

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 03RD OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30PM.

Cllr. P. Martin (Chairman) **Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose**
Cllr. A. McDonald **Cllr. M. Tresidder**

Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 27 members of the public.

1. ELECTION OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, that Cllr. J. Keeling is elected as vice-chairman for 2017/2018.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 05th September 2017 were proposed by Cllr. J. Keeling and seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald and unanimously agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr. J. Keeling wished it to be noted that as a member of Cornwall Council no final decision will be made on planning issues this evening. Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose declared a pecuniary interest for Item 13 Lowertown leats.

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

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Footpath – 230/9/2, Cllr. P. Martin asked if Cllrs wished to discuss this in part 2 of the meeting, it was proposed by Cllr. J. Keeling, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, all in favour.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vanessa Strong spoke further to her discussions with Cllr. J. Keeling to ask if something could be done to reduce the speeding on the main B3280 road. Both Cllrs P. Martin and J. Keeling advised that reducing speeding in the area is important to the council and Cllr. J. Keeling advised he would soon be bringing someone from Highways around to see what can be done. Vanessa Strong asked if the community could do anything to help, Cllr. J. Keeling advised he is setting up a speed watch with volunteers and anyone who is interested to get in contact with him.

Amanda Collick – Advised that residents of Plover’s Field would like to see a play area on the open space. Cllr. P. Martin advised that there are ideas for the open space which could include a play area and building for the parish council. It was suggested that residents get together and form a committee to consider what they would like to see, and once ideas have been gathered Cllr. J. Keeling advised he would meet with the committee to hear the ideas and feed back to Cllrs.

Cllr. A. McDonald had obtained some play area brochures which he gave to Ms. Collick to take back to the residents to look at.

Jenna Harris – asked if Mirrors could be installed at the entrance of Plover’s Field to assist in pulling out safely on to the road, Cllr. J. Keeling advised he would speak to Highways.

Kevin Moseley – spoke as the agent to PA17/08288 to advise that the application is in the hamlet which has had several applications approved in recent years. The application is for 2 dwellings one will replace a caravan that is already sited there and the other replaces an application already approved for a dwelling so that the two can be better situated on the land. The application is in line with the local planning policy 3 as it is classed as a rounding off development. Previous approvals by CC have classed the area as a sustainable hamlet for development. No objections online, only one comment from the immediate neighbour who will share access with the application if approved.

Lucy Wandless – Headteacher of Sithney advised the public that the school are trying to resolve the issue of parents parking at Plover’s Field and have also tried to get Highways to look at turning one of the parking spaces outside the school into a drop off space. Cllr. J. Keeling advised he would take this up with Highways.

8. DEFIBRILLATORS – The clerk has been in contact with both Primary Schools. Trannack School are happy to have a Defibrillator on the building for the community to use. Sithney Headteacher Lucy Wandless asked the council to ensure that the location of the unit is considered as previously at another school the Defibrillator was due to be located on the outside of the building and when this was considered it was not possible. As long as the Defibrillator would be located on the outside of the building and available when the school is closed, then the school are happy for a Defibrillator to be located there. Cllrs agreed Sithney School is the most centrally located of the schools for a Defibrillator.

9. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – Cllr. P. Martin advised the royal visit was a success and thoroughly enjoyable for all especially the children who all took their turn to speak to the Countess. There were costs involved in purchasing the plaque and the map donated to the Countess. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Keeling, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, all in favour that these costs are reimbursed to Mr. P. Bickford-Smith at the November Meeting.

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

Cllr. A. McDonald advised he too thought the visit went very well. However, the ~~septic tank~~ Sewage Treatment Plant (amended 07.11.17, agreed by all Cllrs) at the open space was smelling. Cllr P. Martin has spoken to Coastline about the issue. Cllr. J. Keeling agreed to raise it with Coastline again.

11. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling reported September had been a busy month with several issues taking centre stage including the Chicken Farm application near Nancegollan with a technical briefing being held at County Hall with the Strategic Planning Committee with the applicant's agent, councillors, legal officer, planning officers, parish councillor and himself as ward member. The main concerns included traffic movement of manure and produce. Flooding, water contamination, ranging of chickens and the boundary definition. This will go on for some time yet with probably more informal and formal meetings to ensure that concerns are understood fully and the right decisions are reached. The Communities Secretary was in Cornwall last week and questions around the replacement of EU funding with a Shared Prosperity Fund were discussed and given this was in the Conservative Manifesto, Cllr. J. Keeling feels confident that Sajid Javid MP will ensure Cornwall continues to receive this very important funding stream. The Boundary Commission have determined that the number of Cornwall Councillors from May 2021 onwards is to be 87, a reduction of 30%. The focus now will be on ward boundary patterns to fit a council of that size and there will be two planned consultation phases until July 2018. It is very important that parish and town councils ensure the integrity of their parish boundaries are intact where possible and Cllr. J. Keeling believes that though a variation of 10% in represented electorate will be the norm there will be some flexibility should parish boundaries require it. There will be more information available along with briefings; but it is vital that towns and parishes are up to speed with developments and perhaps have one or two councillors to follow events. There was a briefing from the Police and Crime Commissioner last Friday (29/9/17) Alison Hernandez about policing matters here in Cornwall. One of the strap lines she used was "Listen to Communities" and I commented that we councillors do just that but there seems to be very few answers on offer. Nevertheless, she gave a good, enthusiastic and informative presentation about connecting communities and policing and mentioned her "meet my PCC event" to which she is willing to come out to meet groups and communities to answer questions and offer solutions. Cllr. J. Keeling would be delighted to facilitate such an event for the parishes and perhaps for the whole division of Breage, Germoe and Sithney. Incidentally, Cllr. J. Keeling has volunteered to be a Councillor Advocate which means he will be in touch with police in more than just his normal capacity, more details if he is accepted.

12. PLANNING: -

Applications:

PA17/08288 - Polgarth Farm, Crowtown, Helston TR13 0AA - Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: Erection of up to two dwellings. Cllr. J. Keeling advised he agreed with comments made by the agent, as did PAP. Cllr. J. Keeling noted the request by Natural England. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. M. Tresidder, that SPC supports this application.

PA17/07736 - Pednavounder Farm, Sithney, Helston, Cornwall - Listed Building Consent: Retain and re-instate the original features of the Farmhouse. All Cllrs agreed it was a good thing to re-instate original features within a property. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, that SPC supports this application.

PA17/08337 - Truthall Farm, Truthall, Sithney, Cornwall - Proposed New Dwelling and attached garage for Key Worker at Truthall Farm. Cllr. J. Keeling thought the proposal was of a reasonable size and it supports the continuation of the farm by allowing the key worker a dwelling to live in. PAP agreed and SPC supported the application previously. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. J. Keeling, that SPC supports his application.

Approved:

PA17/06163 - Land North of Brook House Coverack Bridges Helston Cornwall TR13 0LY - Outline application with some matters reserved for proposed self-build home and associated works.

Withdrawn:

PA17/07129 - Truthall Manor Truthall Sithney TR13 0DG - Listed building consent for the rectification of unauthorised works.

Planning Other:

PA17/08371 - Little Boscadjack, Trenear, Helston, Cornwall, TR13 0HH - Non- Material Amendments in respect of Decision Notice PA16/02683.

13. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Footpath 230/28/1 – Boscadjack to Trenear – Fence Ownership – Cormac have advised that it is on the enforcement list to take action against but cannot give any timeframe.

Lowertown Leats –Mr. Deverill has advised a final decision will be made within 7-10 days, at the moment CC believe that the answer is likely to be that the leat in question is definable as an ordinary watercourse under the Land Drainage Act 1991 and CC will then approach the landowner to get repair works undertaken. However, CC cannot act on this until they get a definitive answer. Definitive Map Modification Order WCA 518A –Progress – The clerk has submitted the request to the planning inspectorate, who have asked for a copy of the original evidence. Unfortunately, the clerk cannot locate these in the archived files held with her so has asked CC for a copy from their files. CC have supplied these and the clerk has forwarded to the planning Inspectorate.

Footpath 8 Sithney – Helston Railway Bridge – The closure has now been extended until 21st March 2018

14. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Community Network Panel – Free Event – 24.11.17 – Redruth

Helston & South Kerrier Community Network Panel – Agenda – 04.10.17- @ Cury @ 6pm. Cllr. P. Martin is going to try and attend.

Rural Economy Spotlight & RSN – Rural opportunities Bulletin

RSN weekly Bulletin 04/09, 1/09, 18/09 & 25/09

Cornwall AONB – Latest News

CALC Electoral Review of Cornwall Council – Saturday 14th October 2017 – 10-4pm Truro – Cllr. M. Tresidder is going to attend on behalf of SPC.

Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty & Rural Broadband – September 2017

CC – Neighbourhood planning – E Bulletin

Local Government Boundary Consultation has started

Grant Thornton - External Auditors Report – The clerk has received the External Audit report back from Grant Thornton along with the Notice of Conclusion of Audit which has been placed on the council’s website. The External Auditor has signed off Sithney P. C’s 2016/2017 accounts with no issues / concerns raised.

Quarterly & Annual Audit meeting combine with The Budget Setting Meeting – The clerk advised that the Budget meeting normally takes place in October each year, all Cllrs wished to attend, so it was agreed that the budget meeting would be held 10.10.17 if a venue could be found.

15a) To consider the following accounts for cheque payment: It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. J. Keeling, all in favour that the following payments are authorised

Cornwall Council (LGPS) – Clerk	£ 92.55
Grant Thornton (Audit Fees)	120.00
	<u>212.55</u>
Standing Order - Clerk Salary and Expenses	£530.93

15b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK –

The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £212.55 and a standing order for £530.93 totaling £743.48 as reported in item 15a. The balance at the end of September on the Current Account is £11,990.57 and on the Business Saver is £32,581.65.

The clerk reported that the accounts are considered adequate to undertake the work of the Parish Council. The monthly and quarterly report has been circulated to all Cllrs.

Risk Assessment – The clerk advised there were no issues to report.

Reports were proposed by Cllr. M. Tresidder, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, all in favour.

15c) POPPY WREATH / RBL DONATION – The clerk has been advised by Jennie at the Helston RBL branch that they have made a wreath for Sithney PC to lay at the remembrance service. Cllr. P. Martin proposed a donation of £80.00 to the RBL, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, all in favour.

16. CO-OPTION – The vacancy notice has been displayed, and no election has been called for, so the vacancy can be filled by Co-Option. One application has been received by Dr Keith Tapp, and circulated to all Cllrs. Dr Keith Tapp spoke to reiterate what was on his application. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Keeling, seconded by Cllr. M. Tresidder all in favour that Dr Keith Tapp is co-opted onto Sithney Parish Council and would sign his acceptance of office at the end of the meeting.

17. BUS SHELTER DEBRIS IN SITHNEY – Clearance –Cllr. P. Martin advised he had not had a chance to look at the debris yet. Both Cllrs. P. Martin and J. Keeling would look before next month.

18. BANK SIGNATORIES – The clerk advised that there are now only two signatories since the former chairman’s resignation. Cllr. J. Keeling agreed to be a third signatory, the clerk would get the forms for November.

19. SITHNEY OPEN SPACE

Cllr. P. Martin advised there is £1500 budgeted for maintenance including moving the granite bench for the open space and £14,675 for Community Projects / Hall. Cllr. P. Martin advised it would be good to see a timber building of some kind sited in the open space along with a play area. The council would need to consider either installing their own septic tank or approaching coastline to use the current one. A suitable size to accommodate public participation at council meetings with perhaps a multi-use by the school and locals. It was suggested all Cllrs to start thinking about it and report back next month with the possibility of a sub group being formed.

Cllr. M. Tresidder advised if a playing field committee of some sort was started it would open more funding options such as Crowd Funding which he has experience in and would be happy to advise on.

The plaque to mark the opening of Plover’s field should be sited by the boundary for all to see. It was agreed Cllr. A. McDonald would get quotes to install on a granite post, and report back.

It was Proposed by Cllr. J. Keeling seconder by Cllr. M. Tresidder to suspend standing orders to discuss Footpath 9/2 that was previously discussed last month.

Exclusion of press and public under SO 7 “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw”

20. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 7.30pm at Trannack School.