

# SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.30PM

### Present:-

Cllr. P. Martin - Chairman

Cllr. R. Ashmore

Cllr. B. Deacon

Cllr. M. Morgans

Cllr. E. Williams

Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith

Cllr. T. Martin

Cllr. A. Pascoe

Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin. Parish Clerk Mrs. Pauline Williams and 19 members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr. I Paterson

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trannack School on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 were proposed by Cllr. Bickford-Smith seconded by Cllr. Morgans and unanimously approved.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

Cllr. Bickford-Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item 18 housing, as a landowner involved in the scheme, but left the meeting prior to its discussion.

Cllr. P. Martin declared a non pecuniary interest in item 18 housing (nothing was discussed except the date of the meeting so he continued to chair the meeting) and in item 4 and 9 in respect of Boscadjack House CLUED having had his car serviced by the applicant.

### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NB Housing will be dealt with at the end of the meeting.**

The Chairman invited the public present to nominate a spokesperson to put their point of view.

Mr. Gerry Luckett, objector to application no. PA12/07264 CLUED Boscadjack House, continued use of land for carrying out commercial repairs. put residents point of view:-

It was felt this should be dealt with as a Planning Application as it was contentious. Supporters were family and friends or people who were not in the immediate vicinity of the site. It was stated that until 2009, when Mr. Colwell was made redundant, only occasional repairs were carried out, however since then there were courtesy cars, motor spares deliveries, recovery vehicles and customers in and out of the site.

Ms Susan Smith expressed concerns that the old fish site, where building materials and rubbish were being dumped by Mr. Colwell is said to be going to be used in future for agricultural and commercial vehicle repairs when his son starts work. It is known locally that expansion plans are afoot. The land at the fish site has been raised by 3 – 5 feet.

Cllr. P. Martin stated that no action could be taken on hearsay, but the planning enforcement officer could be asked to look at the old fish site. He thanked the public for attending the meeting.

Cllrs. Morgans and Cllr. Bickford-Smith declared a pecuniary interest concerning Helston Railway, but as decisions were not being made, on the advice of Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin they remained at the meeting and took no part in the discussion.

Mr. Richard Barnes of Helston Railway said he would like to give background information and allay local concerns about the proposals in connection with moving parking etc. now that Trevarno has been sold and they have been asked to vacate the premises. He expressed sadness that the station which had taken six years of hard work to complete, and was now redundant as there would be no public access, due to the new owners wanting to keep their gardens private.

He said local residents had been visited and the concerns that they mentioned had been taken on board. He stated that there were 3 areas that had been investigated to resolve the Railway's access problems; Firstly, Truthall Halt – but there was no access, secondly Top Lodge to Trevarno and via the woods but they are being sold (There will however still be a right of occasional access for maintenance but not for public), and the third and only viable possibility remained the Prospidnick area where they had been offered car parking and a barn for maintenance, at Gansey Barns.

In the foreseeable future the Railway hoped to construct a station and facilities at Gansey Barns and run the Railway across Prospidnick bridge (owned by BR who would sell the bridge for a minimal sum but legal fees to obtain the necessary Act of Parliament were prohibitive), so running rails over the bridge remained only an aspiration at this time.

Mr Barnes confirmed that he would speak to local residents again before putting in a pre-application scheme. He said that historically the railway, on average, carried 25 passengers per day (The railway had only been open on Thursdays and Sundays and Bank Holidays since April).

The Railway's original scheme involved public cars accessing the proposed car park up the concrete runway and exiting the barns down f/p230/14/1, however this was considered too invasive on residents. In order to allay these concerns the proposal was now to widen f/p230/14/1 to allow 2 way traffic as they have been offered land to achieve this from the adjacent field. He said he was commencing talks with the footpath officer, which would hopefully allow widening of the footpath.

Mr. Head thanked Mr. Barnes for being so upfront and raised some concerns which Mr. Barnes answered.

Mr. Barnes confirmed all parking would be free, unlike at Trevarno, so there would be no reason for visitors to park at the roadside. Mr. Barnes confirmed they were trying to get the views of the owners and residents at Craig House which would be affected, but it was proving difficult to talk with the residents.

Mr. Barnes said Trevarno had always been kind to the Railway and were doing their best to assist them now. He said he was liaising with a traffic consultant and intended to talk with the Highways Department.

Cllr. P. Martin said that if the PC could assist by holding any meetings to resolve the matter, they would and asked if the track did eventually reach Helston whether parking would be relocated there. Mr. Barnes confirmed it would.

**Granite pillars and iron rails** – The Clerk reported that Cllr Paterson was in the process of photographing and logging all sites in the Parish. The Clerk read the list to Councillors of the nine sites so far identified and asked them to notify Cllr. Paterson if they knew of any other sites.

**5 POLICE REPORT - PCSO** Ceri Sadler sent her apologies. There had been no crimes reported in August, which was the same as last year.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** – Nothing to report.

### **7. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**Update by Clerk on issues raised by Councillors at previous meetings:-**

**Unmade track at Gypsy Lane** – This has been cleared.

**Problems raised by resident at Spring Cottage, re lane between Sithney Green and B3302** – CC will get the mud cleared as soon as last of hedge cutting had been completed.

**Overgrown trees Trannack, Sithney Green and Trevarno Front Lodge** – A notice has been served on 27<sup>th</sup> July on owners in Trannack to cut back the overgrowth. This will be followed up if no action is taken.

A notice has been served on Sithney Green to cut back the trees.

The Trevarno Estate has agreed to cut back the trees over the carriageway to 5.2m above carriageway.

**Update Pengoon Farm** – Mandy Smith stated that the planning history had been collated. Currently there is permission for 25 static all year round holiday vans. The permission for caravan storage and the camping site has not been found and it is assumed there is none. A further visit will take place shortly when the number of caravans will be counted and a decision made on the way forward.

**Update Wheal Bramble, Gansey Farm** – Mandy Smith visited again 3 weeks ago. Further works had been carried out therefore the permission for temporary accommodation is still valid. However, due to the amount of time involved the best way forward is to be investigated.

**Collapsed drain Tregathenan near turning to Truthall.** – Work had begun on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Cllr. Mrs. Pascoe expressed concern about the scheme. The pipe is above road level, not concreted in, and covered in soil, so would be liable to damage. Large banks of soil had been deposited causing narrowing of the road with the manhole covers around two feet above road level, and access from them to clear any pipes appeared to be difficult. It was agreed that Cllr. Pascoe, Cllr. Bickford-Smith and Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin would meet with Mr. Adrian Hoskings, of CC to discuss the works.

**Overgrown bushes Mellangoose** - Notice has been served on the two landowners.

The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Council concerning the overgrown footpath from Crowntown to Sithney School which was necessitating people walking in the road.

**Damage to Cornish Hedge between Truthall Manor and grass triangle at bottom beyond the bridge** – Cllr. Pascoe reported that Cllr. Bickford-Smith had been assured by New Generation that they will repair the damage. However, Cllr. Pascoe expressed concern that rocks and soil were constantly falling into the carriageway and she was concerned about safety. The Clerk confirmed this issue had been flagged with CC.

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

- That she had been in correspondence with a number of officers and residents in relation to highway, planning and enforcement issues within the Parish.
- Had helped to develop the programme for the Hellysardh Festival alongside Harvest Fair and the Carnival – The Hellysardh events are on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September with Music outside the Epworth Hall from 11am and Wrestling from 2pm in the Sunken Garden

- Attended a Planning Policy Advisory panel workshop on Landscape sensitivity which used wind turbines and wind farms as an example of the proposed guidance being developed (maybe a bit late for Wendron area?)
- Attended a member briefing on Environmental Services Standards that indicated that there is not enough money in the budget to continue to manage environmental assets to the standard previously and that the Council is looking to harmonise standards across Cornwall.
- Attended the Special Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee on the 20<sup>th</sup> August which had 'called in' the decision of the cabinet to not independently assess the proposed alternative to a large waste incinerator in the centre of Cornwall. They have asked the Cabinet to look at it again as it was felt that the proposed alternative would not necessarily require a new waste strategy and therefore could be delivered in the timescale required.
- Attended Standards Committee on the 22nd August which was looking at the revisions to the Code of Conduct and Guidance to councillors in the light of government guidance. Because the Committee has had to now become a committee of Cornwall Council it was necessary to elect a new Chairman and I was proposed and duly elected. It is important that we don't lose the Parish Council and lay members input from this committee event though they are co-opted members and not entitled to a vote.
- Been corresponding with Lowertown Community Group who are concerned about the planning application for 8 houses that has been submitted immediately adjacent to the Wendron boundary with Helston (PA12/07435). This will be considered by planners in the near future and there is a meeting of the Group on Wednesday (Sept 5<sup>th</sup>) at 8pm at Trannack School.

The Clerk stated that she had asked if the PC could view the plans as they were on the PC boundary but had been refused. Cllr. Loveday Jenkin asked that the Clerk forward the refusal e mail to her for action. Because of the elections next May all Community Chest money needs to be committed by November and ideally spent by the end of December so please ensure that any community groups in the Parish get their applications in quickly.

## **9. PLANNING**

### **Planning Applications**

The PAP had met on 31<sup>st</sup> August and the following recommendations had been made:-

PA12/07264 Boscadjack House, Coverack Bridges. David Colwell Automotive Repairs. CLUED for continued use of land for carrying out of commercial car repairs.

The PAP felt that this was outside the remit given by Standing Orders. It was proposed by Cllr. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Pascoe that CC be asked to determine this application as they have access to all the information appertaining to it.

PA12/06863 Tuckingmill Farm, Tuckingmill, Helston. Prof S. Hesselbo. Listed building consent for restoring window openings on North and East elevations of main house, replacement of roof tiles and installation of angle ridge on detached barn, installation of roof on hen house incorporating slate hanging tiles to walls and rebuild of collapsed stone retaining wall and steps.

The PAP supported this application.

It was proposed by Cllr. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Morgans and carried that the recommendations of PAP be approved.

### **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:**

The Clerk reported receipt of the West sub area planning committee agenda for 8/8/2012

**Planning Protocols** – It was felt that the proposed scheme was unworkable because it does not comply with the PC standing orders and seemed a backward step in the democratic process. It was felt that it would be wrong for one councillor to represent the views of the PC, when neither they nor the public had been consulted on an application. The Clerk was asked to forward the document to CALC to obtain their views and to convey the views of PAP to CC.

### **Permissions Granted**

PA12/05955 Completion of partially built shower block/wc, office/store and associated work. Mr. S. Maw, Bracken Farm Caravan Park, Sithney Water, Breage.

**10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** – The Clerk reported that the concerns expressed about footpath 230/14/1 to Linda Holloway CC had been passed to Colin Bayes the Senior Countryside Officer to inspect the site and report back to the PC.

The Clerk reported that Councillor Paterson's application for funding for the modification of Sithney path 230/14/11 to create a new bridleway from Sithney Village to Sithney School had been refused on the basis that the application was already in progress and the scheme was only for new projects.

**11. REGENERATION/BT phone boxes** – Cllr. Ashmore reported that the new door to Coverack Bridges telephone box would be fitted when new brackets had been welded on.

Cllr. Ashmore said he was awaiting a response from Charlotte Chadwick re funding for a community building. The Clerk reported that she had asked Mrs. Susan Evans, Head of Sithney School, for a copy of the original questionnaire given to local groups to establish the need for a community building. Cllr. Ashmore was asked to make copies of the questionnaire available at the Local Housing Meeting.

**12. LOCALISM – Nothing to report**

**13. CODE OF CONDUCT –** Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin said there would be revised guidance available shortly.

**14. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE**

Rural Opportunities Bulletin August 2012

Invitation to Cornwall Community Flood Forum 21<sup>st</sup> September

Draft Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) for Cornwall received 3/8 consultation ends 10<sup>th</sup> August.

CALC The Week issue 23 and 24.

Rural Services Network e news 6/8, 13/8, 20/8, 28/8

Cornwall Conversations email from Alec Robertson re events in September/October

Interlink Cornwall August 2012

CC consultation of charging framework for traffic management at community and other events.

Letter CC re proposed procedure of devolution and asset transfer to Local Councils response by 1/10

Revised register of interests

Clerks Annual Leave Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

The Clerk reported that a road closure order had been received for Truthall for the entire length of the road for resurfacing on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September from 0730 to 1800 hours.

The Clerk asked Council if they would consider the inclusion of 'Matters Arising from last month's minutes' as item 4 on future agendas because at present she was forced to answer previous queries raised by Councillors under Councillors comments which was wrong. She had spoken to CALC who had confirmed it was quite legal and did not require an amendment to Standing Orders, just approved by the PC. It was proposed by Cllr. Bickford-Smith, seconded by Cllr. Morgans and agreed to add this to the agenda next month for consideration.

**15. FINANCE**

**a) To consider the following accounts for payment:**

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

Pauline Williams, Clerk	Salary (net)	419.52 )
	Office Allowance	20.00 )
	Computer use	10.00 )
	Mileage	14.50 ) £512.23
	Telephone	4.53 )
	Reimburse Petty Cash	43.68 )

Post Office Ltd	(HMRC payment)	0.40
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**b) To consider the following applications for donations: None received**

**16. Consideration of repairs to Mr. Philips seat at Coverack Bridges by the Notice Board –** The Chairman asked if Council wanted him to lift Standing Orders (SO67) to enable Mrs. Mickler to speak. It was proposed by Cllr. Pascoe, seconded by Cllr. T. Martin and carried unanimously that they be lifted. Mrs. Mickler said the seat had been put in situ by the residents association initially. It was noted that the PC may take over future maintenance if that was what the family wished. Mrs. Mickler agreed to speak to the family and report back. Standing Orders were reinstated.

**17. Authority to obtain prices for cleaning and applying preservative to Notice Boards –** This had been raised at the Risk Assessment tour. It was proposed by Cllr. T. Martin, seconded by Cllr. Pascoe and carried that the Clerk obtains two prices for the work. Suggested contractors being Howard James and Bob Sanders.

Cllr. Bickford-Smith left the meeting at 8.42pm.

**18. Update on proposed affordable housing in Crowtown -** Public Consultation 11<sup>th</sup> September at Sithney School from 1.30 to 8pm. Councillors were asked if they could attend for a short time. The Clerk offered but it was not felt necessary.

**19. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING -** Tuesday 2nd October, 2012 at 7.30p.m. at Trannack School