

**SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 07<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016 at 7.30PM**

**Present: -**

**Cllr P. Bickford-Smith - Chairman**

**Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe - Vice-Chairman**

**Cllr. P. Martin**

**Cllr. A. McDonald**

**Cllr. L. Hutchinson**

**Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose**

**Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling (arrived 8.26pm)**

**Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 5 members of the public.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Were received from Cllr. J. Daybell and Cllr. Ms. E. Williams

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 were proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald and seconded by Cllr. P. Martin and unanimously agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 were proposed by Cllr. A. McDonald and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe and unanimously agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA** – Cllr. Mrs. Penrose declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 10 Lowena, Lowertown. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith declared a disclosable financial interest in Item 10 Planning Appeals regarding the Helston Appeal, a Disclosable pecuniary interest in item 10 Planning Approval for Sithney School as a School governor. A disclosable financial interest in Item 11 Public Rights of way as a part landowner of Footpath 230/14/2.

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

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES –**

**Defibrillators** – Following on from last month's meeting the clerk has not received a response from either school.

**Road Repairs** – The clerk has received notification from Highways that the road repairs between Chynhale and Trevarno Front Lodge is scheduled to be carried out in the 2016/2017 year and the road between Sithney Green to Tregoose will be carried out in 2017/2018.

**Sithney Tithe Map** – The clerk has contacted the Cornwall Records Office, and has received a CD rom with the Tithe maps free of charge. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose that the Sithney Tithe maps should be placed on the Council's website.

**Sithney School Parking** – The clerk has received an email from Mark Cooper at Devon and Cornwall Police who confirms that it is illegal to park on double yellow lines and zig zags but it is the responsibility Local Parking Authority as the Police are no longer involved. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith has spoken to the School and they are very much aware of the situation and will put something in their weekly newsletter.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Alan Thomas spoke in regards to his planning application at Lonon Farm to advise he, his wife and family currently live in Gweek and want to return home to the family farm at Lonon to have a more active role on the farm. The first planning application that was submitted was returned, to look at and make some alterations which they have now achieved on this application. Mr. Thomas thanked Sithney Parish Council for its support on the first application.

Thelma Bedwell – spoke on behalf of the Sithney over 60's club to advise that the Mystery Tour will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> June this year, and anyone that wishes to book a place, the details can be found on Sithney parish Council's website.

**7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised that he witnessed children walking along the road in Crowntown due to the path between the Crown Inn and Sithney school being very overgrown. It was agreed the clerk would contact Cormac to advise.

**8. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that the Full length of Truthall road and along by Nanskerris are pitted with potholes. It was agreed the clerk would contact highways.

**9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS** – Cllr. John Keeling reported the Independent Remuneration Panels delivery of their report on councillor's allowances and remuneration was the topic at full council last month with debate on the matter of "Devonwall" bringing council to a close. Council voted for a 13.5% increase in the basic allowance bring the amount of remuneration to just under £14,000 a year from the present £12,000 and will come into effect from 2017 for the new council following the local elections. This comes at time of service reductions and continuing austerity and increasing council tax bills putting more pressure on the Cornish Tax Payer with fewer services to show for it. There was no debate which left a lot of councillors, including Cllr. Keeling, very unhappy, and consequently a number of Cllrs voted against the increase. Notwithstanding the argument that an increase in the basic allowance is designed to attract people to the role of councillors, it is hardly enough to tempt a young professional to become a councillor and give up a career to take on a full-time position as a Cornwall Councillor.

The matter of "Devonwall" that is the merging of parts of Cornwall with Devon was debated and a strongly worded letter will be sent to ministers arguing to retain the border and Cornwall continuing to be "Pure". This comes in the light of the Parliamentary Boundary Review for fairer boundaries following the reduction in MPs from 650 to 600 in time for the next general election. This really means that the southwest will lose 2 seat down from 55 to 53. There will be extensive consultation up to the end of 2018 when eventually proposal will be submitted to parliament and new constituencies in place for the general elections. This will of course be preceded by the local boundary commission review of how many

councillors are need for the Cornwall Council in 2021; and work is continuing to put in place a preferred number to achieve electoral equality and the right size of council for Cornwall so that members can provide community leadership as effective councillors.

Cllr Kelling is happy to hear from parish councillors and members of the public on matters that affect them and don't forget his monthly surgery on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 11 until 12.

Sithney Parish Council wishes to thank Cllr. Kelling for his continued support in the Parish.

## **10. PLANNING: -**

### **Pre-Applications**

PA16/01491 - The Crowtown Inn Helston Cornwall TR13 0AB - Pre-Application advice for the proposed development of four houses constructed within part of the existing carpark with alterations to existing accommodation - Includes Highway Consultation.

### **Applications**

PA16/04186 - Lonon Farm Mellangoose Sithney Helston, Proposal Proposed Conversion of Barn. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe and Cllr. A. McDonald met on the 06<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to have a PAP meeting. Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised they though the plans would be an improvement to the building and area.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, 4 in favour, 1 abstained that SPC supports this application.

### **Amendment**

PA16/02254 - 2 Old School House Sithney Helston Cornwall TR13 0RP. Erection of Timber Building for family play room / child minding facility to Construction of out building for uses incidental and ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwelling.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe and seconded by Cllr. L. Hutchinson, 4 in favour, 1 abstained that Sithney Parish Council are happy with the amendment.

### **Approved**

PA16/03237 – Sithney Community Primary School, Crowtown, Helston – Multi - use room extension to existing staff room and internal alterations to the reception area.

PA16/02345 - Chyreen Farmhouse, Tregathenan, Sithney, Cornwall TR13 0DE - To create an equestrian sand school with a correctly drained all weather surface (not flood lit) 40m x 20m, enclosed by post and rail fencing in paddock adjacent to existing yard/outbuildings.

### **Appeals**

PA15/02494 – Helston Railway, Trevarno Farm, Prospidnick, Helston – Helston Railway – Appeal Allowed. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith reported that the appeal had been upheld by the Inspector with 18 conditions being imposed, and the residents of Chynhale and Prospidnick will no doubt be disappointed by the decision. Cllr. P. Martin advised that Cllrs should learn from this appeal and air caution on decision making in future as it could have been a lot worse and the appeal could have cost a lot of money. The council only just had a quorum for voting on the application and so may not have been a true representation of the council. 7.45pm Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose left the meeting, returning at 7.45pm.

### **Enforcement**

EN14/00673 and PA13/03435/PREAPP - Lowena, Lowertown Helston – The clerk has received an email from Joanne Patient at CC to advise 'She has received the completed Planning Contravention Notice from the owner in which he confirms that they did install a septic tank on the land and a stand pipe. Therefore, the outstanding breach of planning control is the engineering operations to install a septic tank and stand pipe on the land but is not considered expedient to pursue. This is because in isolation they do not constitute a material change in the use of the land and enforcement action to have them removed would not stop camping being undertaken on the land as the owner can use the land for this purpose under the 28-day temp use of land legislation anyway regardless of the septic tank being there. Miss Patient will be contacting the owners Agent to inform him that the case has been closed now but will also be reiterating the fact that they can only use the land for temporary camping for 28 days in total for the calendar year and no more. Miss Patient will also suggest that they alter the information on their website to reflect this restricted availability but as you know, she cannot make them'. Discussions took place and it was agreed that as CC are aware of the situation then not much more can be done, other than to continue to monitor the situation if camping continues for more than the 28 days allowed.

## **11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Footpath 230/8/1 – Tregoose to Tregadjack – Modification Order – Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe reported that she had one more form to collect.

Footpath 8/1 – Black Arch to Tregoose – Footpath Signs – Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith reported that he is still negotiating with the land agent who has found a cheaper source for the signs. If the signs are erected, then it will be important that a Parish council representative is present to ensure accuracy of the signs.

## **12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE**

RSN – Weekly Bulletin, 03/05/16, 09/05/16, 16/05/16 & 23/05/16

RSN – Spotlight on Rural Health, Rural Conference 2016 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Rural Opportunities Bulletin & Rural Vulnerability Service- Rural Transport May 2016

Get Active Cornwall – Get Active Opportunities

Communities & Devolution – Devolution News May 2016

Communities & Devolution – Cornwall Election Review Briefing May 2016

CALC Transparency Fund 2016/2017

Coastal Communities Fund Round 4

Cornwall for Change Newsletter

CC – Neighbourhood Planning Training workshops update

Cornwall Street works – Bulk Order Resurfacing 2016/2017

Helston & South Kerrier Community Network Panel – Agenda 01<sup>st</sup> June 2016

Police Liaison Group Invitation – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June @ Falmouth Town Council @ 6pm

Local Devolution Fund Helston & The Lizard Community Network Area – Deadline Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016

A394 crossroads to Sithney Church has been reported as overgrown by a parishioner and has been reported to Cormac.

**13a) To consider the following accounts for payment:** It was proposed by Cllr. P. Martin, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, all in favour that the following payments be made, subject to the footpaths being checked by Cllrs before payment is made to R Sanders.:

	£
Mrs Jodie Ellis – Clerk (Salary, Expenses)	524.75
Cornwall Council (LGPS) – Clerk	87.51
CASH – Reimbursement of Petty Cash	48.81
R Sanders – LMP Contract	294.36
	<b><u>955.43</u></b>

**13b) Financial Reports by Clerk –**

**b.) Financial report.**

The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £955.43 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of May on the Current Account is £7,534.54 and on the Business Saver is £32,569.47. These are considered adequate to undertake the work of the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Ms. L. Hutchinson, and seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald that the report be accepted. All in favour.

**Approval of Monthly Report.**

The accounts to the end of May had been circulated but they do not include the payments drawn on the 07<sup>th</sup> June. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, and seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald and carried unanimously that these represent a true account of the Parish Council finances and they were signed by the Chairman.

**Monthly Risk Assessment –**

The Clerk reported that the tree overhanging the new Notice Board at Coverack Bridges needed trimming which has kindly been carried out by Cllr. A. McDonald.

**14. Transport Scheme Update** – Discussions took place and it was agreed that all Cllrs wanted to take the transport scheme forward to find out what residents wanted. It was agreed that another meeting was required by the ‘SAS’ Sithney Access Service Cllrs prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> July full council meeting.

**15. S137 Applications –**

**St Sithney Church** – Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised that SPC gave £825.00 to the church in 2015/2016. Cllr. P. Martin advised he thought this was a lot of money for a small church. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe, 5 in favour, 1 against that Sithney Parish council would donate £825.00.

**Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust** – It was agreed to postpone this application to the July meeting as the accounts of the Trust were not included with their application.

**16. Co-Option** – The clerk advised CC have had no requests for an election to be held, so the vacancy can be filled by Co-Option. The clerk would advertise the vacancy on the Website and Notice boards with a closing date of the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to review at the meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**17. Footpaths** – Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith reminded Cllrs that the purpose of distributing the footpath list between Cllrs is to ensure that all footpaths are walked so that the condition of the paths can be monitored. All Cllrs need to report back to the clerk their findings so that we can build up a history on the paths.

Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that Footpath 9 was previously sprayed by our contractor so the owner of the land now trims his land himself. There is also a piece of land along 230/9/2 that the landowner also agreed to trim himself but has not yet done so. It was agreed that the clerk would locate the owners details and write to them advising the piece of land needs to be trimmed within 4 weeks or we would ask our contractor to trim.

**18. Website** – The clerk would like to update the P. C’s website to include the following:

FOI Policy

Complaints Procedure

List with Cllrs names and their responsibilities, specialist areas.

A link to Cornwall Council website to show people how to report something, such as missed waste collection, abandoned vehicle, Japanese Knotweed, Breach of planning etc:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/reportit](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/reportit)

A link through to the planning website so that people can view the applications.

Cllr. Mrs. A. Pascoe advised that it would be a good idea to have a photo and profile for each Cllr on the website so that parishioners know a bit about their local Cllrs.

**19. School Governor’s Report**

Cllr. Mrs/ A. Pascoe reported that Trannack had received a Good Ofsted report and that the multi academy trust meeting takes place tomorrow night.

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised that Sithney Community Primary School has had its planning application approved. The head teacher Susan Evan’s leaving Party takes place on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 but it is unsure if outsiders are invited at present.

**20. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm at Trannack School.