

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman: Councillor Philip Martin

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18/20

This meeting, 03rd November 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. M. Tresidder
Cllr. J. Keeling
Cllr. R. Ashmore
Cllr. B. Rogers

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllr Keeling, who joined the meeting at 8.05pm.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of 06th October 2020 were unanimously agreed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr Hilditch in PA20/08726. Cllr Penrose in the Helston railway line.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Sithney quiet lanes scheme – A parishioner spoke to advise Cllrs of an initiative called ‘quiet lanes’ that local people are trying to set up to make it safer for people walking, cycling and riding on the lanes in and around the parish. Cllrs all agreed that they would support the initiative and lend support in trying to encourage drivers to slow down on the lanes to make it a safer place. Cllr Rogers agreed to be a link between the council and the parishioners setting up the scheme.

6. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – Cllr Martin advised he had collected the poppy wreath but as remembrance services will not be going ahead this year as in other years he would lay the wreath on the church gate as the church is still closed if Cllrs were happy with this. All Cllrs agreed.

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

Cllr Hilditch – Speed watch Crowtown currently has 5 members who have attended the first practical training and online course. More members are still needed, anyone wishing to join can search speed watch Crowtown online. Due to the next lockdown no more training will take place until it is safe to do so.

Cllr Rogers has circulated a survey for Devon and Cornwall police if anyone would like to submit a comment to Cllr Rogers, he will collate a response.

It was noted the cars advertising the taxis is back at the top of Lowertown on the grass verge by the roundabout which is obscuring the view for road users. Clerk to investigate.

Bridleway 30 behind Trannack Mill is very wet again, clerk to report to the countryside access team.

There is a drain that is overflowing with water on the road near Tregathenan, clerk to report.

The field gateway opposite Sithney school has water overflowing off the land onto the highway, clerk to report.

The abandoned vehicle by the Grove restaurant is still on the highway, clerk to report.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report: ‘The virtual meetings continue unabated at Cornwall Council and councillors and officers are becoming very proficient in the procedures, which is even more important now with the prospect of a further lockdown this week. Altogether, there were some 21 virtual meetings this month and the plus side is that I can attend all those meetings without a 50-mile round car journey. Downside is the lack of face-to-face interaction and out of chamber discussions with colleagues.

The 2021/22 budget setting process is underway with scrutiny committees examining the details and will be making recommendations at the proper time for the February 2021 Council meeting when the budget will be voted on. The reality of the financial position of Cornwall Council is becoming clear with a possible gap of £58M over the medium-term financial period to 2024. The budget set in February 2020 bears no resemblance to the situation we find ourselves in now and the Chief Financial Officer is adopting an Outlook based budget strategy, which differs from our previous method and focuses on priorities within each service area being identified. It is important that the councillors ensure that important services are maintained and not eroded in the future. Nevertheless, it is still proposed that a 1.99% increase in council tax will be part of the budget recommendations and though, presently, there is no requirement to set a levy of 2% for Adult Social Care, this may change with the emerging challenges of Covid-19.

A bit on the new waste contract which begins next year and brings 3 existing contracts into one and is an 8-year contract with a 2-year extension option. The contract incentivises continuous improvement particularly around improving recycling rates and reducing abuse by businesses. There will be a phased introduction of new household collections and every household will get a 180L wheelie bin or seagull-proof sack if space is an issue. There far more to this than I wish to include in my report and have included a comprehensive account on my Cornwall Councillors Facebook Page.

I have managed several face-to-face meetings this month and I guess that those will have to be the last until the end of the lockdown period. Nevertheless, I am inquiring into various areas of concern about highway matters and in particular the Community Network Highway Scheme. Delivery against expectations is my main concern and I am in discussions with the Highway Manager to see if there are better methods of providing the highway improvements that are needed in our villages and main access roads. On my last note, I think it is appropriate at this time to say that I will be standing for Cornwall Councillor in the next election though of course the division will be changing and bringing new challenges’.

9. PLANNING: -**Applications:**

PA20/08415 - The Old Piggery Prospidnick Helston TR13 0RY - Proposed new side extension and internal alterations.

As the proposed extension appears to be in keeping with the current building, is not overly large and does not seem to impact on the amenity of any surrounding property, it was RESOLVED that Sithney Parish Council support the application.

PA20/08726 - Chapel Field Land North of Bawdsey Crowntown TR13 0AB - Non material amendment in relation to decision notice PA20/0106. It was acknowledged that, although Sithney Parish Council had objected to the original application, it has been approved by Cornwall Council, and so it was RESOLVED that the application is supported on the basis that it is an acceptable non-material amendment. 4 Cllrs in favour, 2 objected, 1 abstained.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Modification Orders – Trannack Bridge notices will expire on the 04.11.2020 allowing the modification order to be lodged with CC.

Lowertown Modification order – 9 forms have been completed to date.

Lane Trevarno – Chynhale – the works are scheduled by highways for the beginning of December 2020.

11. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

RBL Donation – The RBL have kindly donated a wreath again this year. Cllrs agreed to donate £200 to the RBL poppy appeal this year.

Helston Branch Line – Clerk has circulated the update received.

Defibrillator at Coverack bridges – Electrical Supply – clerk has circulated the electrical report from the electrical contractor detailing the work required to ensure the supply is safe and continuous which will cost in the region of £350+vat. It was unanimously agreed and RESOLVED that clerk would ask the contractors to carry out the work required.

CIL Income and Expenditure report – clerk has circulated the report and submitted to CC and placed on our website. Clerk advised we have also received a further CIL payment this year for £299.34, which gives a total of £2014.34 still to spend.

Breage parish council – Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllrs agreed to have a look at the document on Breage's website and advise clerk of any comments.

Website – Clerk has started to source possible IT support after the current web developer retires and will continue to do so.

Clerk annual review – Clerk advised the annual review normally takes place at this time of year. Cllrs Penrose and Martin agreed to carry out via zoom. Clerk to circulate some dates.

Annual Budget/ Precept and Audit meeting – Cllrs agreed this would take place via zoom. Clerk to circulate some dates.

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

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Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk – standing order	102.81
Mrs J Ellis – Clerk Salary – Standing order	586.33
Mrs J Ellis – Postage and Zoom Fees, Printer, printer insurance and ink cartridges	201.55
Davey & Gilbert Ltd – Coverack Bridges electricity works	578.94
	1,469.63

12b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had payments to pay totaling £1,469.63 as reported in item 12a. The balance at the end of October on the Current Account is £19,524.26 and on the Business Saver is £32,742.38. The monthly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the reports.

13) PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY – CO-OPTION – Mr Chris Freer has submitted an application for co-option and attended the meeting. Councillors asked Mr Freer some questions and it was unanimously RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Freer to Sithney Parish Council. Clerk would send Mr Freer his acceptance of office and declaration of interests form for completion.

14. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 01st December 2020 via Zoom