

**SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 07<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM.**

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

**Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose**

**Cllr. R. Ashmore**

**Cllr. B. Rogers**

**Cllr. M. Tresidder**

**Cllr. A. McDonald**

**Cllr. S. Hilditch**

**Cllr. J. Keeling**

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 3 members of the public.

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

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

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA** – Cllr Rogers declared an interest in PA19/11014.

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

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – A gentleman spoke in relation to PA19/10944 to advise whilst he is not against development he would like to raise the issue that he believes the sewerage system is not adequate for the development. The road is also not suitable for more vehicles and both issues would impact on the neighbouring properties.

A parishioner reminded of the Sithney over 60's party on the 18.01.20, all welcome and details are on the council's website. It was also noted the road past Trevarno has a lot more leaves and debris than it ever used to have. Cllrs thought this may be due to the estate used to carry out trimming of overhanging trees more often.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** – Cllr Martin had nothing to report.

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

Cllr. Rogers – Has spoken to a few parishioners about a possible social / community event and people are positive about such an event. Cllr Rogers hopes to meet with parishioners to further develop suggestions. The facegroup book page now has 52 members. Cllr Rogers has circulated some information to Cllrs from surfers against sewage about becoming plastic free and will draft something for February to discuss further.

It was raised that 230/30/1 drainage is bubbling up and flooding badly, clerk advised Cormac are due on site on the 13.01.20.

**8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS** – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report: 'The new year has just started, and we are already in worrying times! Let's hope and pray for a peaceful year ahead as we start this new decade.

This coming week marks the cabinet meeting to set the 20/21 budget prior to it going before full council in February. I will be attending this coming Thursday to ask relevant questions on the details coming before us. I am particularly interested in the funding available for Countryside Access. The service needs to be uplifted to ensure that the services can cope with the demands placed upon it in the coming decade. The Waste Contract will be decided at the cabinet meeting with a contractor ready to start in due course. I have concerns about the details provided in the report to the cabinet and the new contract is due to commence with a phased approach on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2020 and briefly consists of: Fortnightly collection of Residual Waste, Fortnightly collection of Dry Recycling and weekly separate collection of Food waste. The decision to remove recycling banks to be brought forward to be effective from the start of the new contract 3/10/2020. The initial contract was for weekly recycling collection, which I would support, with residual waste being collected fortnightly. Together with the closure of recycling banks, I fear that fly-tipping offences will escalate. Therefore, it will be important that resources are put into place to ensure incidents of fly-tipping are dealt with immediately, whilst the new contract beds in. There are concerns and criticisms that the council have left this contract far too late in the day and that concerns over costs have taken priority over this essential service. Nevertheless, I would support any reasonable measures that help increase Cornwall's, presently, poor recycling rates.

Self-Neglect and Hoarding - Adult Social Care has developed an approach to identify people who have self-neglecting behaviours such as hoarding, neglecting themselves or their environments. These behaviours have featured as contributing to poor outcomes in recent Safeguarding Adults Reviews. A briefing on Friday. will set out how our Locality Social Work teams are improving knowledge and capacity to support people with these behaviours. This has been a particular problem in my division, and I am aware of the results of work carried out recently. Ash Die Back - We are becoming increasingly aware of this issue and councillors have had it raised with them by members of the public. It is a fungus that affects ash trees of all ages. A briefing will make councillors aware of what the Council is doing to enable them to respond appropriately and support its activities. Highways Service - Local Engagement and Communications - An update on progress with information available, developing local engagement and lines of communication and reporting at a local level, particularly focused towards Town and Parish Councils. Perhaps one of the most important issues for me and I look forward to reporting back to my parish councils in due course. Finally, I have some particularly difficult planning matters to deal with this coming month with very few options. Nevertheless, I will do my utmost to address the concerns of residents who feel they are affected by planning proposals with the respective planning case officers'.

Cllr Rogers advised a tool kit for local councils on the ash die back will be available shortly.

Cllr Tresidder raised the issue that the social care budget is largely under funded by central government and asked our Cornwall Councillor to take the issue back to CC's budget meeting this week. All Cllrs agreed.

**9. PLANNING: -****Applications:**

PA19/10944 - Barn At Home Farm Trevarno Sithney TR13 ORU - Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA18/07066 for Alterations to window/door openings on the western elevation, including removal of two roof lights and enlargement of three openings, with reinstatement of wall to original position and reinstatement of roof back to approved height (Proposed conversion of former agricultural building to form dwelling). It was RESOLVED that sithney parish council supports the application on the basis that the amendments are within planning policy guidelines and have no detrimental impact on the surrounding properties. A condition would be added for CC to answer the objections raised by parishioners this evening and online. 7 Cllrs in favour 1 abstained.

*Cllr rogers left*

PA19/11014 - Braeside Access To Lower Boscadjack Trenear TR13 OHH - Conversion of single garage and outbuilding into a holiday let. It was RESOLVED with 5 Cllrs in favour, 2 abstaining that sithney parish council supports the application on the basis that the current building is somewhat scruffy and the proposed building is not over ambitious. A condition will be requested that the building remains solely as a holiday let.

*Cllr Rogers returned.*

**Approved:**

PA19/09523 - Land to The North of Treglyn And Steppingstone Lowertown Helston TR13 0BY - 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 0BY - Proposal to coppice G1 & tree 64. Works in addition to those in

PA19/09738 - Anvower House Lowertown Helston TR13 0BZ - Proposed Garage.

**Refused:**

PA19/04929 - Peartree Farm Trannack Helston TR13 0DQ - Proposed Agricultural Worker's permanent dwelling.

**Other Matters**

Merther Close – Amenity Open Space – Clerk has emailed the case officer at CC for a response and will continue to chase.

**10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Bridleway 230/30/1 – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown - clerk has been advised the start date for works is the 13.01.20.

Trannack Quarry Bridge – DMMO / Definitive Map – Clerk to send more forms to Cllrs Martin and Tresidder for completion.

Lane Chynhale – Crowntown – Reported to Highways.

LMP – Extra Cutting – CC are liaising with the contractor.

**11. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE**

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment

Sithney Over 60's post-Christmas Party – Cllr Martin to attend with maps.

Road from the B3303 to Trevarno, Crowntown closure - 31st January 2020 to 14th March 2020 (24 hours weekends included).

Community Network Panel – Highways Scheme – Clerk has submitted an EOI form to the CNP highways scheme to support Sithney school's request for an extended 20mph section.

Graffiti on Railway Bridge – Clerk reported and has been advised it has been removed.

**12a) 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
SLCC Membership	73.00
Mrs J Ellis (Website Renewal)	56.62
	<b>232.43</b>

**12b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK** – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £232.43 as reported in item 12a. The balance at the end of December on the Current Account is £19,037.98 and on the Business Saver is £32,717.59. The monthly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr. Rogers seconded by Cllr. Tresidder all in favour that the report be accepted.

**13. BUS SHELTER** – Crowntown

Clerk has been advised it is a legal requirement to carry out an R&D survey prior to the demolition works being carried out for buildings built prior to the year 2000 and is a critical safety measure for managing asbestos as well as quantifying the material. It was RESOLVED that clerk would instruct Cormac to carry out the survey at a cost of £225. Once completed clerk would liaise with the most reasonable quote from the list of contractors to remove the bus shelter and for the new bus shelter to be installed.

**14. S137 - STEPPINGSTONES PRE-SCHOOL** – Funding Request – It was RESOLVED and agreed that a £500 donation towards the pre-school's electricity cost would be given at February's meeting.

**15. PLOVER'S FIELD** – Community Building possibility – Cllr A McDonald has had a look at options and after discussions it was agreed Cllr McDonald would meet on site at Plover's Field with a local architect who has kindly offered his time for free to look at what if any type of building is possible and an estimated cost.

**16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 04<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm at Sithney School.