden Cottage Crowntown, Helston, Cornwall TR13 0AA - Two dwellings with integral garages. Now amended to two dwellings with detached car ports. In 2017 outline planning permission was approved for two dwellings on a site at Polgarth Farm, Crowntown. One dwelling was also approved in 2018. The current application seeks to erect two further dwellings on site. In August 2018 SPC voted to support the application if the planning officer considered the size of the site suitable to accommodate two dwellings and it met with local planning policy. In December 2018 the plans were amended. It was proposed by Cllr Penrose, seconded by Cllr Logan all in favour to support the application if the planning officer thought it suitable for two dwellings and if it also met with Planning Policy.

PA19/00476 - Swallow Barn Boscadjack Farm Coverack Bridges Helston - Erection of conservatory extension to dwelling. The proposed conservatory extension appears to be of reasonable size, in keeping with the size of the main property and does not appear to impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties. It was proposed by Cllr Penrose, seconded by Cllr. McDonald, all in favour to support the application.

PA19/00336 - Land Adj To Polwidden Cottage Crowntown Helston Cornwall - Application for approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following outline approval PA16/11516. Sithney PC has supported the previous application for reserved matters on the outline planning application regarding the site and considered that, although the design is different, the main considerations remain the same. It was proposed by Cllr Penrose, seconded by Cllr McDonald, all in favour that the parish council supports the application.

### **Appeal:**

PA18/00082 – Lower Trannack Mill Quarry, Coverack Bridges, Helston – Mr and Mrs Pascoe – Appeal Allowed. No Costs claimed.

### **Neighbourhood Plan:**

PA19/00003/NDP – Crowan Parish Council - Plan Proposal Submitted for the designated Crowan Neighbourhood Area.

*8.38pm Cllrs Logan and Hilditch left the room.*

### **Other:**

Crowntown Housing Proposal – Clerk has received an email and circulated to all Cllrs. Cllrs discussed the email and agreed that it would be no advantage to look at other sites when the council has its own open space at Plover's Field. There would be cost involved in building on both sites.

*8.46pm Cllrs Logan and Hilditch returned.*

## **12. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

**Lowertown Leats** – No clarification on an exact start date for the work as yet.

**Bridleway 230/30/1** – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown – CC have agreed to fund the drainage and surfacing works, and will also be looking to clear the section of leat that runs through the first field to the vehicular crossing point (the first approx 40m). CC Engineering Dpt is currently specking up the design and costs and these will be with CC soon for approval. This will then be placed onto the work programme and delivered, presently it's impossible to give a clear timeline.

**Footpath 8** – Sithney – Bridge Repair – Footpath Closure – Clerk has received an email from a parishioner in response to the delay in re-opening of this path. Clerk has spoken to CC who have spoken to the railway and are confident things are progressing.

**Pond / Excavation at Selena Stamps** – Although not in our parish clerk has contacted CC, Mr Deverill has replied to advise: 'I had another look at the pond at Coverack Bridges yesterday and my view on the situation has not changed since my comments on 03 October 2018. The pond is only collecting surface water or groundwater from the site. Any of this water that does then get into the watercourse/leat would therefore have done so before the pond was created. So as previously stated I see no increased flood risk from the creation of the pond and Cornwall Council has no concerns from this issue.

If you have further concerns regarding pollution that would be an issue to take up with the Environment Agency.

## **13. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE**

The Audit was carried out for the period: 01.04.18-31.12.18, no issues to report.

Crantock Neighbourhood Plan Decision – circulated by email.

Cornwall Rural housing Association – Board Member Vacancies- Circulated by email.

Devon & Cornwall Police Budget preparations – Circulated by email.

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Police and Crime Commissioner Poll - have your say on police numbers – online survey

Clerk Training – Clerk has arranged the training with CALC for March.

Grit Bins – All bins have now been filled, the lid at Mellangoose has been adjusted. Cllr McDonald kindly agreed to fasten all lids with Velcro.

**14a) To consider the following accounts for cheque payment:** It was proposed by Cllr. Penrose seconded by Cllr. Keeling all in favour that the following payments are authorised:

	£
Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	97.59
Southerly Point Co-operative MAT	75.00
Southerly Point Co-operative MAT (Sithney School Room Hire)	66.70
	<b><u>239.29</u></b>

**14b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK** – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £239.29 as reported in item 14a. The balance at the end of January on the Current Account is £10,930.91 and on the Business Saver is £32,652.41. 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. Martin seconded by Cllr. Penrose, all in favour that the report be accepted.

**14c) MEETING VENUE** – Cllrs discussed and agreed that they would like to continue to meet at both venues. Clerk to contact Trannack school about the possibility of a light over the steps and to advise of Cllr. Keeling’s community grant of £200 available.

**15. PLOVER’S FIELD OPEN SPACE / PLAY AREA** – Cllr. J. Keeling and Cllr Logan to visit residents.

**16. COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES** – Clerk advised that the vacant responsibilities at present are the following, and new Cllrs agreed to take on the roles.

Regeneration – Cllr Ashmore

Sithney School – Cllr Logan

Plover’s Field / Open Space – Cllr Logan

Assets – Cllr Logan and Hilditch.

**17. LMP 2019/2020 CONTRACT** – Clerk has received the paperwork from CC for the forthcoming year, as agreed by this council last year we would remain with our current contractor. It was proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Keeling all in favour to accept the contract.

**18. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm at Trannack School.