

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman: Councillor Philip Martin

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16/20

This meeting, 06th October 2020 was a Zoom meeting at 7.30 p.m. to which Councillors were summoned and Public were invited.

Cllr. P. Martin

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. A. McDonald

Cllr. S. Hilditch

Cllr. J. Keeling

Cllr. R. Ashmore

Cllr. B. Rogers

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and one member of the public.

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

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of 01st September 2020 were unanimously agreed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr McDonald in planning appeal for PA19/04929.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – A parishioner spoke to advise of his concern as a Sithney school governor and resident in Crowntown on the level of speeding still happening on the B3302/B3303.

6. CROWNTOWN SPEEDING – Unfortunately, Highways Manger Rupert Spencer was not present. Clerk advised the two schemes put forward to the CNP for Sithney for the extension to the 20mph limit and pavement widening had both been successful and will be delivered through the program.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – None.

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

Cllr. B. Rogers – Advised of the request to existing OPCC for extra Cllr Advocates and asked what should be done with the speeding petition for Crowntown now. Cllr Keeling will find out who it needs to be sent to.

Cllr Hilditch has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the speed watch in Crowntown and currently has one other volunteer. Cllr Rogers to post on facebook to look for more volunteers.

The cars at the top of Lowertown that are often parked for sale and causing a hazard to drivers by blocking the view. Are currently not there, Lowertown community group appreciate the parish councils support in getting these moved.

9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report: 'Busy virtual month with a lot of challenges, both enforcement and planning. The holiday season is easing off and I am glad to see that the camping site (unlicensed) at Breage is now empty! The virtual meetings go on and are never-ending, nevertheless, a modern way of working, though I do miss the interaction between the public and councillors. Traffic schemes were the main topic of the network meeting last week. Not particularly happy with it all, given the number of schemes coming forward and not enough funding to deliver the 30 plus schemes. You will have noted that there was a scheme included for information in the list HSK12: A394 Rosudgeon to Breage Route Review and Feasibility Study. Though no details were given, in the listing, the full report contains recommendations for works along the route together with costings of some £333K. This was a piece of work I was involved in prior to lock-down and I have just received the report and It contains all the issues that have been raised over years by myself, parish council and local people. Obviously, this is beyond the scope of the Network Highway Scheme, so I have forwarded the paper to Geoff Brown, Portfolio Holder for Transport for consideration that the schemes and recommendations could be either funded by the capital programme or government grant. I have had a positive response and await further progress.

One question I have asked at the Network meeting was: what have we delivered in years 1 and 2? Particularly the HGV signs in Breage and the gateway scheme for Germoe parish. I have seen that they have been costed and now need to be delivered, pronto! The planning consultation response from Cornwall Council to Central Government's white paper is now available and I will make it available to my parish councils, unless you already have it. Of concern is the number of rural exception sites springing up within the villages to deliver affordable, social housing and market housing, and I am particularly disturbed by the appeal for 14 dwellings being allowed in Ashton. I am supporting a proposal to not support any further rural exception sites in rural villages, due to the poor performance of the council in delivering affordable housing in urban areas and the over supply of homes in rural areas. Naturally, if there was a strong case for genuine local needs housing then I could agree to that, provided the criteria was tightened up on local connection. Furthermore, the Cornwall Council strongly disagrees with the proposed new housing target which would mean that Cornwall Council will face an increase in our housing target to 4,000 new dwellings per annum which is 54% above our annual Local Plan requirement. This new housing target of 4,000 new dwellings per annum is unachievable and unsustainable. Cornwall Council is committed to delivering the housing our communities need, we have an up-to-date Local Plan, that was adopted in 2016 and covers the period 2010 to 2030 and contains the target of 52,500 homes over that plan period. Despite our delivery on the ground there remains nearly 28,000 homes with extant planning permission, but which are not currently completed. I could go on but please read the response to the 34 question in the consultation documents.

I am involved in an investigation into developing further the local supply chain, and this is very much about keeping as much as possible local. Contract management costs some £753K per annum and we believe we can drive down this cost by spending more locally. One fact that as come out is that the total spend locally (based on post codes) is 56.2% of the total spend on services provided, roughly £441m of a total spend of £794m. We hope to conclude our finding early in the new year.

Hopefully keeping on top of local matters as and when they happen during this time of uncertainty. I have responded to several minor issues and in particular, the enforcement service, under resourced as they are, are doing their best to help me out with the many reported breaches of planning. I will be attending a virtual planning inquiry to consider an appeal in Sithney Parish on the 13th of October. Please think seriously about SPEEDWATCH, it has taken an enormous amount of nagging, consultation, and round table discussions to get this far.

10. PLANNING: -

Applications:

PA20/07986 - Polwidden Cottage Polgarth Farm Helston Cornwall - Erection of a domestic garage (revised location).

It was unanimously agreed and RESOLVED that SPC submits the following comments: that the re-siting of the garage to the new position on the submitted plans would be acceptable. However, there is concern that the garage, now being a double one, would obviously be a larger structure.

Refused:

PA20/05506 - Land East of Belle View Crowntown Helston Cornwall TR13 0AB - Construction of Single Storey Self Build Eco Dwelling & Associated Works.

Planning Appeal – representation - APP/D0840/W/20/3253885 - PA19/04929 - Proposed Agricultural Worker's permanent Dwelling - Peartree Farm Trannack Helston TR13 0DQ.

APP/D0840/W/20/3257361 - Cornwall Council ref: PA19/06978 - Proposed affordable self-build dwelling - Land South of Trelyn Tuckingmill Lowertown Cornwall TR13 0DB.

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Modification Orders – Trannack Bridge & Lowertown - The site notices have been displayed for the Trannack Bridge modification order. The Lowertown user evidence forms are being gathered.

Lane Trevarno – Chynhale – Clerk to forward photos to highways as there is still mud and debris on the road at Chynhale and Trevarno.

12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment – Clerk asked Cllrs if they wished to use the CIL funds towards the new bus shelter in Crowntown. Cllrs unanimously agreed, clerk to submit the CIL spend report to CC.

Helston Branch Railway Line – letter received from Derek Thomas MP inviting Sithney parish council to become a stakeholder in the Helston branch line re-opening. All Cllrs agreed whilst they support the initiative they would like to know more about what being a stakeholder is and what other support the initiative has had. Clerk to investigate and report back.

Poppy Wreath – Cllrs agreed they would support the RBL and for clerk to order a poppy wreath this year.

Coverack Bridges telephone box – Clerk advised the community group have received the invoice for the electricity work and asked if the council would be able to assist. Cllrs unanimously agreed that clerk ask for the invoice to be set to the parish council and they would cover the cost of the electricity work to get the Defibrillator up and running.

13. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS – Clerk has circulated the documentation on this and has amended the website in order to ensure we are compliant, but we must continue to check this on a regular basis. Clerk advised Cllrs that SPC need to source some expert IT support for items like this. Clerk to source costs from local companies.

14a) PAYMENTS - 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
Mrs J Ellis – Clerk Salary – Standing order	586.33
Mrs J Ellis – Postage and Zoom Fees	20.23
Mr R Sanders – LMP Cutting	475.06
	1,184.43

14b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had payments to pay totaling £1,184.43 as reported in item 14a. The balance at the end of September on the Current Account is £20,409.35 and on the Business Saver is £32,742.38. The monthly and quarterly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the reports.

15) PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY – Clerk advised the vacancy has been advertised and no election has been requested therefore the position can be filled by co-option. Cllrs all agreed for clerk to advertise on the website, with a closing date of the 20th October 2020, depending on the number of candidates an extraordinary meeting may be held on the 27th October 2020.

16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 03rd November 2020 via Zoom