

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT TRANNACK CP SCHOOL AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2016

Present: - Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith, Cllr Mrs A Pascoe, Cllr. P. Martin, Cllr A. McDonald, Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose and Cllr. J. Daybell. Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 3 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cornwall Cllr J Keeling and Cllr. L. Hutchinson

2. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN – Cllr P. Bickford-Smith reported that 2015 has been a good year for Sithney Parish Council with the appointment of 5 new councillors filling the vacancies left by retiring Councillors Mike Morgans, Ian Patterson, Clive Perrin and Phil Elliot, all of whom have provided valuable service to this Council over the years. We will miss the old faces, and he would like to thank them for their dedication, help and support. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith would like to welcome the new Councillors Alex McDonald, Linda Penrose, Lynne Hutchinson and Jean Daybell, and look forward to working with them in 2016. The Council would like to thank Andy Williams for his work but understand and respect his resignation and the clerk has contacted elections accordingly. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith reiterated that all our councillors undertake certain duties on behalf of this Council which often means extra work and long hours. This work is much appreciated by the Council but is largely unrecognised due to it being behind the scenes. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith would like to thank all Councillors for their admiral endeavours during the year. Thanks also go to our ward member, John Keeling. He has attended a lot of our meetings and has always given sound advice in difficult situations. He has always been keen to put Sithney's views on sub-committees and full Council meetings. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised he was indebted to the clerk, Jodie Ellis for all her sterling work and for keeping us on the straight and narrow when dealing with complex issues regarding regulatory controls. The clerk has also, as our Responsible Financial Officer, kept the books in order and ensured a satisfactory financial year with our reserves remaining at similar level despite investment in the Notice Boards, Website and Computer. It is of concern to Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith that our Reserves are not perhaps proportional to our activity and it is his hope that the Council will address this matter during the coming year. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith went on to advise that Last year we saw the replacement of our old wooden Notice Boards with new state of the art boards which can now accommodate all the various Parish papers and will hopefully be maintenance free. The old boards are largely left in situ to provide space for our residents to advertise local matters. The old boards will be maintained for the time being. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith advised the most important achievement for Sithney is the fruition of the Affordable Housing scheme adjacent to Sithney School. This has taken a long time to come about with many hurdles to be navigated, but it is undoubtedly the biggest and most important issue for the Parish for some considerable time. All those who have worked hard on this project have the heartfelt thanks of this Council. In due course it will be good to welcome an influx of new residents to the parish. The site has been named as Plovers Field and will hopefully be completed by the end of this year. The Parish now has a 'user friendly' web site and we welcome any suggestions from the Public for ideas that they would like to see included on the site. We aim to make it as informative as possible and include historical information like the Map and hopefully the Sithney WI Scrap book. 2015 saw the introduction of Paperless Planning by Cornwall Council as a money saving exercise. This has had several teething problems in both schools, but Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith is confident that this measure will be fully accepted. Whilst mentioning schools, Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith would like to thank both Sithney and Trannack Schools for allowing us to hold our meetings on their premises. Cllr. P. Bickford-Smith closed his report with his heartfelt thanks to everyone who has worked so diligently towards making Sithney a better place to live.

3. TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK AS RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER:

Year End Position - Sithney Parish Council 2015/2016

As at 31/03/2016 the council had an overspend of £504.00, compared to a budgeted underspend of £48.00. This overspend was due to an Increase in Expenditure of £6309 to purchase the following new assets for the parish council:

5 x New Notice Boards - £5257, New Parish Council Laptop - £399, New Parish Council Website - £653. There was an increase in Income of £1534, made up of a Paperless Planning Grant - £700 and CALC - Transparency Fund Grant - £834.

There was an underspend on expenditure of £3382, made up in the following areas: Admin/Room Hire, Printing and Stationery, Property maintenance & Repairs, Newsletter, S137 Donations, Councillors Travel and Subsistence and Refilling Grit Bins.

The Reserves now stand at £35,003 a decrease of £504.00

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council finances were adequate for the ensuing year.

Donations made under S137:

Cornwall Air Ambulance	£200.00
St Sithney Parish Church	£825.00
<u>Total Donations</u>	<u>£1025.00</u>

4. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF S137 DONATIONS IN 2015/2016

Cornwall Air Ambulance – The clerk has received the following report from Hayley Clayton: In 2015

Cornwall Air Ambulance was tasked to 710 missions, and can fly to Sithney in approximately 15 mins from their Newquay airbase, and onwards to Treliske hospital in less than 10 minutes.

The air ambulance was called to the Kerrier District 20 times in 2015, of these 20 18 were residents and 2 were visitors. In 2016 so far they have attended the Helston area twice; once in January where a toddler was transferred to RCHT with severe respiratory problems, and also in February when an elderly man was treated on scene after suffering a cardiac arrest.

St Sithney Parish Church – The Grant received was used towards the upkeep of the Parish churchyard.

Royal British legion – Sithney Parish council donated £60.00 to the RBL in 2015/2016 in thanks for the Remembrance Day Wreath that they kindly made for Sithney Parish council to lay.

5. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RAISED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE PARISH –

None.