

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2012 AT 7.30PM

Present:-

Cllr. P. Martin - Chairman	Cllr. I Paterson – Vice Chairman
Cllr. R. Ashmore left at 8.35	Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith left at 8.40
Cllr. B. Deacon	Cllr. M. Morgans
Cllr. A. Pascoe	Cllr. E. Williams

Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin, Parish Clerk Mrs. Pauline Williams and 4 members of the public,

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. T. Martin

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES -The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Sithney School on 4th September was proposed by Cllr. Pascoe seconded by Cllr Paterson and unanimously approved.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr. Bickford-Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item 4 and 18 housing as a landowner involved in the scheme, and left the meeting prior to both sets of discussion.

Cllr. P. Martin declared a non pecuniary interest in item 4 and 18 as a landlord.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mr and Mrs Steward of the Crown Inn and Lodges, having e mailed the Parish Council prior to the meeting put their views to the Council on use of sites 1 and 2 of the Affordable Housing Scheme. Cllr. Bickford-Smith left the meeting at 7.31. They stated that the Public House could not financially support itself alone. Its survival depended on the income from the holiday cottage and lodges. People visited due to the open aspect and outstanding views to the front, there being no side or rear views as land was not in their ownership. They expressed concern about the proposed sitting of a crossing outside the pub which would affect deliveries to them. Already locals park in the pub car park, which is not acceptable, but if these properties were built opposite the additional cars from visitors could effectively fill the pub car park. They also expressed concern that the noise and disruption of the construction would also affect their holiday business. They stated that trade was poor and felt that if the housing was built opposite the business would fail, the post office would close and rather than increasing local amenities the development would have the effect of removing the only ones.

Mrs. Mickler stated that she had spoken to the family of Mr. Philips re the repairs to the seat at Coverack Bridges. She stated that the family were in favour provided the council did not go to any expense.

Cllr. Bickford Smith returned to the meeting.

5 POLICE REPORT - PCSO Ceri Sadler reported that there had been one crime reported in September compared with three for the same time last year. The crime was that of criminal damage to a vehicle which is still under investigation.

She stated that the Police were running a National Seat Belt Campaign to educate non users and to remind them of the risks that are involved when not wearing it.

6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Nothing to report

7. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Update by Clerk on issues raised by Councillors:-

Problems raised by resident at Spring Cottage, re lane between Sithney Green and B3302 – Hedge cutting works still ongoing and as soon as this work is completed a Purchase Order will be issued to clear the road.

Overgrown trees Trannack, Sithney Green and Trevarno Front Lodge – Notice had been served on the landowners and all hedges have now been cut. The officer has inspected the trees at Trevarno and does not consider any trees to be a danger to highway users. Cllr. Paterson said he had witnessed a lorry carrying straw bales hit a tree outside Chynhale Old School and it had snapped off and fallen into the road. If a car had been behind the vehicle there would have been problems. The Clerk was asked to contact CC and ask them to check the heights of the branches again.

Collapsed drain at Tregathenan near turning to Truthall – A site meeting had been held with Mr. Hosking, David Vincent (Area Manager) and Councillor Pascoe. Cllr. Pascoe expressed concern that Cormac not only do the work, but draw up the specification and act as their own quality control. Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin said this was correct. Cllr. Pascoe was asked by CC to put her concerns in writing and a full response would be sent. Cormac have stated that all the work undertaken was suitable and fit for purpose. It was agreed to send the letter, previously circulated by Cllr. Pascoe to Cormac, and to add (proposed by Cllr. Paterson, seconded by Cllr. Bickford Smith and carried) that bollards should be installed to

stop further damage to the verge particularly in the vicinity of the manhole cover. The Clerk to ask the Environment Agency to take a water sample to be analysed from the open part of the drain located just below Tregathenan where dirty water is constantly flowing.

Overgrown bushes Mellangoose – landowners have now cut their hedges following Notice being served on them.

Crowtown to Sithney School – CC have issued a Purchase Order to cut back the hedges and works will take place over a number of Saturdays.

Cllr. Deacon reported that Johnny Whites Lane, which runs between the B3302 and B3303, was badly overgrown and damaging cars. Cllr. Bickford-Smith stated he was the landowner. The Clerk to formally ask for the lane to be cut back.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith asked when the results of the speed visor at Crowtown would be known. Cornwall Councillor, Loveday Jenkin said she had not yet received them but would chase the results again.

Update Pengoon Farm – Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin said that extra officers will attend the next visit.

Update Wheal Bramble, Gansey Farm - Mandy Smith is on leave so no response was forthcoming

Damage to Cornish Hedge between Truthall Manor and grass triangle at bottom beyond the bridge

Cllr. Bickford-Smith said he had spoken to the land agent, who agreed the vehicles should not approach the field from the direction they did, and gave his verbal undertaking to have the hedge repaired.

Trevarno Estate – Cllr. Paterson said that now the house and formal gardens have been sold the operations currently undertaken in the house will be relocated to Gansey Farm along with the railway upon completion of the sale on 21st October. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Planning and ask for an officer to ascertain if the works being carried out are permitted without a change of use application.

A mail box bearing the name An Gwelvos has appeared on the corner next to Gew Cottage at the end of the lane with no visible sign of habitation; it is believed the owner is Pearce. It was agreed to ask the Planning Officer to investigate as post is being delivered.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith stated that the wood shed at Nanskerris now has a shiny roof on it and asked Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin to investigate. The Clerk said there had been a pre app for this property which included 3 sheds, but no decision had been made only advice given.

Cllr. Deacon said he and Cllr. Morgans had attended the winding up meeting for Sithney Charities. Regrettably due to low interest rates there are insufficient funds to make any donations. Therefore the capital sum (confirmed at around £4,000) will be divided up between local groups. It was agreed not to disclose recipients until the matter is concluded.

Cllr. Morgans advised Councillors that they were cordially invited to attend the dedication of trees and benches to be put in place to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee Year. The programme is set for Thursday 11th October commencing at 9.30 at Trannack School.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. Loveday Jenkin reported:-

- After the Full Council motion on putting public services out to a Joint venture private Company there has been a public petition launched on the CC website <http://www.freepetition.co.uk/cornwall/SignPetition.aspx?apcode=%20P42ID2102012174516> If 5000 signatures are reached the issue has to be considered by Full Council. There has also been a motion of no confidence in the Leader proposed by 42 councillors which will be discussed at a special Council meeting on October 16th
- Usual Officer chasing
- Consultation on Affordable Housing
- Cabinet decided that the New Archive for Cornwall should be proposed for Redruth
- The Core strategy (now called Draft Local plan) is almost ready for its final consultation and Helston Framework draft being worked on – still many problems and the Cabinet planning Policy advisory panel last Friday has supported a lower house building number (38-40,000 rather than 49,000)
- Youth Diamond project – interviews for the youth workers have been taking place – hope to start as soon as possible
- Planning application in Lowertown has been opposed by both Wendron PC and Helston TC

- Business rates informal working group guidance will be going to Cabinet in October
- Standards guidance and final code for T and PC is currently being finalised and training undertaken by CALC now and CC in Dec and January
- Helston Museum – SKHT expression of interest to run has been accepted
- Current consultation on charging for community events – concern on the costs for small scale non-profit community events

9. PLANNING

Planning Applications – None received in time for inclusion on agenda.

PA12/08684 Formation of vehicular access, Pednavounder Farm, Sithney. TR13 0AF will be discussed at next PC meeting. Concern had been expressed about the unfortunate delays when applications miss the agenda deadline. The Clerk stated that currently it is a legal requirement to advertise all applications on the agenda before the Council forward their comments to CC, despite the PC only being a consultee. However, when Sarah Mason of CALC returns from leave she will speak with her about this problem to see if there is a solution. Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin said the new Planning Protocols should address this problem.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

West sub area planning committee agenda for 19/9/2012

Pre application requests made to CC:-

PA12/02005 Removal of planning condition restriction to form complete residential use, The Blacksmith Shop, Tregathenan, Sithney TR13 0RZ – Advice given by CC. File closed.

PA12/02073 Erection of an extension to Grade II listed building, conversion of outbuildings into two holiday lets and erection of three timber workshops, Nanskerris, Trevarno, Sithney TR13 0RU. Pending decision.

PA12/02360 Erection of an affordable dwelling (in place of timber barn) Barn opposite OS field 5324 Trannack, TR13 0DQ. Advice given by CC. File Closed

PA12/2555 Erection of conservatory, High Barn, Gwavas Hill, Lowertown TR13 0BZ. Pending

PA12/02617 Erection of garden shed, Sithney Green Farmhouse, Sithney Green. TR13 0RT. Advice given, File closed.

Application updates:-

PA12/00249 Submission of details to discharge conditions 2 and 3 in respect of decision notice PA11/04396 Middle Gwavas, Gwavas Hill, Lowertown TR13 0BZ. Pending decision.

PA12/06863 Listed building consent for restoring window openings on the North and East Elevation of main house, replacement of roof tiles and installation of angle ridge on detached barn, installation of roof on hen house incorporation slate hanging tiles to walls and rebuild of collapsed stone retaining wall and steps. Tuckingmill Farm, Tuckingmill. Pending decision.

Permissions Granted

PA12/05441 Lowertown Mill, Lowertown. Mr. and Mrs. Hopper (previous application withdrawn) Conversion of barns into 2 residential units

The Clerk reported that a condition of the granting of this planning permission was that the waterwheel is restored, as requested by the PC.

New planning protocols – The PC response had been acknowledged by CC.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – Footpath 230 14/1 – Nothing to report

Cllr. Paterson said he had examined sample paths cut under the LMP contract including FP 5, 8, 9,14,15,17 and 19 and with two minor oversights (an obscure stile on FP14 and 18/1 which had now been cleared) found the work to be well done. Cllr. Pascoe concurred. Cllr. Paterson stated that he was meeting with Mr. Sanders to draw these to his attention. Based on this Cllr. Paterson proposed, it was seconded by Cllr. Pascoe and carried that the full payment be made and the Chairman signed the final claim form for the year to be forwarded to CC for settlement. Cllr. Paterson said he felt the cutting dates were too close together due to delays in the PC being advised of funding by CC. It was agreed, that as the work needs to be carried out anyway, the contract be let and the dates altered without waiting to hear from CC.

11. REGENERATION/BT PHONE BOXES - Cllr. Ashcroft said he had carried out a risk assessment on the boxes based on the HSE website directives, covering broken glass, electric supply, proximity to road and vandalism. The Lowertown box had been painted on the outside and the foliage cut back. The Coverack Bridges box had a new door but had not been painted nor had the Releath box. Residents will monitor the condition of the boxes. The Clerk stated that she would inspect them for damage when she put the agendas on the notice boards, and Cllr. Ashcroft agreed to carry out a three month inspection.

The Clerk has put up notices in each box, as per contract of sale with BT, stating that they are the property of the PC and giving contact details. . The Clerk sought instructions from the Council as to what, if any action, they wished her to take in respect of insurance cover. It was proposed by Cllr. Ashmore, seconded by Cllr.

Bickford-Smith and carried that the Clerk arrange insurance cover.

Cllr. Ashmore left at 8.35.

12. LOCALISM – Cllr. Paterson said that CC is in the process of devolving certain responsibilities none of which are relevant to this Parish, but that he would monitor the situation. It was proposed by Cllr. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. Morgans and carried that the PC respond to CC stating that they would not consider devolution of services without them supplying the funding to carry out the work.

13. CODE OF CONDUCT – Cllr. Paterson said he had nothing to report.

14. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

CC consultation of charging framework for traffic management at community and other events response by 31/10 – It was felt that the proposed charges were too high and would result in the reduction of community events, which form a strong part of Cornish life and culture, which are principally organised by volunteers and no charge is made for attending.

CALC The Week issue 24, 25 and 26

Rural Services on line 28/8, 3/9, 10/9, 17/9 and 24th September.

Rural Opportunities Bulletin September, 2012

Cornwall and Isle of Scilly Primary Care Trust Promoting Health Information Line

Sithney Parish News Summer 2012

Audit Commission letter confirming appointment of external auditors Grant Thornton for PC Audit

Cornwall Council Early intervention Service (Hub)

Cornwall Countryside Access Forum details of agenda for meeting 25/09/2012

Message from Alec Robertson 17/9 to all members of CC.

Letter of thanks from 1st Sithney Green Brownies

An on line questionnaire has been received from First Travel concerning bus services in the area. Cllr.

Paterson kindly agreed to complete this.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith left the meeting at 8.40

15. FINANCE

a) To consider the following accounts for payment:

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

Pauline Williams, Clerk	Salary (net)	419.32)
	Office Allowance	20.00)
	Computer use	10.00)
	Mileage	18.50) £472.35
	Telephone	4.53)
	Reimburse Petty Cash	Nil)

Post Office Ltd	(HMRC payment)	0.60
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Mr. R. Sanders	LMP Payment (final)	1248.06
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b) To consider the following applications for donations: Cornwall Blind Association, Cornwall County Playing Fields Association. It was proposed by Cllr. Deacon seconded by Cllr. Pascoe and carried that these applications be considered in March 2013 in line with Standing Orders.

16 Consideration of repairs to Mr. Philips seat at Coverack Bridges by the Notice Board – The Clerk was asked to obtain prices to replace the seat with oak to sit on the granite as previously. Suggested contractors being Ashley Laity, David Gilbert, Ben Pascoe, and Tommy Eddy.

17. Authority to obtain prices for cleaning and applying preservative to Notice Boards – Two quotes had been received of the three sent. Mr. Bob Sanders, current footpath contractor in the sum of £350 and Ashley Laity in the sum of £390. It was proposed by Cllr. Pascoe seconded by Cllr. Paterson that the lowest quote submitted by Mr Sanders be accepted.

18. Consideration of the inclusion as item 4 on future PC agendas of 'Matters Arising from previous minutes'. It was proposed by Cllr. Pascoe seconded by Cllr. Morgans and carried that this is included on future agendas.

19. Update on proposed affordable housing in Crowtown - Cllr. Pascoe said Will Morris had not yet completed the report following the public consultation. It was agreed that the Councillors should have a closed meeting to discuss all the data. It was agreed to ask Will for the report in good time for a meeting on 16th October at Chynhale at 7.30p.m. The Clerk to book with Cllr. Bickford-Smith. Will Morris to make a presentation at the November full Council.

20. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 6th November, 2012 at 7.30p.m. at Sithney School