

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 01st OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30PM.

Cllr. P. Martin (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. R. Ashmore

Cllr. B. Rogers

Cllr. M. Tresidder (Vice-chairman)

Cllr. A. McDonald

Cllr. S. Hilditch

Cllr. N. Logan

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 4 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllr. J. Keeling.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 03rd September 2019 were unanimously agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – None.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

6. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – Nothing to report.

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

Cllr. Rogers – Request to establish a Facebook Group for Sithney Parish Council – Discussions took place and it was proposed, seconded, 6 in favour 2 abstained and RESOLVED that Cllr Rogers and Cllr Ashmore set up, administrate and monitor the closed Facebook group and monitor activity. Cllr Rogers will report back to full council on a monthly basis on the group. It was agreed any inappropriate posts would be removed immediately. If at any stage Cllrs feel that the group is unsuccessful it can be removed at any time.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report: ‘Following the rather dramatic scenes in parliament last week, it came as welcome news that the prime minister has promised to replace EU Funding in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly with a dedicated fund that could be worth up to £600m over the next decade. When questioned on BBC Spotlight he categorically said, "Yes, it is going to be the same quantum and we are going to make sure the Shared Prosperity Fund matches". I feel particularly satisfied with this announcement, given as when the leader of the Conservative group, I questioned the Secretary of State, shortly after the 2016 EU referendum, on the matter of a replacement for European Funding for Cornwall following our exit from Europe. Greg Clarke, the then SoS, assured me that a replacement fund would be forthcoming. I am rather more confident after the Prime Minister's comments than previously, given my concern over the lack of clarity around the promised Shared Prosperity Fund. The welcome good news about a new hospital for Cornwall to take the pressure off Treliske. Some £450m is promised and the only question really, is where will it be built?

Other important issues that have been part of my work this month: Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE), Customer Access and Digital Services and Resident Engagement and Customer Satisfaction. The VCSE, funded by CC with an annual grant of £100k, is a strategic partner to CC and there are 4 groups, Voluntary Sector Forum, Volunteer Cornwall, CRCC (Cornwall Community Council) and Penwith Community Development Council. Cornwall has the highest volunteering rates in the UK and I stressed the need for VCSE to strengthen its links with Town and Parish Councils, Community Networks and the many voluntary groups in villages and towns across Cornwall. Customer Access and Digital Services is striving to drive the Digital Cornwall 2 program (DC2) which in terms of digital transformation, is the process of exploiting technology and supporting capabilities to help us effectively solve traditional public sector problems. In other words, it is about connecting and modernizing public services for all the people of Cornwall. Further, we are always trying to improve our image with the public in terms of satisfaction and engagement. Discussions with resident groups on how they perceive the council is very enlightening and a bit worrying. Satisfaction rates are low about 51%. This is in contrast to some other councils such as Hackney which has the highest satisfaction rates in the country. It is interesting to note that Cornwall Council is held in high regard nationally and that contrasts with the local perception of the council. We will be making recommendations in due course on how to improve those areas of concern. The Council is making preparations for BREXIT, Operation Yellow Hammer, (worst case scenario) in terms of inflammatory pressures, panic buying and the care market. There appear to be no immediate concerns about any widespread public disorder, shortage of fuel, fresh food and medical supplies. The new waste contract as not yet been sorted, and further negotiations are required before the present contract runs out on 31st March 2020. I have had comments about the increase in the capital programme of some £62m associated with the new contract, but not raising the capital programme would result in an increase in costs associated with the bidders/contractors funding the capital. There is a real need for the council to standardise materials collected for recycling, including separate food waste collection. Our recycling rates are still very low nationally.

Locally, I am working on highway issues, including some action on the long-awaited Speedwatch initiative for South Kerrier. I am liaising with the police to discuss suitable sites. Flooding over the weekend due to heavy rain caused problems and I will be speaking with highways about clearing drains that obviously could not cope with the deluge. Enforcement continues apace and still being reported to me via emails from the Enforcement Officer dealing with the cases’.

Cllrs asked clerk to contact Cllr Keeling to raise the issue of the speeding on the B3303, as the road is being continually used at high speeds bringing danger to those along the road, particularly when getting in and out of their parked cars and pedestrians.

9. PLANNING: -**Applications:**

PA19/07216 - Cober Dell, Lowertown, Helston, Cornwall - Extension to the existing dwelling. It was proposed, seconded, all in favour and RESOLVED that this council objects to the application on the basis that there is a substantial footprint with the extension. There is also additional new development of a studio to the front of the site, near to the lane. It seems that this may be built over a neighbour's septic tank and there were therefore concerns of environmental issues with damaging the services and the close proximity to the river cober.

Approved:

PA19/05747 - Land North of Brook House Coverack Bridges Helston Cornwall TR13 0LY - Construction of garage and small solar array to new dwelling (subject of outline consent PA17/06163 and reserved matters PA18/01712).

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Bridleway 230/30/1 – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown – No confirmed commencement date from Cormac.

Trannack Quarry Bridge – DMMO / Definitive Map – Cllr Ashmore is still actively receiving completed forms back. Clerk to post a few more forms out to parishioners.

11. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting – Cllrs that attended the NP meeting with Maxine Hardy on the 17.09.19 will be aware that only one member of the public was present. It was a very informative session and the council expressed they're thanks to Maxine for coming but as any NP needs to be driven by parishioners. It would appear that at the moment there is insufficient interest in taking a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Sithney parish forward.

B3303 – Drainage issues – Clerk has circulated an email from highways about the resurfacing.

Incident Report Card Training – Clerk attended this and is now trained to report fly tipping, dog fouling and litter dropping that is seen anywhere in Cornwall. Once reported CC can issue a fixed penalty notice.

Sithney School – Key holder request – Sithney School have advised they are currently reviewing the key holders and will not issue any further keys at present.

South west Tree warden forum - £15.00 Cllr B Rogers would like to attend on behalf of SPC, Cllrs proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that this council would cover the cost of £15.00.

Plover's Field – The Picnic Bench has now been moved on site, thanks to Cllr Mc Donald for organising this. Clerk has received report of dangerous parking issues at Plover's Field, but unfortunately the parish council does not have any powers to assist and any residents that experience issues need to get in touch with the police.

12. LMP – Extra cutting – Clerk has received a letter from CC asking if this council would like to join the enhanced LMP scheme this year which includes LMP work on paths, bridleways, stiles, kissing gates and footpath signs. It was proposed, seconded, all in favour and RESOLVED that this council accepts the scheme. Clerk will confirm to CC and liaise with the contractor on any areas that they feel could do with extra work etc. If any Cllrs or parishioners know of any missing signs or routes that require extra work to let the clerk know.

13a) PAYMENTS - It was proposed by Cllr. Rogers seconded by Cllr. Tresidder all in favour that the following payments are authorised:

	£
Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	102.81
R Sanders – LMP	1816.07
	1918.88

13b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £1918.88 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of September on the Current Account is £17,300.86 and on the Business Saver is £32,701.28. The monthly and quarterly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr. Rogers seconded by Cllr. Hilditch all in favour that the report be accepted.

14. BUS SHELTER – Crowntown – Clerk has submitted a grant application to CC, who have confirmed the grant. Highways are preparing a quote to remove the old shelter as they are the most suitable contractor to carry out this work as a license and insurance is required to work on the highway.

15. TELEPHONE BOX – Coverack Bridges – Cllr Mc Donald has attended two sites and the one at Coverack Bridges is rusting and the box containing the electricity is not easily accessible. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Cllr McDonald finds away to gain access to the electricity supply to check and then make safe the telephone box after, so that no one can access the electricity. Cllr Penrose will liaise with the Lowertown community group to see what they want to do with the box at Lowertown.

16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 5th November 2019 at 7.30pm at Trannack School