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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK CP SCHOOL ON 4th OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.30pm

Present: Cllr P. Martin (Chairman) Cllr P. Bickford-Smith (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs A.Pascoe, Cllr M. Morgans, Cllr B. Deacon,Cllr R. Ashmore arrived 7.42,

Cllr I. Paterson and Cllr Miss E. Williams

Temporary Clerk, Mr W.E. Wilkins, new Clerk Mrs P.L. Williams and 8 members of the public.

Members stood in silence for one minute in memory of Cornwall Councillor Mike Clayton who passed away on 26th September 2011

1 Apologies – were received from Cllr. T. Martin and PCSO Ceri Sadler.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th September 2011 at Sithney School were proposed by Cllr. Paterson, seconded by Cllr. Morgans and unanimously approved.

3 Declarations of Interest in Items on this Agenda

Cllr. Bickford-Smith declared an interest in item 10, Planning PA11/06769, construction of extension for general storage at The Tenthouse, Nancegollan Industrial Estate as the applicant.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith declared an interest in item 14, Parish Priority Initiative, as he was a landowner.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith declared an interest in item 5 Public Participation as he was a landowner.

Cllr. P. Martin declared an interest in item 5 Public Participation and item 14 as a private landlord and involved in the construction industry.

4 Appointment and Introduction of new Clerk to Sithney Parish Council

The Chairman introduced Mrs. Pauline Williams to members as the new clerk to this council. He wished her a happy stay in this role and assured her that all members would do all they could to assist her while she settled into her new post.

5 Public Participation

Simon Lewis, Mr. Norcross and Mr and Mrs Cairns stated that they did not know that the Sithney Lives meeting was being held at Sithney School. They felt the development was inappropriate, it was badly publicised and that housing should be shared around the Parish, not just focused on Crowntown as locals were used to small hamlets so it would be more appropriate.

Cllr. R. Ashmore arrived

Cllrs P. Martin, P. Bickford-Smith, M. Morgans, Mrs. A. Pascoe, and R. Ashmore responded.

It was confirmed that the meeting was advertised in the Parish Magazine, West Briton, Parish Newsletter, on Parish Council notice boards, on Radio Cornwall and on the school railings. Regrettably the PC does not have funds to send individual letters. It was stated that this was a consultation by Cornwall Council who make the final decision and the PC were consultees as well as the public. Development was governed by areas of land that were being made available by local landowners and the local infrastructure available at those sites. It was felt that young people should be encouraged to stay in the villages. It was emphasised that the number and types of housing to be provided have yet to be agreed. Members of the public were encouraged to send their views to CC.

6 Police Report

Mr. Wilkins confirmed this had not arrived, the new clerk to chase.

7 Chairman's Comments

Cllr P. Martin commented on the service that Cornwall Cllr Clayton he had given to Sithney Parish and to members. He had been a great servant, very sincere; did his best for everyone and will be sadly missed.

Cllr P. Martin then thanked Mr. Wilkins for returning to perform the role of clerk since the resignation of Mrs. L Carr. In addition to normal clerking duties he had given assistance in handling applications and advising applicants for the new post and he had agreed to make himself available to give any advice when requested by Mrs. Williams.

Cllr. Deacon said he had been approached by residents in Crowntown regarding speeding vehicles. Cllr Martin said cameras had been used. The footpath from Johnny Whites Lane to the school was badly overgrown. The Clerk to contact County Highways and ask for it to be cut.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith reported that a local resident had lost a pet jackdaw. Unfortunately it had frightened children and DEFRA had given a licence for it to be shot. The owner had been advised.

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Cllr. Paterson thanked Councillors for distributing the newsletter. It was regrettable that they had not been delivered in Crowtown in time. He said he would take up Mr. Lewis kind offer to help deliver these. Cllr. Paterson said he had been told by Bill Jones from Penzance print shop that there was a new procedure for printing the newsletters which would now had to be sent to Camborne. He asked the Clerk to advise him of the cost as soon as the invoice was received. It was agreed to continue to encourage the public to receive the newsletter by e mail to save costs.

Cllr Bickford-Smith asked that affordable housing should be the final agenda item in future.

9 Cornwall Councillors Comments

No Cornwall Councillors were present

10 Planning

Applications

The Clerk advised members that the Planning Advisory Panel had met on Friday 30th September and the following recommendations had been made:-

PA11/07324 – erection of an annex at Kestrel View, Boscadjack Farm, Coverack Bridges – Supported as this is an infill situation and impact on surrounding land is likely to be minimal. Details of the site visit are awaited. Cllr. P. Martin and I Paterson reported that they had attended a site meeting held at short notice as CC said they had been unable to contact Cllr. Bickford –Smith.

PA11/07126 – construction of a farm building for sheltering cattle at Wheal Mount Farm, Tregathenan, Sithney – Supported.

PA11/07120 – retention of timber store/field shelter for horses and stationing of caravan for storage at Lower Boscadjack Farm, Trenear – Supported. Suggest that if the caravan is still necessary for storage, the shed could be extended to alleviate the need for the caravan. No permission had been sought to store caravan in shed.

PA11/07125 – erection of a farm building for sheltering cattle at Windy Ridge Farm, Prospidnick – Supported.

PAP expressed concern that applications not appertaining to this Parish were still being received, and planning history documents were not always forwarded.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr I Paterson, and unanimously agreed that the recommendations put forward by the Planning Advisory Panel be accepted.

Permissions Granted

PA11/01608 – replacement door and windows at Treleor, Longstone Farm, Longstone Downs, Wendron.

PA11/06769 – construction of extension for general storage at The Tenthouse, Nancegollan.

Other Planning Matters

PA11/05655 – conversion of redundant barn to dwelling at Mellangoose Barn, Mellangoose, Sithney – refused.

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Cllr. Paterson reported that he had attended the Local Council Planning Forum which had been devoted almost entirely to the implications of the Localism Bill on Planning. Phil Mason, head of Planning and Regeneration had said that the number of planning applications being determined against the recommendation of the PC had fallen from 13% to 3%.

Andy England said that PC's would be expected to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan with a likely cost of between £17,000 and £63,000.

11 Public Rights of Way

Cllr. Paterson said that the paths had been cleared to Brian Pascoe's usual high standard and recommended payment of his invoice in the sum of £1,000.

12 Regeneration

The temporary Clerk reported that he had received a copy of the contract between British Telecom and this council in relation to purchase of telephone kiosk in Lower town 01326 565198 and had passed it to Cllr. Ashmore.

13 Report of Clerk and Correspondence

Clerk reported that all instructions from the last meeting had been completed. Cornwall Highways were still not co-operating with regard to the work on the overgrown lane between Trelin and Crowntown and this had been referred back to the Area manager of Neighbourhood Services for proper action to be taken. The new Clerk agreed to chase this.

The latest update relating to the Localism Bill and Code of Conduct has been circulated to councilors by email and temporary clerk advised that as developments are unclear it is still advisable to wait to see the final outcome.

Cornwall Council has circulated the Core Strategy Newsletter and details of responses relating to the main issues. This has also been circulated by email – noted Cornwall Council's detailed Localism Newsletter for September 2011 has been circulated to members for information – noted.

CALC weekly issues have also been circulated for information

Yvonne Lewer had e mailed the temporary Clerk thanking him for his letter on behalf of the Council to Trevarno Gardens. This letter and on line petitions have resulted in a reprieve for the closure of the gardens until December to allow for more extensive marketing.

St. Sithney Parish Church invites members and their families to the service of remembrance to be held on Sunday 13th November at 6pm. The Council was invited to nominate a Councillor to lay the wreath and one to read the second lesson.

Councillor P. Martin agreed to lay the wreath and Cllr. P. Bickford Smith agreed to read the lesson. The new Clerk to order the wreath.

14 Priority Parish Initiative

Cllr Pascoe stated that the consultation period had now closed.

15 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

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Cllr. Bickford-Smith presented members with a draft agenda and suggestions of celebrations for consideration. It was proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded by Cllr. Deacon and carried that these would be held on 4th June, 2012. Money would have to be put in the budget to cover any expenditure.

16 Legal Advice Policy

Cllr Paterson had concerns over the charges by solicitors in the present financial climate and he felt that it was important to ensure that this council remains a member of CALC where a degree of assistance is given concerning legal matters. This was agreed. The new Clerk said that SALC, CALC's counterpart in Sussex was invaluable over her 25 years service with free, reliable legal advice.

17 Proposed new Email Address for Sithney Parish Council

In line with the request made at the interview for additional security of Parish Council paperwork the new clerk, Mrs. Williams, asked for the approval of members to have a separate email address for Sithney Parish Council at her home. A suitable one had been secured, free of charge from yahoo. The e mail address would be sithneyparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk .

It was proposed by Cllr Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs. Pascoe and unanimously agreed that Mrs. Williams be allowed to create this new email address. Mrs. Williams confirmed that a separate desktop page had been established on her computer only accessible via a password.

18 Finance

It was proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded by Cllr Morgans and unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid:-

Brian Pascoe for LMP path cutting £1000.00;

Mrs. L.M. Carr ex clerk for mileage due £5.50;

Mr. W.E. Wilkins as temporary clerk, salary for 14 hours in August, full month in September, and 3 hours in October at scale 23 as agreed at Extraordinary Meeting on 2nd August 2011 less PAYE £562.77, office allowance £20.00; mileage £10.00, telephone calls £2.30;

Mrs. P.L. Williams as new clerk for reimbursement of petty cash £80.96;

HMRC for PAYE for Mr. Wilkins £140.60.

A request for a donation has been received from Cornwall Playing Fields Association and it was unanimously agreed that this should be deferred until the last meeting of the financial year in accordance with Sithney Parish Council policy.

A request for a donation has been received from Carleen Community Church Care Centre and it was unanimously agreed that this should be deferred until the last meeting of the financial year in accordance with Sithney Parish Council policy,

19 Time and Date of Next Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 1st November 2011 at Sithney CP School.