

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 05TH MARCH 2019 AT 7.30PM.

Cllr. P. Martin (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. R. Ashmore

Cllr. N. Logan

Cllr. M. Tresidder

Cllr. B. Rogers

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllr. J. Keeling, Cllr. A. McDonald and Cllr. Mrs. S. Hilditch

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 05th February 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.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Sewerage Fence – Plover’s Field – Clerk advised that there is a pipe that appears to be broken behind the temporary fencing and it has been advised to Coastline. Clerk will continue to chase Coastline on this, the fencing and other work that should have been completed around the sewerage plant.

Trannack to Lowertown hedges – Highways have advised: ‘these were inspected and at the time our Steward did not consider trimming works to be required, he will however, continue to monitor the area and the landowner will be contacted when trimming works are necessary’.

Trannack to Lowertown Drain – Highways have advised the drain has been unblocked. It was advised that this is not correct, clerk to go back to highways.

Path by Prospidnick Farm – Clerk has checked with the countryside officer and this isn’t a definitive public right of way.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – A parishioner asked about ‘Grandfather Rights’ that were mentioned at a previous meeting. Cllr. P. Martin advised that the ownership has to be passed on to be entitled. It was advised that Highways only own the hard surface of a road beneath it is owned by the people either side of the road.

7. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – None.

8. COUNCILLORS’ QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable.

CALC Conference – Cllr Logan attended the conference and found it to be an interesting event. The event looked at the community governance review, and whilst this parish voted in favour of not having one, it would be interesting to see what views our neighbouring parishes had, as parishes could ask for sections of the parish to be included or removed. The conference advised that all households will receive communication on the review. It was agreed that once communication comes through clerk would place on website and notice boards. It was noted that Cllrs should ensure when using online media, they do it in a personal manner and not as their role as a councillor.

Cllr. Mrs. Penrose advised she attended ‘The meet the planners’ workshop run by CC. The outcome was that a more localised approach to planning is planned. Sithney is in area 2 and contact details for officers should follow.

Cllr Ashmore – asked Cllrs to think about any ideas for Regeneration in the parish. Cllr Ashmore suggested using the telephone box at Coverack Bridges for something, such as Library or Defibrillator and perhaps painting it. Cllrs asked if the telephone box still has electric available to the telephone box.

It was proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Tresidder, all in favour to lift standing orders to allow a parishioner to speak.

A member of the public advised when the Lowertown telephone box was turned into a Library they had issues with the electric and the result was that it no longer has electricity running to it.

It was proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Tresidder, all in favour to return to standing orders.

Cllr Ashmore advised the old-style signs in the parish were previously renovated and/or replaced and are now looking in need of painting/cleaning again. In some cases, there may be a need to check for corrosion where the signs meet the posts.

Granite Picnic Bench – Relocation – Cllr McDonald has kindly passed clerk one quote for the relocation of the bench, Cllrs agreed for clerk to get three more and bring back to the next meeting.

9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS – Cllr. J. Keeling gave the following written report: ‘

Full council last Tuesday set a balanced net budget of £561m with a rise in council tax of 3.99%, which means the council's portion of the council tax will be £1,527.41 on a band D property. Part of the council tax rise is a 2% levy solely for Adult Social Care. In summary the council tax is set at £296.656m, town and parish council’s precepts £24.2m with an average increase of 7.91% and an average band D of £124.65. Devon and Cornwall Police see an increase of 12.75% an increase of £24 on a band D property. Therefore, all together the band D charge compared to 2018/19 increases to £1,864.02 from £1772.29.

The budget debate around 3 alternative budgets put forward by the conservative and labour groups was about 4 hours long and resulted in an alternative budget going forward as the substantive proposal and voted on unanimously. The alternative budget was for the provision of additional funding of £0.525m in the coming year for school/counsellors and children’s mental health provision. This will be funded by reducing the planned transfer to the general fund reserve and not raising council tax.

I backed and voted for an alternative budget that would have put funding into Countryside access and children's mental health, but this fell though, so I put forward the point that Countryside Access Team is woefully underfunded, and consideration should be given to bring them within the Highway Budget to enable more resources and staffing levels.

I went to Nancegollan Village Hall to meet with the Environmental Agency and also the public in attendance. It important to note that this is a draft Environmental Permit and not yet granted. An EA permit does not give permission for development to proceed but allows it to operate if planning is granted.

I am aware of the Rule 6 party and it is very extensive and there are elements that are common to the council, though the council needs to be careful to defend their reason(s) for refusal at the appeal hearing in April.

I thought it would be useful to note that a 12 month trial scheme be implemented which supports registered and approved care organisation personnel, through the ability to park in contravention of waiting restrictions (yellow lines) to begin on 1 April 2019. The matter of speed watch, police and the MSAS Cameras were again discussed and the minutes of the CNA meeting will give more information. This is an important part of the Cornwall Road Casualty Reduction Strategy and Cornwall Speed Management Strategy. Glad to say that the Dog Beach Ban review is set to launch a consultation. Cornwall's PSPOs are set to expire in 2020 and legislation states that the seasonal restrictions on seasonal restriction will be widely consulted on. This is welcome and It is important that this is responded to in due course.

Enforcement and the new protocol appears to be working well and I am in discussions and meetings with the Planning Enforcement Team with regard to the outstanding cases within the division, more on this later.

Though the budget contains measures and funding to further improve the Bus network, the issue of ensuring rural areas of Cornwall are served, particularly for the elderly in the future. I continue to work with Highways to find solutions to speeding issues on the B3302 and B3303. There is more of course.

10. PLANNING: -

Applications:

PA19/01531 - Meadowbank Lowertown Helston TR13 0BY - T1, Sycamore, Fell, the tree is on top of a bank and weighted towards and overhanging a house. From the submitted photos, it would appear that the tree is leaning over the property of the applicant. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. Ashmore, all in favour that subject to the TPO the application is supported.
PA19/01220 - Merther Lane, Sithney, Cornwall - Relocation of 1 wooden pole not exceeding 12m in height with overhead lines attached – No comment required.

Approved:

PA18/07696 – Truthall Manor, Truthall – Rectification of unauthorised works to a listed building.
PA19/00476 – Swallow Barn, Boscadjack Farm, Coverack Bridges – Erection of Conservatory extension to dwelling.

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Lowertown Leats – CC were unable to provide an update.
Bridleway 230/30/1 – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown - CC were unable to provide an update.
Footpath 8 – Sithney – Bridge Repair – Footpath Closure - CC were unable to provide an update.

12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

RSN Weekly Bulletins – Circulated by email.
Clerk Training – Confirmed date in March
Grit Bins – All been secured with Velcro. Cllr Logan advised our bins are not the standard dimensions stated in a highways email.
Road Closure: Station Hill, Clowence, B3303 between Skewes and Clowence Bridge, Nancegollan and Crowntown, Praze: 24th March 2019 to 29th March 2019 (1900 to 0600 hrs)
CC – 10 Year Anniversary Project Signage
CC – Meet the planners in your area event
Community Network Area SOS – Circulated by Email.
CNP – Noted – Circulated by Email.

13a) To consider the following accounts for cheque payment: It was proposed by Cllr. B Rogers seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L.

Penrose all in favour that the following payments are authorised:	£
Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	97.59
Cornwall ALC Limited – CALC Conference – 1 Delegate	18.00
Information Commissioner	40.00
CASH (reimbursement of Petty cash)	49.99
Mrs J Ellis (Ink Cartridges and Office 365 Renewal)	122.89
	<u>328.47</u>

13b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £328.47 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of February on the Current Account is £10,056.71 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. B. Rogers seconded by Cllr. P. Martin, all in favour that the report be accepted.

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Designated area. As part of the Neighbourhood Planning process, Town and Parish Councils are required to define the area the Neighbourhood Plan will cover as set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. This is known as the Neighbourhood area. It was proposed by Cllr. Rogers, seconded by Cllr Logan, all in favour that clerk completes the designated area process for the whole parish.

15. POLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW – All agreed the two school venues were suitable.

16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.30pm at Sithney School.