

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman: Councillor Philip Martin

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12/20

This meeting, 04th August 2020 was a Zoom meeting at 7.30 p.m. to which Councillors were summoned and Public were invited.

Cllr M Tresidder

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. S. Hilditch

Cllr. R. Ashmore

Cllr. A. McDonald

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and no members of the public.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllrs Martin, Keeling and Rogers.

Clerk advised that in the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman Cllr M Tresidder took the chair for the meeting.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of 07th July 2020 were unanimously agreed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr Hilditch declared an interest in PA20/05506.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

6. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – None.

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

Cllr B Rogers - Police and Crime Commissioner welcomes Department for Transport Call for Evidence – deferred due to Cllr Rogers absence.

Cllr Penrose has received positive comments from a parishioner about the Defibrillator in the telephone box at Coverack Bridges and what a lovely job has been done to the box and surrounding area. Cllr Ashmore noted that the land the box is sited on is still owned by BT.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report: ‘Very busy time with virtual meetings nearly daily, far more than usual but a lot easier than travelling a 50-mile round trip. Not to mention savings on travel costs and reducing atmospheric pollution. Still, there is an old Chinese curse that says, "may you live in interesting times" and we certainly are doing that. With an eye on events up the country, North of England, I am fairly content at the moment that we have established a Local Outbreak Management Plan. This is in line with all upper tier and Unitary local authorities and we should have scenarios available soon to enable us to demonstrate the actions, in agreement with our full partners, we will need to take in the case of a local outbreak of Covid19. Testing remains a complex landscape, but I believe the postcode data is available for people tested positive with Covid19. Other issues include tackling environment crime reporting which is a major matter given it costs the council about £5m per year and we have seen a 45% rise in litter and rubbish during the spring and into the summer season. I believe that BIFFA crews can now issue penalty notices. We are now in the process of looking at the budget for 2021/22 and an important part will be the impact of the pandemic on council finances and how we can mitigate against lost income and still maintain adequate reserves. I will bring more information on finances as the scrutiny process gathers pace. I attended a Road Safety Forum and was surprised to learn that by far the safest means of crossing busy roads is the pedestrian refuges with no recorded incidents of accidents. This is not the case with pelican and zebra crossings where a number of deaths and injuries have been recorded. During the pandemic lockdown, it was noted that there was an increase in traffic speed despite a reduction in traffic. I think we can all testify to that!

Locally there is a lot of planning applications coming forward and also a large number of alleged breaches of planning. To help out I have been using photographic evidence to provide the enforcement officer with useful data in a number of cases before the lockdown restriction were eased. Some of the breaches have been rather blatant and I guess the lockdown may have something to do with it. There been issues with a number of public rights of way and I am taking up these matters with the Countryside Access Office. There are still problems with the Hendra End of Praa Sands with parking and obstructing other vehicles, particularly the refuse collection cart, and I have asked the lads on the refuse lorry to get their boss to email me with the problem as it occurs. I have recently repeated the need to refresh the double yellow lines, put in some time ago, to Rupert Spencer for immediate action and pushing this hard through the community network. I have spoken to the commoners about parked cars on the common and they are in agreement that blocking off the area would be acceptable. I need to seek advice on that matter. During the lockdown the police were active in Hendra, issuing fines and moving people on. I raise this with the police at every community network meeting. Lots more but I think that's enough for now”.

Cllr Hilditch muted her zoom log in whilst the application was discussed.

9. PLANNING

Applications:

PA20/05506 - Land East of Belle View Crowntown Helston Cornwall - Construction of Single storey self-build eco dwelling & Associated Works. PAP discussed the application and noted that it is for a single storey eco house which would possibly not interfere with views. It is commendably sustainable being low carbon, with a green roof and a ground source heat pump. However, it was not felt that the application constituted ‘rounding off.’ It is to the east of the recently built properties which were considered to be infill, and it was felt that it does visually extend building into the open countryside. Therefore, it was **RESOLVED** that Sithney Parish Council objects to the application, Cllrs Penrose, McDonald, Ashmore and Tresidder in favour of this resolution.

Cllr Hilditch rejoined the meeting.

PA20/05722 - The Old Barn Pevensey Coverack Bridges Helston - New extension and modification of existing dwelling. PAP has looked at the application which has a larger footprint than the original approval as it seeks to increase the size of the ground floor and consequently increases the size of the first floor above it. It also seeks to increase the size of the porch. Although it is an increase that warrants a new application, it was RESOLVED that Sithney Parish Council supports the application, as long as the proposed extension has no impact on the amenity of surrounding properties. Cllrs Penrose, Hilditch, McDonald and Ashmore in favour, Cllr Tresidder abstained.

Approved:

PA20/03716 - Tregoose Farm Tregoose Sithney TR13 0RT - Change of use of building to form a function/training room ancillary to the existing holiday accommodation.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Modification Orders – Trannack Bridge & Lowertown – Clerk reported that the Trannack Bridge modification order notices to the landowners have been served. Clerk has applied to land registry for confirmation of the ownership of the river, and has been advised that it is unregistered, so a form 4 will be submitted to CC. Once CC advise site notices will be erected. Clerk will copy and submit the user evidence forms to CC.

The Lowertown modification order is in progress and clerk has applied to land registry for confirmation of ownership of the path, Land registry has confirmed it is un registered, so clerk will submit a form 4 to CC. Clerk to post user evidence forms to Cllr Penrose to gather evidence.

Bridleway 30 – Lowertown to Coverack Bridges – further to the reported issue of the works being carried out at Trannack mill that after rainfall water collects in quite deep pools, which then leads to a long flow of water down to the lane leading towards the Cober River, clerk has reported to the countryside access team.

Footpath: 22 Sithney and 133 Wendron – Closure originally 5th February 2019 to 26th August 2019, now extended until 28th August 2021 (24 hours), Reason for Emergency Closure: Path closed due to collapsed bridge.

11. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment – Clerk reminded Cllrs that the money is still to be spent.

Bus Shelter – Crowntown – Has been installed with pictures circulated. Clerk thanked Cllr Hilditch for her assistance. It was agreed clerk would ask Mr Sanders to trim around the shelter once a month when cutting at Plover’s Field is carried out.

Defibrillator Sithney School – Cllr Hilditch has kindly volunteered to carry out the monthly checks.

CC New planning Legislation – circulated by email.

12a) PAYMENTS - It was proposed by Cllr. Penrose seconded by Cllr. Hilditch all in favour that the following payments are authorised:

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Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	102.81
Mr R Sanders	156.00
Mrs J Ellis – Clerk Salary – Standing order	586.33
Mrs J Ellis – Postage and Zoom Fees	33.52
	878.66

12b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had payments to pay totaling £878.66 as reported in item 12a. The balance at the end of July on the Current Account is £9,809.57 and on the Business Saver is £32,737.85. The monthly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the reports.

13. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 1st September 2020 via Zoom