

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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19/19

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 03rd DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM.

Cllr. P. Martin (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. R. Ashmore

Cllr. N. Logan

Cllr. A. McDonald

Cllr. S. Hilditch

Cllr. B. Rogers

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllr Keeling and Tresidder

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 05th November 2019 were unanimously agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr Penrose PA19/09523 + PA9/09771.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – A parishioner raised that a telephone box in Penryn that was changed to a Defibrillator was listed and listed building consent had to be applied for. Clerk will check that Sithney PC telephone boxes are not listed.

6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Cllr Martin attended the remembrance service at Porthleven on behalf of SPC.

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

Cllr. Rogers – Advised the Facebook Group for Sithney Parish Council is progressing well with around 45 members and is proving useful in relaying information and advertising parish council meetings. Cllr Rogers asked whether a community event could be organised around the Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk advised that as per standing orders our meeting is identified as being in May and needs to be in the schools. It was agreed by all that a community event is a good idea and could be run at a separate time of year. Cllr Rogers will post on Facebook for ideas. It was agreed that inviting speakers to a couple of meetings a year to discuss topics of interest to the parishioners could be beneficial.

Cllr McDonald as agreed has given a guide cost for the electricity to be installed in the Telephone Box at Coverack Bridges for the Defibrillator. Cllr McDonald has met a parishioner who is unable to live in the parish due to no affordable small houses. Cllrs all agree that any affordable housing developments should include 1- and 2-bedroom properties.

It was noted that the issue with the open amenity space at Merther Close is still unresolved. The condition to provide an alternative open amenity space has been discharged with no alternative identified. Clerk to raise with the planning officer at CC.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report: ‘The council meeting last Tuesday was probably the first time I have seen such demonstrable protests at a public meeting of the council. The item was, of course, the Spaceport for Cornwall and the protesters expressing their dismay that this should come so soon after the council declaring a climate emergency. Throughout the debate on this item, about 2 hours, the councillors were being applauded or jeered depending on the points of view being put across. I feel that the chairman did an excellent job of controlling the situation and allowed the debate, without resorting to calling security, managing to quietly calm down the protestors at times. Nevertheless, the debate by councillors was considered and calm with no political point-scoring (we are in Purdah).I seconded an amendment to delay the motion for reasons to allow scrutiny to investigate the concerns of the public on this matter, but when put to the vote it was lost. I then voted against the motion of raising the capital programme by, in excess of, £10 million stating that I would rather see the money used for the launch of improved services here on earth, rather than firing of rockets into space.

Back to more earthly issues, the Community Network Cornwall Councillors had their monthly meeting with the Community Link Officer. We had an informative discussion on The Children's Locality Program, which provides early help and social care for teenagers and children across Cornwall. This also includes parenting and mental health issues. Items for the next series of Community Network Meeting with parishes include discussions on enforcement and affordable homes. I will put into the debate my concerns about the principle of Rural Exception Sites and the perception that this laudable policy is losing sight of the original policy aims; that is providing 100% affordable homes for local people.

I met with planning officers last week for a full afternoon on about a dozen planning applications within Breage, Sithney and Germoe. It is always useful to meet up with the planners to discuss, particularly, the views of both parish councils and the public. Where possible there is always a will to mitigate against conflicts of view, with ongoing discussions with agents and developers. Road safety issues, particularly the A394, are frequently raised by the residents along this road and the matter is never far from my mind when dealing with the police, Community Network and the Highway Manager. The recent weather has caused considerable flooding in the division and I have contacted the Highway Steward to enable drains and leats to be cleared of debris and leaf's.

9. PLANNING: -

Applications:

Cllr Penrose left the meeting.

PA19/09523 - Land to The North of Treglyn And Steppingstone Lowertown Helston TR13 0BY - Proposal G3 - coppice due to position overhanging dwelling and stability issues with soil rooting environment. Manage as coppice with recoppicing work undertaken every 5 - 7 years.

PA19/09771 - Treglyn Lowertown Helston TR13 0B - Proposal to coppice G1 & tree 64. Works in addition to those in PA19/09523.

Both applications were discussed, and it was advised that the trees concerned had tree preservation orders. The applicants are not the landowners of the site and have had a tree risk assessment carried out which has produced a thorough report. The report identifies the agreement to coppice these trees. It was RESOLVED to support the two applications.

Cllr Penrose returned.

PA19/09738 - Anvower House Lowertown Helston TR13 0BZ - Proposed Garage - Cllrs looked at this application and noted that it is for a garage that would be accessed from a parking space to its right. It was also noted that a neighbour has submitted a comment that, whilst not objecting to the garage, does have concerns about the fact that excavation work might completely block the access to his property. It was RESOLVED that Sithney PC Supports the application on the condition that there is provision made for clear access, at all times, to all neighbouring properties.

Approved:

PA19/08068 - The Old Barn Pevensey Coverack Bridges Helston Cornwall - Proposal: New extension and modification of existing dwelling.

Other Planning Matters

Proposed residential development – Opposite the Crown Inn Lodges – Comments on joint approach – Clerk has circulated the email from Coastline to Councillors. The proposal was discussed for a joint cluster approach with Wendron, Crowan and Breage on a possible proposed development in Crowntown for affordable led housing. Cllrs unanimously agreed clerk would respond to coastline to advise that Sithney parish Council would not support this cluster approach on this development. Cluster approach working with neighbouring parishes could be useful in other circumstances.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Bridleway 230/30/1 – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown – no date for commencement of works has been given yet.

Trannack Quarry Bridge – DMMO / Definitive Map – Cllr Ashmore is absent, will be deferred to January 2020.

LMP 2020/2021 – CC have agreed a 2% Contract increase.

11. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

South west Tree warden forum – Cllr Rogers will circulate the correspondence from the event including the 30th anniversary events next year.

Defibrillator – New case Insurance Claim – Clerk has submitted to Zurich.

Lane Chynhale – Crowntown – Clerk has reported to Highways and will chase for the work to be carried out.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment – Clerk has circulated the documentation on what the payment must be spent on:

6.1. CIL Regulation 59C sets out that a local council must use CIL receipts passed to it to ‘support the development of the local council’s area, or any part of that area, by funding:

a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure: or

b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. Cllrs agreed to think of suitable projects.

Audit – was carried out with Cllrs Logan and McDonald on the 20.11.19 and there are no issues to report.

Consultation: Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments – Views for submission to NALC – Circulated by email.

12. LMP – Extra cutting – Clerk has submitted the contractor’s list to CC who are now liaising with the contractor for the work to be carried out and invoices submitted.

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

	£
Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	102.81
R Sanders – Plover’s Field Cutting	156.00
Cash – Reimbursement of Petty Cash	57.37
	316.18

13b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £316.18 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of November on the Current Account is £20,153.70 and on the Business Saver is £32,701.28. The monthly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr. Hilditch seconded by Cllr. Logan all in favour that the report be accepted.

13c) BUDGET / PRECEPT SETTING – Clerk has circulated a Budget Report to all Cllrs. The current Precept is £14,000 and clerk has put forward the budget with the precept remaining the same and with a 1% increase. Clerk advised the Precept has been £14,000 for the last two years and this council does hold high reserves and with no current plan to utilise them on any upcoming projects. Cllr Logan advised that whilst no projects are imminent by not increasing the precept we have fallen behind in respect of inflation. It was RESOLVED to increase the precept by 1% to £14140 for 2020/2021. Cllrs agreed that the council should move forward with looking into the possibility of a community building at Plover’s Field. Cllr McDonald to look into contractors / architects for January 2020 meeting.

14. BUS SHELTER – Crowntown – Clerk has sourced quotes for asbestos testing. It was agreed clerk would source quotations for the removal of the Bus Shelter.

15. STEPPINGSTONES PRE-SCHOOL – The Sithney Steppingstone is a Pre-School facility run by the School and is seen as an essential part of introducing small children to educational and social activity. The outside building, they use has no heating or electricity. It was agreed Cllr Logan would speak to the pre-school to submit a formal S137 request for January.

16. MEETING VENUE – Clerk has received an apology from the head of Trannack for the confusion and has since been sent a key. Cllrs agreed to continue to use both schools, however if any further issues arrive meetings will be moved to just Sithney.

17. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm