

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 05th JULY 2016 at 7.30PM

Present: -

Cllr P. Bickford-Smith - Chairman

Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe - Vice-Chairman

Cllr. P. Martin (arrived 7.50pm)

Cllr. A. McDonald

Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 12 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllr. L. Hutchinson, Cllr. J. Daybell and Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES –The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th June 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe and seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald and unanimously agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr. A. McDonald declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 10 Planning, Pear Tree Game Farm. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 10 Planning Borlowen Barn.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES –

Road Repairs – Cormac have advised the clerk ‘that although Trevarno is on the resurfacing list for this year, the surfacing department have yet to give it a date for works, therefore Mr Dickinson has arranged for the road to be inspected and for any dangerous potholes to be repaired in the meantime’. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe checked with the chairman that all pot holes / road repairs should be reported to the clerk in the first instance. The chairman agreed.

Sithney Tithe Map – The clerk has been advised by Cornwall Records Office that we are not allowed to place the Tithe Maps on the parish website, however should any Cllr wish to view them the clerk has the CD’s.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Duncan Collyer spoke in relation to his planning application at Borlowen Barn which he purchased around a year ago with a small plot of land with planning permission already granted. Mr. Collyer and his partner Miss Lake want to stay in the area as it is close to their family and the pre-school which their daughter attends. Since they have lived on site in a caravan the barn walls have started to collapse. Mr. Collyer has had a structural report carried out which confirms the barn has fallen beyond repair. Mr. Collyer has explored many options with regards to rebuilding the barn and the most suitable is the application for discussion tonight, which is to take down existing barn and replace with a single dwelling. The new dwelling will be made of existing materials from the original barn and will be in keeping with the area. The new dwelling will be 1 meter from the wall as the old barn was situated close to the boundary wall to build.

Amy Lake spoke to continue Mr. Collyer’s comments that the pre-app advice that Cornwall Council gave them was that they could increase the size slightly to a bigger footprint, which is what the new plans have done. Miss Lake advised all Cllrs are welcome to visit the site if they wished to do so.

Kevin Moseley represented the owners for the planning application at Polgarth Farm. Mr. Moseley explained that the application was to build a traditional dwelling which is on a brown field site. The plans are acceptable to the national planning policy. As the site is surrounded by neighbours the owners have been out and talked to the neighbours to check that they are happy with the plans. Three of the neighbours requested a fence on top of the bank between the dwelling and their own property, and also speed bumps on the private drive. Both of which the owners are happy to accommodate.

Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe asked Mr Moseley about the objection online from a neighbour. Mr Moseley explained that the comment was not an objection and that CC had categorised the comment incorrectly. The comment supported the application but asked for a boundary wall and surface water drains from the driveway to be looked into, which the owners will also explore.

7. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised that Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe had requested to attend the Chairman’s training ran by CALC at a cost of £20.00. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconder by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose that the clerk books a place on the course. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised the polling station at the Crown Inn in Crowntown was not satisfactory as the polling booths were made out of curtain and all the surrounding noise from the bar could be heard and could have led in some circumstances to influencing pollsters. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, all in favour that the clerk would report this to the returning officer at CC.

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised that there is a new Local Council Administration book for £73.60, and asked the clerk to look into further and report back at the August meeting.

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised that the roadside verge trimming in the area was of poor quality. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe agreed with these comments and highlighted the main issues as:

Hedges are only trimmed to a maximum of 4’ whilst lorry cabs have a height of at least 12’. This could result in lorries driving in the middle of the roads, not because the roads are too narrow but because the roads are not trimmed to a suitable height. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe has drafted a letter to reflect this which she read to the meeting. It was agreed that the letter should be posted to Highways, other local Parish Councils, Local Hauliers and the West Briton. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, all in favour that the clerk forward to all parties above.

8. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS –

Cllr. A. McDonald thanked Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith for the tour of the parish on the annual audit.

Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that on her visit to Lower Prospidnick last month she notice a large pond on site, and queried if it should have planning permission. It was agreed the clerk would contact planning at CC to seek further clarification.

Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that footpath 3 that runs behind the church to Pednavounder is not marked on the definitive map where it comes out of the field behind the barn. It was agreed the clerk would advise CC as the land owner is in agreement that the path runs along this route.

Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that the landowner on footpath 3/1 has done a very good job of installing two new stiles. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. P. Martin, all in favour that the clerk would write to the landowner to express the PC's thanks. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe has walked footpath 3/1 from the bungalow at Sithney to wheal fortune and at the Sithney end about 30ft in the first two stiles have barbed wire fastened to them from the field, which could prove very dangerous to walkers. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised he would speak to the land agent to resolve.

9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS –Cllr. Keeling reported that he attended a number of meetings during the month on Scrutiny, Governance and Constitution with meetings with the Chief Executive to catch up on a number of strategic matters that impact on the authority as a whole. Work is continuing on the boundary commission and the number of councillors for the 2021 unitary elections. No ball park figure as yet has been decided but there needs to be before the elections next year. Of course governance arrangements need to mirror the reduction in elected members. Of course the referendum on the EU as caused us all to think again about the way we will do business in the future; and though it is still early days it is important that Cornwall Council has an important role in exit negotiations and we will need to exert pressure on Central Government to achieve this. The council will also need to bring communities together given the implications of an exit are wide ranging; including risks to Local regeneration funding and EU Structural Funding despite reassurance that this will continue as before. As a matter of note Cornwall Council was neutral on the EU remain or leave camp with no debate on the issue within the council; but of course Cornwall Council members voted on the 23rd with their individual conscience and conviction. Let's hope that when the dust settles we can all see a way forward. Locally planning matters are keeping Cllr. Keeling busy and he is expecting reports on some long outstanding matters to come forward soon. Cllr. Keeling attended a meeting of the Lowertown Community Group and was able to give them an update on the Helston Railway Appeal which was upheld by the inspector recently. Cllr. Keeling appeals to all parties to try and get on with this decision and put past issues behind them. The group reported a rather large pothole and I urged them to use the national website, www.FixMyStreet.com which is an easy interface that residents and parish councils can use. The problems can be viewed on line and not limited to potholes either. The good news was that a few days after the pot was reported through this website it was fixed! Cllr. Keeling is waiting for a quote for Troon Row surface repairs. Please direct questions to him via email or telephone. The chairman expressed his thanks for Cllr. Keeling's report.

10.PLANNING: -

Applications:

PA16/04823 - Polgarth Farm Crowtown Helston TR13 0AA - Demolition of a domestic outbuilding and erection of a single storey dwelling. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that herself and Cllr. A. McDonald met for a PAP meeting and thought that the proposed bungalow was an improvement and within the current footprint of the barn and garden. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, 4 in favour, 1 abstained that the Parish council supports this application.

19:56pm Cllr. A. McDonald leaves the meeting.

PA16/03553 - Pear Tree Game Farm Trannack Coverack Bridges Cornwall - Continued use of land in association with game bird rearing business, erection of a replacement stable building and alterations to an existing agricultural building. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that as she looked into this application alone due to Cllr. A. McDonald's declared interest in the application she found it hard to come to a decision. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that there were conflicting reports within the Design and Access statement and with no current land agent's report available, could not come to a decision. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, 3 in favour, 1 abstained that the Parish council advises CC that there is no comment on this application.

8:01pm Cllr. A. McDonald returns to the meeting and Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith leaves the meeting and Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe takes the chair.

PA16/04848 - Borlowen Barn, Crowtown, Helston – Proposal to take down existing granite stone agricultural barn and replace with a single residential dwelling. Cllr. A. McDonald advised that the view of PAP was that it would be beneficial to move the new dwelling 1 meter from the existing wall. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, 3 in favour, 1 abstained that the Parish council supports this application.

8:05pm Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith returned and took the chair.

PA16/04393 - Prospidnick Place, Prospidnick Hill, Prospidnick, Sithney - Alterations to form new kitchen and amenity space and a detached double garage and access. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that on the condition that highways deem the new access to the garage safe then PAP thought the application should be supported. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald in 4 favour, 1 abstained that the Parish council supports this application.

Non-Material Amendment

PA16/05799 - Long Beam Penpraze Farm Crowtown Helston Cornwall TR13 0AA - Proposal

non-material amendment to PA14/10671 to include alteration to material used

on front elevation is replaced from wooden shiplap to recycled granite to be more aesthetically pleasing. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, 4 in favour, 1 abstained that the Parish council supports this amendment.

Approved

PA16/01424 - Pednavounder Cottage, Sithney, Helston, TR13 0AF - Listed building consent for: 1. Repair Chimney 2. Replace deteriorated windows and doors 3. Re wire internal electrics 4. Renovation of original fire place 5. Install mains gas combi boiler and radiators 6. Re-Plaster interior walls 7. (Retrospective) replace 4 floor joists.

PA16/04186 - Lonon Farm Mellangoose, Sithney, Helston, - Proposed Conversion of Barn

Appeals

PA15/07236 – Land Adjacent to Lavalow, Sithney Green, Helston – To Extend (at the rear) of stables, to include provision of tack room, mower and machine store and washroom. Cllrs agreed that SPC had no further comment to make.

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith addressed Cllr. P. Martin to ask that this council would appreciate his comments on planning applications due to his great knowledge of the area and the planning system. Cllr. P. Martin advised that as a member of the CC west Cornwall planning committee he has to wear two hats for the two roles. This is why Cllr P. Martin abstains on voting on Sithney Parish Council planning applications due to him having to make a decision on the planning application at a later date. Cllr. P. Martin advised that if Sithney Parish Council needed his assistance in future he would vote and give advice on the planning application and would declare an interest on the CC west Cornwall planning committee. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith thanked Cllr. P. Martin for this decision.

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Footpath 230/8/1 – Tregoose to Tregadjack – Modification Order – Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that she had served notice on the landowner and handed the completed forms to the clerk to copy and send back to CC.

Footpath 8/1 – Black Arch to Tregoose – Footpath Signs – Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised that he had not heard back from the land owner and so felt that it should now be left to the land owner.

Footpath 230/9/2 – On the Annual Parish Audit carried out on the 23/06/2016 it was noted that one of the hedges on the parcel of land that was agreed to be trimmed by the landowner had now been trimmed. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that part of the path on Prospidnick place was still not trimmed. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith has received confirmation that Andrew Roland would be cutting this piece.

12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Rural & Farming Network Event – Truro – 07.07.16

Cornwall Sports Partnership – Nominations Open

RSN Weekly Bulletin 31/05, 13/06 & 21/06

Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty June 2016

Communities & Devolution Newsletter May 2016

Communities & Devolution – One public transport bulletin – June 2016

RSN – Rural Economy Spotlight

CALC – Minutes of the Cornwall Planning Partnership 7/6/16

Communities & Devolution special Bulletin – Governance Review Dates

Sithney CP School – Retirement Party for Head teacher Mrs Susan Evans – Invite to all Members of SPC – 20.07.16

Highways have confirmed verge between Crowtown and Sithney School has been trimmed.

Annual Parish Audit carried out 23.06.16

Visibility Splay on the B3302 – Parishioner Concern. It was discussed and felt that nothing else could be done as highways are already aware.

Parked Car Between Sithney and A394 – Parishioner concern. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Devon and Cornwall to see if they could assist.

Camborne Town Council Petition – Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe proposed, seconded by Cllr. P. Martin, all in favour that the clerk completes the petition on behalf of SPC.

13a) To consider the following accounts for payment: It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, all in favour that the following payments be made:

	£
Mrs Jodie Ellis – Clerk (Salary, Expenses)	519.85
Cornwall Council (LGPS) – Clerk	89.34
CASH – Reimbursement of Petty Cash	47.48
St Sithney Church (S137 Payment)	825.00
	<u>1,481.67</u>

13b) Financial Reports by Clerk –**b.) Financial report.**

The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £1,481.67 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of June on the Current Account is £6,960.98 and on the Business Saver is £32,573.53. These are considered adequate to undertake the work of the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe that the report be accepted. All in favour.

Approval of Monthly and Quarterly Report.

The accounts to the end of June had been circulated but they do not include the payments drawn on the 05th July.

The clerk advised that a virement may be required into the printing and stationery budget as the new larger printer has a higher ink cartridge cost / use, the clerk will report further in August. There is a £31.14 overspend on subscriptions due to increase in CALC subscriptions this year, the clerk suggested a virement of £32.00 from the Insurance Budget.

It was proposed Cllr. A. McDonald, and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe and carried unanimously that these represent a true account of the Parish Council finances, and the clerk should complete the virement. and they were signed by the Chairman.

Annual Audit Report –

The Clerk reported that all parish assets were checked on the annual audit carried out on the 23.06.16 by the clerk, chairman, Cllr. A. McDonald and Cllr. L. Hutchinson. The annual audit recorded the following issues:

All 3 grit bins had around a 1/3 missing from them.

All notice boards with grass surrounding them, could do with strimming.

The telephone box at coverack bridges could do with a clean.

The bus shelter at Crowtown had been tidied inside and out and was dry.

Millennium Maps were counted and checked and agreed as 135 Unsigned and 43 Signed.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald, and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe and carried unanimously, that the Annual Audit report be accepted, and the clerk ask Bob Sanders to trim around the 3 notice boards.

14. Transport Scheme Update – Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe had circulated the transport scheme leaflet to all Cllrs, and advised it need one amendment to add another question asking users how frequently they would use the service per month. It was agreed that Cllrs would deliver the leaflets to households with the parish and either take the completed leaflet away if the parishioner completes it then and there, or leave a SAE for the return of the leaflet. It was agreed the clerk would print the leaflet, purchase the envelopes and stamps and distribute to all Cllrs. With a return date of the start of September for the completed leaflets.

15. S137 Applications –

Helford River Children's Sailing Trust – The clerk had circulated the S137 application and supporting documents to all Cllrs. Discussions took place and it was proposed by Cllr. P. Martin, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, all in favour that the parish council would support the trust in the sum of £200.

16. Co-Option – The clerk advised no applications had been received. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith suggested to all Cllrs to keep an eye out for any interested candidates.

17. Footpaths –

The clerk has contacted the contractor and advised of the following issues:

Footpath 4/1 Sithney to Roseladden - From Sithney about 30' into the path the Hawthorn and Elder are so low that walkers have to crouch down, needs to be trimmed on the next cut.

Bridleway 30/1 From Lowertown - After the path passes under the bridge there is an uprooted tree on the left hand side, opposite this on the right hand side there is a small thicket that needs cutting back away from the path and also a gorse bush further up on the right hand side. When the path narrows and goes up towards what was once a kissing gate there is a lot of blackthorn on the left hand side that needs cutting back and also lateral growth after the kissing gate.

Footpaths 14/1 + 14/2 – Do not appear to have been trimmed.

18. Website – The clerk has updated the website as per the 7th June's meeting, but still requires Cllrs to send in a picture file and a profile about themselves for the clerk to add to the website. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Martin, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe that the clerk should update the website with the Sea Sanctuary article.

19. School Governor's Report – Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that she attended the multi academy meeting last month. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith asked Cllrs who would be attending Mrs Susan Evans's leaving do. Cllr. P. Martin, Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith and Cllr. J. Daybell are all hoping to attend.

20. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 2nd August 2016 at 7.30pm at Trannack School.