

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SITHNEY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 03rd APRIL 2018 AT 7.30PM.

Cllr. P. Martin (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. K. Tapp

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

Cornwall Cllr. J. Keeling (Vice-Chairman) (7.48pm)

Cllr. A. McDonald (7.40pm)

Cllr. B. Rogers

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllr. M. Tresidder.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 06th March 2018 were proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose 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. B. Rogers declared an interest in item 10 planning PA18/01712 as a neighbour. Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose declared a disclosable pecuniary 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

Defibrillator – Clerk advised Cllr. A. McDonald is awaiting a meeting with the RRMC charity representative to confirm exact location for the Defibrillator.

Sithney School Junction flooding – Cllr. J. Keeling advised that he is in contact with Highways regarding this and many other areas of flooding that require attention. Highways are aware but unfortunately due to budgets, this type of work is not high priority.

Speeding through Crowntown - Cllr. J. Keeling advised that CC have agreed to devolve £50,000 per year for the next 4 years down to Parish Councils to address local highway issues. Speeding could be looked at from within this.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Mr Mickler asked the council what sort of timeframe CC are working towards with regards to road repairs. Cllr. P. Martin advised that as there is no longer any planned maintenance works for the district it was very hard to say. Cllr. K. Tapp advised he recently attended the CNP meeting and highways advised on how they prioritise the workload for the various highway issues. Drainage is quite far down the list at number 4. However one positive is that currently digging out and cutting the culverts is just once a year, but Highways have realised that this needs to be more frequent and hope to bring this back to twice a year. Roads are inspected based on their class. B roads or lower priority are only driven once a year to inspect. This means that roads that are very low on the priority list are not driven each year and can fall into disrepair.

Thelma Bedwell – Asked the council who should she contact regarding the flooding issues in Gwavas. In the recent bad weather, the lane towards lower Gwavas farm was flowing with water and filling the properties garden. Highways have diverted the water from the highway to the surrounding fields. There is a grid in the field which was cleared in the recent bad weather but refilled as fast as it was cleared. Cllr. J. Keeling agreed to visit the area to have a look at the water flow situation.

7. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – None.

8. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. J. Keeling provided the following report: A number of issues and surprises have manifested themselves at County Hall over the month; and not least the angst over the Cannes Trip by senior members of Cornwall Council and others. I am aware of the need to showcase Cornwall abroad but at a time when council tax bills are rising faster than inflation and services are being reduced by savings cuts? £46K (cost of the trip) would have helped to provide much needed services and other hard to get equipment. A review of Cormac was undertaken, and a full day given over to look at the recommendations for improvement of the service. Though a high level strategic review of the services, business and value for money provided by CORMAC, there were several recommendations that revolved round delivering value for money and the need to improve the local public perception of CORMAC in terms of The Highway Maintenance Service as well as other services. The Stadium for Cornwall was a headline in the cabinet meeting on the 28th and there is growing concern that public money could be used to help finance the project and the cabinet have decided to recommend £6m of public money should be used to secure the Stadium Project which means a decision will be taken at full council in due course. We need to start putting right the things that mean so much to the residents of Cornwall: potholes, hedges, roadside verges, planning enforcement and a host of others. However, on a positive note the administration is trying to build on the devolution deal of 2015 and knowing that we are stronger when we speak with one voice and in that spirit a new partner proposition, New Frontiers, has been designed so that we work with our partners in opening further dialogue with government to seek further powers and funding.

Locally getting anything done is like turning a super-tanker in mid Atlantic; but there is some progress regarding blocked culverts and other matters. Planning, both proposed developments and enforcement matters continue to take a large proportion of my time. In that sense the 43 -housing development in Ashton has a determination date of the end of May and comments may still be made right up to that date and, if necessary, right up to the planning committee date. Highway safety issues are still very much on my mind in all the parishes and it is my intention to secure funding through the Community Network Highway budget to invoke Traffic Regulation Orders and improvements to existing road markings for starters. I attended a Community Network meeting on "Crowd Funding" and it was very interesting and with the involvement of Cornwall Council could bring many benefits to local communities. More information on this when I get an electronic version of the presentation. My Community Chest should be available by the end of the month and I can use some of that for "Crowd Funding Projects". However, I have pledged £300 to the newly formed Ashton Residents Association as well as my help in any shape or form.

10. PLANNING: -**Application:**

PA18/00344 - Land Adj To Cudna Barn Cudna Lane Crowntown TR13 0AD - Construction of four dwellings (full application following outline approval decision PA16/08395). Discussions took place and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, 5 in favour, 1 abstained that the parish council supports the application.

8.13pm Cllr. B. Rogers left the meeting

PA18/01712 - Land North of Brook House, Coverack Bridges Helston Cornwall TR13 0LY - Reserved matters application for the construction of dwelling. (Details following application no. PA17/06163 dated 15/09/017). Discussions took place and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, all in favour, that the parish council supports the application.

8.16pm Cllr. B. Rogers returned to the meeting

PA18/02007 - Ashwood Sithney Helston Cornwall - Proposal Removal of Existing Lawful Caravan and replacement of side extension for additional bedroom, games room and associated works. Cllrs discussed the application and the extension looks to be an extension rather than a replacement but was felt to be in keeping with the property. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, 5 in favour, 1 abstained that the parish council supports the application.

PA17/07736 - Pednavounder Farm, Sithney, Helston, Cornwall TR13 0AF - Listed Building Consent: Retain and re-instate the original features of the Farmhouse. Cllrs agreed that the application was supported in the past and retaining original features of a property was important. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. L. Penrose, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, 5 in favour, 1 abstained that the parish council supports the application.

Refused:

PA18/00082 - Lower Trannack Mill Quarry Coverack Bridges Helston TR13 0LX - Proposed demolition of redundant industrial shed structures and development of single dwelling.

PA17/08337 - Truthall Farm Truthall Sithney Cornwall TR13 0DG - Proposed New Dwelling and attached garage for agricultural Worker at Truthall Farm.

Approved:

PA18/00809 - Old Farmhouse Cottage Lower Boscadjack Trenear Helston TR13 0HH - Erection of single-storey extension to existing private domestic dwellinghouse.

PA15/10111 - Land North Of 8 Merther Close Merther Close Sithney Cornwall TR13 0RW - New detached dwelling and provision of public open space.

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Lowertown Leats & Bridleway 230/30/1 – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown – Clerk has been advised by CC countryside Officer that: ‘It is hoped that CC will pay for both the repairs to the leat system and the improvements to the drainage/surface of the bridleway. I understand that CORMAC’s Structural Design Team have submitted a brief to CC for approval, and the CC Land Drainage Team are awaiting confirmation that funds are available’.

Sithney 19 and 9 – Clerk has been advised that the stile at 230/9/1 has been repaired and barbed has been removed. The electric fence at 19 is still there and so has been passed to Cormac’s enforcement officer to send a second letter. 230/9/4 – the gate obstruction has been removed. There is still an obstructing fence further along that path that is being investigated further.

Footpath 8 – Sithney – Closed until 13.10.18

Sithney 9/2 – Prospidnick – Footpath has been reported for being used as a substitute public toilet for Daffodil pickers in the area. This has been reported to the Public Health Team who are contacting the Land agent concerned.

12. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Grit Bins – It was agreed clerk would contact Highways for a quote to re fill the grit bins as the exact size of the bins is unknown.

RSN Weekly Bulletins – Circulated to Cllrs by email.

Longstone – It was agreed clerk would report to BT that the new pole is too close to the Longstone monument.

Footpath Signs – Clerk has spoken to the Countryside Officer and although there is no current budget for new signs, he has added the missing one to the list. Clerk has arranged for him to attend in June 2018 to see if there are any ways the parish council and CC could work together on issues such as this.

Cornwall Street works – Resurfacing List – Circulated by email to Cllrs.

CC – Adult Social care charging policy extension - – Circulated by email to Cllrs.

Granite Post and Plaque – Has now been installed at plover’s Field and is a very fitting memory of the opening. The invoice is on tonight’s list of payments.

Audit – Due to Cllr. M. Tresidder being absent this evening clerk will arrange to carry out the audit before the middle of April.

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

Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	£
Frederick Wearne & Sons	92.55
	720.00
	812.55

Standing Order - Clerk Salary and Expenses	£530.93
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13b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £812.55 and a standing order for £530.93 totaling £1,343.48 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of March on the Current Account is £6,742.74 and on the Business Saver is £32,603.61. The clerk reported that the accounts are considered adequate to undertake the work of the Parish Council. The monthly and quarterly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr. K. Tapp, seconded by Cllr. J. Keeling, all in favor that the report be accepted.

Risk Assessment – No items to report.

13c) CLERK STANDING ORDER – Clerk has drafted a new standing order mandate for the bank to reflect the increase in spinal point for the clerk’s salary from May 2018 as agreed at the annual review December 2017. It was proposed by Cllr. K. Tapp, seconded by Cllr. J. Keeling that the bank signatories authorise the standing order.

14. PLOVER’S FIELD

Open Space Landscaping & Planting – Clerk has been advised by CC to confirm: ‘I have been asked to approve the attached details regarding the design and future maintenance of the open space at the development adjacent to Sithney Community Primary School - PA14/05546. Can you confirm that the parish have assumed control of the land in perpetuity, as advised by Coastline, and are satisfied with the condition it was received in. Cllrs agreed the clerk would sought clarification on the ‘Waste management plan’ to see if exists and if so what information is contained within it.

Sewerage Treatment Plant Fencing – Coastline have advised: ‘The requirement for fencing of the sewage treatment plant is not included within the EA permit, but within the transfer between CHL and the Parish Council. I’ve double checked with Aquarod and there aren’t any specific requirements for the type or height of fencing to be installed around a sewage treatment plant. Given that, I attach an example of some fencing recently installed at a sewage treatment plant in Breage. Is this the sort of thing the Parish Council had in mind? Coastline will be covering the cost of the fencing, but I wanted to ensure the Parish Council are happy with what will be installed. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Keeling, seconded by Cllr. A. McDonald, 5 in favour, 1 abstained that the fence should be like that of Breage’s.

Play Equipment – Cllr. K. Tapp advised that he will shortly be arranging a meeting with Maxine Hardy, residents, and Cllr. J. Keeling to move forward the play equipment. Cllr. J. Keeling advised that he attended the crowdfunding workshop recently and was pleased that CC have taken the initiative forward and have a dedicated officer available to help if required.

15. LMP CONTRACT – 2018/2019

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”

16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 01st May 2018 at 7.30pm at Trannack School.