

**SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 04<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 AT 7.30PM.**

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

**Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose**

**Cllr. R. Ashmore**

**Cllr. N. Logan**

**Cllr. J. Keeling**

**Cllr. A. McDonald**

**Cllr. S. Hilditch**

**Cllr. B. Rogers**

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 13 members of the public.

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

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Ordinary and Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 07<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were unanimously agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA** – Cllr Rogers Item 10 Planning PA19/03431 and Cllr Penrose Lowertown leats.

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

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Climate Emergency – Cllr Rogers has drafted a proposal for Sithney Parish Council to adopt in declaring a climate Emergency and some recommendations for actions for the parish council which has been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Logan, and resolved that Sithney Parish Council declares a climate emergency. Clerk to update parish council website. It was agreed not to sign up to the covenant of mayors at this stage as Cornwall council will be publishing recommendations in July / August.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** –

A gentleman asked why the railway bridge closure has been extended further with a diversion being in place for nearly two years. It was advised SPC have been chasing CC and will continue to do so to find out why. It was also reported that the ‘Private’ sign at the top of Tregoose is still present and is off putting for walkers as it is a public right of way. Clerk to contact CC.

A parishioner reported a private lane sign on the public right of way post at Tregavennen, which is also off putting for walkers and bridleway users. Clerk to look into. Footpath 230/15/2 needs cutting and 230/17/1 the stiles have obstructions on them. Clerk will investigate.

A parishioner spoke in objection to PA19/03431 advising that online there is a 100% objection to the application. The application contravenes against many planning policies, the access is through a narrow lane and this development will increase traffic by around 80%. The development is not in keeping with the area and there is a more suitable access route available to the development which should be used.

A parishioner neighbouring application PA19/03431 advised that the development access route will pass 15 properties to gain access, but if the alternative access route available was used then just 1 property would be passed. There is a shared wall with solar panels that has not been covered in the application to determine ownership issues. The parishioner runs a business from home and relies on BT and the internet and would like assurance that the development will not affect this.

A neighbouring parishioner advised that they are not against redevelopment of buildings, but this application is knocking down and building new dwellings. The applicant does not have a necessity to use the access advised in the application as they have access granted from another lane which is more suitable.

**7. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS** – Nothing to report this month.

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

Cllr Ashmore advised he is happy to take on Waste and Recycling responsibility.

Cllr McDonald suggesting using some of the parish council finances to purchase a piece of land with woods for the community. Cllr Martin advised it was a positive thing to do so long as it was advantageous for the electorate. Cllr McDonald to look into further.

Cllr Rogers advised he is unable to stand as a governor at Trannack School. Cllr Logan attended his first meeting and advised at the next meeting it will be confirmed if Trannack and Sithney School governors will be merged.

Cllr Rogers advised that there are still drainage issues on Bridleway 230/28/1. Clerk to look into.

Cllr Hilditch advised the road outside the old shop in Sithney has flooded due to the drains being blocked. Clerk to report.

Cllr Logan has attended the road safety event and asked clerk about the Defibrillator responsibility. Clerk passed Cllr Logan a file that has been put together to cover the Defibrillator information required for monthly maintenance checks.

**9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS** – Cllr. J. Keeling gave the following written report: ‘At full council this month a new council leader was elected, Councillor Julian German (Independent) replacing Adam Paynter (Lib Dem). Julian addressed the council in Cornish before laying out his plans for the next two years. The council also elected a new council chairman, Councillor Hillary Frank (Lib Dem) with the previous Chairman, Councillor Mary May (Independent) being elected as Vice Chairman. The rest of the council meeting was primarily around the political balancing of the committees ensuring that political groups had good representation across the committee spectrum.

My time has been taken up on the Chief Officers Employment Panel for the selection of a new Strategic Director for Economic Growth and Development, several meetings culminated in a short list of three candidates being interviewed for the position at the Business and Innovation Centre at Treliske last week. We picked the present interim Lead on Economic Growth and Development,

Phil Mason whose enthusiasm and skill in the role was very prominent and he stood out very much in the ensuing interviews. I think it is important that the new director hits the ground running on the massive agenda across the directorate and maintain the momentum in all the service activities. There was a huge focus on being visible and engaging and building relationships with partners and take the directorate leadership team out across Cornwall with focussed services towards resident and customers. Locally I have been engaged in planning both development and enforcement and that continues relentlessly. Traffic safety issues continue to be brought forward with regard to our rural roads and though I try to be supportive the traffic regulations can be obstructive in their own right. I will be out and about with Mike Peters (Highway Manager) to see what is possible. Cllr McDonald advised that electric cars are good for the environment but could be silent killers as walkers cannot hear them approaching.

8.23pm Cllr Rogers left the meeting

## 10. PLANNING: -

### Applications:

PA19/03431 - Lower Boscadjack Farm Trenear Helston Cornwall - Removal of existing agricultural buildings and erection of three new dwellings, conversion and extension of existing building to form dwelling, diversion of public footpaths, and installation of sewage treatment plant. Cllrs agreed that the stone barn was suitable for conversion and could be supported. However, the more modern agriculture buildings are clearly unsightly and could be replaced with something more attractive in line with class Q considerations. However, the size and number of dwellings proposed in such a rural area, not in keeping with the area and with no public transport links is of concern. The proposed development uses a narrow rural lane and highways should be consulted on this.

It was proposed by Cllr Penrose, seconded by Cllr Hilditch, 6 in favour, Cllr Keeling abstained that Sithney Parish council supports one part of the application only for the barn conversion. As Cllrs have concerns over the other proposed dwellings, due to development in the countryside, the appearance not in keeping with the area, and not following the recommendation in the pre-app. Also, the highways issue of using the current proposed access on the narrow rural lane.

8.35pm Cllr Rogers returned.

PA19/03908 - Guinevere Lodge Sithney Helston TR13 0RN - Windows replacement and new opening at rear of the property.

It was proposed by Cllr Penrose, seconded by Cllr Hilditch, all in favour and RESOLVED that the parish councils supports the application as the proposal is in-keeping and the property is not overlooked by anyone so has no impact on the amenity of other houses.

## 11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

**Lowertown Leats** – Clerk advised she has spoken to Helston town Council Councillor and has asked to be kept in the loop with future meetings that Helston have with highways so that both Helston Leats and Lowertown Leats may be looked at together.

**Bridleway 230/30/1** – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown Clerk has been advised that a new temporary fence has been placed around the manhole cover for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, due to vandalism. Clerk to ask the countryside officer to meet Cllr Penrose on site to resolve as the temporary fencing is not sufficient.

**Trannack Quarry Bridge** – DMMO / Definitive Map – Clerk has contacted CC who advised the bridge is not on a recorded right of way. Cllrs agreed they wished to start the process of gathering evidence to start the DMMO process.

**Landscaping Bridge House** – Clerk has received an email from a parishioner asking if it would be possible to re-build the hedge behind the phone box in Lowertown, assuming that this council owns the land. Cllr Penrose kindly looked into and Highways own the land and the Lowertown Community group have authority to maintain.

## 12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Dogs on Beach – Pre engagement Letter – Circulated by email.

CC – Town & Parish Council Newsletter – Spring 2019 - Circulated by email.

Community Governance Review – Deadline for submission – Clerk to submit as no change.

CC – Community Chest Grant Funding - Circulated by email. Clerk has forwarded to both schools and the Brownies.

**13a) To consider the following accounts for cheque payment:** It was proposed by Cllr. Penrose seconded by Cllr Martin all in favour that the following payments are authorised:

Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	£ 102.81
Mr David Gallie – Audit Fees 18/19	80.00
Mr R Sanders (LMP)	303.04
	<b>485.85</b>

**13b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK** – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £485.85 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of May on the Current Account is £14,258.95 and on the Business Saver is £32,668.69. 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. Rogers seconded by Cllr Martin all in favour that the report be accepted.

## 14. S137 APPLICATIONS

Sithney Green Brownies & Senior Section have requested a donation of £150 per group / section . Cllrs agreed it was a worthwhile cause and it was proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr McDonald, all in favour and RESOLVED that £250 for Sithney Green Brownies and £250 for Sithney Green Senior section was added to tonight's payments.

## 15. PLOVER'S FIELD

Picnic Bench Relocation – Clerk has received a formal quote of £980.00 + vat. It was proposed by Cllr McDonald and seconded by Cllr Martin, all in favour and RESOLVED that the quote be accepted.

Cllrs agreed after the meeting to visit Plover's field and agree bench location and look at the trimming and tidying of the area.

**16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm at Trannack School.