

**SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 05<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM.**

**Cllr. P. Martin** (Chairman)

**Cllr. M. Tresidder**

**Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose**

**Cllr. K. Tapp**

**Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 4 members of the public.**

The meeting commenced with the chairman holding a 2-minute silence, in remembrance for Sithney Parish Council's former Clerk Yvonne Ashmore and Mrs. James the wife of former Sithney Parish Councillor Howard James.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Were received from Cllr. A. McDonald and Cllr. J. Keeling
- 2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 07<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were proposed by Cllr. M. Tresidder and seconded by Cllr. P. Martin and unanimously agreed, and were signed by the Chairman.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA** – Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose declared a disclosable financial interest in item 11 Lowertown Leats.
- 4. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**  
–None.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**B3280 Speeding** – Deferred to January 2018, when Cllr. J. Keeling will be present.

**Plover's Field Mirrors** – Deferred to January 2018, when Cllr. J. Keeling will be present.

**Sithney School Parking** – Deferred to January 2018.

**Plover's Field Sewerage Plant** – Coastline have asked their in-house water and drainage engineer to visit Plover's Field last week to check on the sewage treatment plant. His comments were: 'I'm at Plovers Field standing next to the sewage plant and there is no smell present. There is a vent pipe from the sewage plant that sometimes can vent off sewage smell if sewage enters the plant which is normal.

I have also walked around the area of Plovers Field and there is no smell present. There are contractors working in the area and said a farmer was spraying muck on their field next door last week which was quite strong.' It was agreed Cllr. K. Tapp will keep a diary of the smell and if it starts to smell again then to advise the clerk, so that she can try and get Coastline out on site on that day, to investigate.

**Defibrillator** – Cllr. A. McDonald, as a qualified electrician has kindly attended Sithney school and has found a suitable site for the Defibrillator. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. M. Tresidder that the clerk would order the - CU Medical IPAD SP1 Semi-Automatic Defibrillator, AIVIA 210 Outdoor AED Protected Access Keypad Alarmed Wall Cabinet with Temperature Control, Aluminium Anti-Graffiti Information Plaque & Postage & Package at a cost of £1572.00 inc vat from RRMCC.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr A. Williams – spoke in relation to the Sewage Treatment Plant at Plover's Field to advise that the Land Registry Transfer of part of registered titles states: Under item 12.6. "Positive Covenants by the Transferor and item 12.6.1. The Transferor Covenants with the Transferee to keep the Sewage Treatment plant in good condition and safe repair and service it as often as reasonably necessary, and to erect and maintain a good and sufficient fence around the sewage treatment plant. Under item 12.6 2. The Transferor shall keep the Transferee indemnified against all liabilities, expenses, claims, damages and losses suffered or incurred by the Transferee arising out of or in connection with any breach of the Transferor of its obligations in clause 12.6.1. Mr A. Williams highlighted that this fence should be completed properly as per the Land registry document to at least deter children from being in the vicinity of the sewage area and thus less likely to suffer any health issues, should there be in time, fumes or other pollution escaping from the installation. The permit makes quite clear to whom the responsibility lies.

Cllr. P. Martin advised the fence would probably only be over what comes out of the ground, but the clerk would contact Coastline to discuss further.

Andrew Brown – Spoke in relation to his planning application at Windyridge PA17/11041, to advise the application for a single bedroomed annexe had been approved, but the new application is to move the approved annexe slightly to where it would be better hidden from tress and on more of a level with the current property as the approved location is in the footprint of the garage that has been approved.

Thelma Bedwell – Asked for the council to place on their website the details of the over 60's club Christmas Party which is being organised by the Guides and Brownies this year. It will be held at Nancegollan Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 starting 4.00 – 4.30pm. It was agreed the clerk would place the advert online.

**7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** – Cllr. P. Martin advised he attended the remembrance service at Sithney Church and laid the wreath on behalf of Sithney PC. Cllr. P. Martin advised it was an enjoyable service and particularly nice to see some younger members in church.

**8. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** – None.

**9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS** – Cllr. John Keeling reported that Full Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November was interrupted to enable councillors to attend the funeral of Councillor Candy Atherton, who was a long-standing councillor and MP for

the Truro and Falmouth area. Many dignitaries and notable members of parliament attended, and I am sure Candy would have appreciated the service. Council continued with a motion of no confidence in the Police Crime Commissioner, Alison Hernandez. The ensuing debate threw out the motion and there was an overwhelming show of support for the work of the PCC. We really should start focussing on making our communities safer and better places to live rather than trying to make political headlines. There was an agenda item to put forward a motion for an investment programme for Cornwall that envisaged a £600m journey to build housing, infrastructure, jobs and a host of social, environmental and economic opportunities. Though there was a general acceptance that an investment programme for Cornwall should be welcomed; Cllr. J. Keeling seconded an amendment for a deferment to enable further oversight of the programme and business plan to take place. The amendment was narrowly defeated but Cllr. J. Keeling and his colleagues will continue to apply scrutiny to the programme as it emerges.

Local issues are never far away and Cllr. J. Keeling is determined to meet up with Highways Manager to look at hedgerows, highway signage and other matters throughout the division. On the 16<sup>th</sup> Cllr. J. Keeling met with the businesses at the Sandbar in Praa Sands reference the future of the toilets. Those present were, including Jon James, Sea Meads Businesses, Car Park owners, Sandbar, Haulfryns, Beachcomber Café and Bos Verbas Campsite. It was a very positive meeting with a desire to get involved in the upkeep and possibly the setting up of a community interest company in due course. But they are all looking for a lead and direction from Breage Parish Council at this point. Cllr. J. Keeling will post this on his Facebook page in due course.

## **10. PLANNING: -**

### **Application:**

It was agreed to look at the following applications, in January to allow Cllrs to have more time to look at the applications and the CC website to update the application details online.

PA17/11041 - Windyridge Sithney Helston Cornwall TR13 ORL - Erection of a single-bedroomed annexe and PA17/09722 – Bodilly Mill, Crelly, Trenear, Helston – Change of use of Mill Building to holiday type home and construct a large garage that is over the height at the apex at one end.

### **Approved:**

PA17/07245 - Windyridge Sithney TR13 ORL - Erection of a single-bedroomed detached annexe.

PA17/08042 - Cober Dell Lowertown Helston Cornwall TR13 OBY -Retention and completion of tree house in front garden around an oak tree.

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

**Footpath 230/28/1** – Boscadjack to Trenear – Fence Ownership – The clerk has been advised it is not high on the priority list at present.

**Lowertown Leats** – The clerk has received the following update from Mr Deverill at CC: ‘We have now received a response from the external barrister that indicates that all Leats are in fact ordinary watercourses which would allow us to take action against a landowner under the Land Drainage Act 1991 if a leat is not maintained and creates a flood risk if we deem it reasonable. However as this goes against our historic position we have asked our legal team to go through the response and if deemed necessary get a second opinion/review of the original findings in order to give us a strong position should we ever need to enact these powers and go to the courts. We have been ensured that this should not take as long as the previous response, so we would hope to be in a position to take this matter forward shortly’.

**Definitive Map Modification Order WCA 518A** – The clerk has submitted a copy of all the original documents and is waiting to hear further.

**Footpath 8 Sithney** – Helston Railway Bridge – The closure has now been extended until 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

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

RSN – Rural Opportunities Bulletin & Spotlight on Rural Health

Localism Newsletter – October 2017

RSN – Weekly Bulletin 06/11, 20/11,

RSN - Rural Vulnerability Service

Cornwall council Electoral Review Meeting – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm Council Chamber, Helston

CC – Communities & Devolution Bulletin

CC – Neighbourhood Planning Surgeries – Penzance 5<sup>th</sup> December & Camborne 7<sup>th</sup> December (45mins between 9-4 pm)

EP&E – Cornwall statement of community involvement for planning.

LEADER funding

**13a) To consider the following accounts for cheque payment:** It was proposed by Cllr. K. Tapp, seconded by Cllr. M. Tresidder, all in favour that the following payments are authorised

Cornwall Council (LGPS) – Clerk

£
92.55
<u>92.55</u>
£530.93

Standing Order - Clerk Salary and Expenses

### **13b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK –**

The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £92.55 and a standing order for £530.93 totaling £623.48 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of November on the Current Account is £10,587.61 and on the Business Saver is £32,581.65.

The clerk reported that the accounts are considered adequate to undertake the work of the Parish Council. The monthly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr. M. Tresidder seconded by Cllr. K. Tapp, all in favour that the report be accepted.

**Risk Assessment** – The clerk advised there were no issues to report.

**14. CO-OPTION** – No applications have been received.

**15. BANK SIGNATORIES** – The clerk will liaise with Cllr. J. Keeling.

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**16. PLOVER'S FIELD - Play Equipment** – Cllr. K. Tapp, advised the first funding application is in the process of being drawn up for the Big Lottery Fund, residents are in the process of completing the description section. Cllr. K. Tapp, Cllr. J. Keeling and Maxine Hardy are hoping to meet next week to look at Crowd Funding. Cllr. M. Tresidder offered his assistance in this.

**Granite Post for Plaque** – Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose advised Cllr. A. McDonald had received a quote for £500 + £100 fixing / fitting from a local company using Cornish Granite. It was agreed to postpone a decision until January 2018 when Cllr. A. McDonald would be present.

**17. S137 APPLICATIONS**

Sithney Green Brownies and Rangers – The clerk has circulated to all Cllrs the S137 application that has been received asking for a donation of £250. Cllrs agreed that this was a good community event that the Council should support. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Martin, seconded by Cllr. K. Tapp that Sithney Parish Council supports Sithney Green Brownies in the sum of £250.00. It was agreed the cheque would be authorised at this evening's meeting, as the event is soon.

**18. CLERKS ANNUAL REVIEW** - Exclusion of press and public under SO 7 "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw"

**19. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm at Trannack School.