

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 06th AUGUST 2019 AT 7.30PM.

Cllr. P. Martin (Chairman)

Cllr. J. Keeling

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. R. Ashmore

Cllr. S. Hilditch

Cllr. M. Tresidder (vice-chairman)

Cllr. B. Rogers

Cllr. N. Logan

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllr. A. McDonald.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 02nd July 2019 were unanimously agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr Rogers PA19/05747.

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

5. WASTE & RECYCLING – Mr Paul Martin from Cornwall Council gave a presentation on the new waste contract that will come into force for Cornwall. Statistics for current recycling and waste collections was given including down to parish level and the hopes for the future waste and recycling levels. All households will change to fortnightly black bag / bin empties with weekly food and recycling collections. All Cllrs thanked Mr Martin for such an interesting and informative presentation.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Two parishioners brought to the meeting the idea of turning the telephone box at Coverack bridges into a Defibrillator unit. Funding has been agreed from D A Giles and local parishioners are in support of the idea. The telephone box would need electricity and painting. Cllrs thanked the parishioners for their efforts to date.

Item 16 brought forward up the agenda:

TELEPHONE BOX – Coverack Bridges – Defibrillator. Cllr Ashmore advised that whilst the parish council own the box the land is still owned by BT and agreed to check with BT what the situation is with the electricity to the box and also the box at Lowertown. All Cllrs were in agreement that it was a good idea to utilise the telephone box with a Defibrillator and allow this community group to move forward subject to BT confirming Electricity can be brought to the box. Cllr Keeling offered money from his community chest if needed. Cllrs agreed to look at painting the telephone box at Releath as well as Coverack Bridges.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – None.

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

Cllr B Rogers – Social Media Policy and Facebook. Cllr Rogers advised he thought social media may be an affective way to engage with parishioners. Cllrs agreed that Cllr Rogers would go away and draft a social media policy for September's meeting.

It was brought to the council's attention that a large block of stables has been built at Sithney Green, clerk to speak to enforcement. The B3303 through Crowntown has been subject to stones and gravel building up. Clerk to report to Highways.

9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report: 'The full council, this month, was heralded with a protest by the "We hate the Destruction of Cornwall Group" who were there in large numbers. I did speak to several protesters and reasoned that the right houses, in the right place for the right people, was what I stood for and I had delivered houses that fitted that criteria. Nevertheless, though I was getting on well with most of the people, someone shoved a camera in my face and accused me of lying about something or other. I had no opportunity to respond and felt rather aggrieved, but as the old saying goes "you wear the badge and you will get shot at". This puts me in mind of the Local Government Association Conference held recently, which, amongst other issues, addressed the rising tide of online and offline abuse local representatives face as they go about their business. The general inference is that it is getting worse and affecting everybody in public life.

Personally, I have had abuse, threats and verbal attacks in my years as a councillor, but to be fair I have had far more general support and help from the local community than anything else. The protesters went on to disrupt the council proceedings by asking to put questions to the council. Quite rightly the chair said they could have put forward questions in advance in accordance with the protocol. Nevertheless, the council proceedings were suspended whilst various members of the council met with the protest group to try and talk things through. Among other items on the agenda was a recommended increase of allowances for the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the various committees, a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA). This would have put pressure of some £19K on the Council's budget. I voted against this increase at a time when some services are not funded adequately enough. Nevertheless, the motion to accept the rise was won. The Superfast 3 project was supported generally by councillors to help the rapid growth of Cornwall's digital economy. This would help maintain Cornwall's enviable position of being one of the best-connected rural regions in the UK. So far, the Council's superfast broadband infrastructure has generated over 3,500 jobs, £300m Gross Value Added and 3850 new businesses within the Cornish economy. Households across Cornwall will change to a weekly recycling collection and fortnightly non-recyclable waste collections from mid-2020. The aim is to boost low recycling rates and from mid-2020 plastic, glass, paper and cardboard will be collected weekly, and a new weekly food waste collection introduced with special containers provided. All other non-recyclable waste will be collected fortnightly, with homes issued with either a wheeled bin or seagull proof sack. Hopefully, this will boost recycling rates which, presently, are the lowest in the UK. Locally, planning applications and enforcement matters continue unabated and I note that the new protocol for alleged breaches of planning is working well with me being kept notified of cases raised. The West Penwith Bridleways Association (WPBA) have registered a considerable number of

unregistered byways and intend to have more pre-designated in the future. Not sure how the countryside Access Team will cope and perhaps they will get the additional funding they will need to handle all the modification orders received? Speed Watch was an initiative I wanted to get going with the help of the police but seemed to be thwarted by one problem or another including police representation. However, the Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Anne Butcher, has contacted me to review the criteria for speed watch locations and visit them to assess suitability. If possible, I will seek volunteers in due course.

I am meeting with Mike Peters this coming week to discuss highway safety and speeding matters around the division. I will include the VAS in Ashton and the erection of the retaining pole in Breage Village.

10. PLANNING: -

Applications:

PA19/05172 - Trannack Community Primary School Trannack Helston Cornwall - Proposed replacement triple classroom block. It was noted that the current building is in disrepair and that there would be little change to the size and positioning of the proposed building. The proposed building, being more energy efficient, warmer and brighter, with improved acoustics, would be beneficial to the pupils. It is thought that a wall of the main building has been taken down to allow for the building works to take place. It was RESOLVED that Sithney Parish council supports the application on the condition that the wall is put back to its original state in granite.

Cllr B Rogers left the meeting.

PA19/05747 - Land North of Brook House Coverack Bridges Helston Cornwall - Construction of garage and small solar array to new dwelling (subject of outline consent PA17/06163 and reserved matters PA18/01712).

Cllrs agreed that the erection of the solar panels should contribute to reducing the carbon footprint of the dwellings and the erection of a single garage doesn't seem to have a significant impact on the surrounding properties. It was RESOLVED that Sithney parish council supports the application.

Cllr. Rogers returned.

Approved:

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

PA19/04110 - Boscadjack Farm Coverack Bridges Helston Cornwall TR13 0LZ - Non Material Amendment (1) in respect of PA17/03556 (Demolition of existing side extension and construction of new extension incorporating an annexe):

Additional window to annexe kitchen area (side elevation). Small window altered to larger window on rear elevation.

Internal partition layout altered so that bedroom is at rear of annexe and kitchen is at front. Rear elevation corrected to show level of existing flat roof more accurately.

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Bridleway 230/30/1 – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown – Cormac have advised: ‘CC have now authorised Cormac Engineering Design to move ahead with their project brief and as such works should start at some point soon – this will of course resolve the issue of the drain cover and temporary fencing’.

Trannack Quarry Bridge – DMMO / Definitive Map – Clerk to post Cllr Ashmore some more forms.

Footpath 230/17/1 and 230/18/1 – stile obstructions – Cormac have logged the issue.

Bridleway 230/28/1 – Drain – Cormac have advised: ‘Cormac did some grading work beginning/middle of last year and so unlikely that this has caused recent drainage problems – the local people who live down this track have historically backfilled potholes themselves to help driving their cars over it – this is beyond CC responsibility as it's a bridleway’.

Footpath 8 - Sithney Bridge Repairs - Cormac have advised: ‘The owners of the Railway are liaising with CC presently with the view to apply to divert the footpath so this matter rests between the 2 parties’.

Blocked Drain – Trannack to Lowertown – Cormac have logged the issue.

12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Defibrillator – Cllr Logan and Cllr Hilditch have checked the Defibrillator this evening and will liaise with Mr Williams from the RRMCC charity on any outstanding issues / questions.

Neighbourhood Development Plan – Clerk has provisionally booked Maxine Hardy and Sithney school for 7pm on the 17.09.19

CC – Community Flood Forum – Training Invitation – Circulated by email.

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

	£
Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	102.81
R Sanders – Plover's Field Cutting	78.00
CASH (Postage)	20.72
	201.53

13b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £201.53 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of July on the Current Account is £11,947.35 and on the Business Saver is £32,684.98. The monthly and quarterly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr. Rogers seconded by Cllr Penrose all in favour that the report be accepted.

14. PLOVER'S FIELD

Cllr Logan and Hilditch are meeting with Coastline and Aquarod onsite to look into the smell issues on the 08.08.19.

Picnic Bench Relocation – Clerk has sent an email to Mr Pascoe to ask when he may be able to start the relocation.

15. BUS SHELTER – Crowtown - Highways have confirmed that they would allow SPC to replace the bus shelter on the highway and have suggested a manufacturer and model. Planning permission is not required. There may also be some funding available from CC.

17. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 03rd September 2019 at 7.30pm at Trannack School.