

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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13/19

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 03rd SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM.

Cllr. P. Martin (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. R. Ashmore

Cllr. B. Rogers

Cllr. A. McDonald

Cllr. S. Hilditch

Cllr. N. Logan

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 5 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllr J Keeling.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 06th August 2019 were unanimously agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman. It was noted under Cornwall Cllrs comments that the correct date for the change to the refuse contract should be 2021 and not 2020.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr L Penrose declared an interest in PA19/06978.

4. TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 –None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The applicant of PA19/06978 spoke to advise that he and his wife live in Helston and have applied to build this dwelling on family land as they love the area and would like to have the opportunity to build an affordable house as their family home.

6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Nothing to report.

7. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable.

Cllr B Rogers – advised there is funding available from the woodland trust, if anyone knows of any areas that could benefit from tree planting, however small to get in contact with Cllr Rogers. Cllr Logan suggested Plover's Field as a possibility.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report: 'August is traditionally a quiet month when people take holidays and the youngster are off school. Nevertheless, I have been in touch with the police and in particular, the Neighbourhood Beat Manager about the management of a speed watch initiative throughout the South Kerrier area. Coupled with this was a meeting on Tuesday 3rd of September to discuss speed signs options in advance of the Community Network Meeting on the 4th.

I was asked to look into the lack of a Saturday 38 Service that runs through Crowntown that was withdrawn back in May 2018. The reason was lack of use, but I am pleased to say that the Saturday journeys will be in situ from April 2020 when the new contracts are due. I am still pursuing, with the local MP, the matter of buses to Praa Sands.

A major piece of work on Customer consultation and engagement is being undertaken by a scrutiny committee focus group of which I am heavily involved.

A resident's panel made up of volunteers were invited to come to county hall and asked a series of questions about their experiences with Cornwall Council and areas of concern and where they thought communication and consultation could improve. It was very comprehensive, and many points were raised. The focus group were asked not to talk or ask questions so that warts and all session could take place. There were lots of negative comments and that was understandable. but also, some very useful ones as well. They generally wanted better communication and an easy to use website. Also, greater clarity on decision making and confidence that consultation is not just a box-ticking exercise. An interesting comment was that people wanted the council to shake off the politics and work better for them non-politically. I believe this happens anyway but that needs to be reinforced. On completion of the citizen's panel, the focus group went on to discuss how we can really change people's perception of a "council that doesn't listen" to one that makes people feel they can make a difference and their views are valued. There was a lot more of course with a long session on how we can further develop best practise and utilise digital engagement. I am hopeful that we can, in the future, improve satisfaction with the council, particularly through proper citizen engagement so that they feel they can influence local decisions. Finally, I have passed the information on about the "Dogs on Beaches" and I am sure that local people are now engaged in the consultation process. Make your voice heard, please.

I am still working with Mike Peters on the traffic issues on the B3302 and will discuss with the local residents in due course.

9. PLANNING: -

Applications:

PA19/05073 - Lower Trannack Mill Quarry Coverack Bridges Helston Cornwall - Demolition of redundant industrial shed structures and development of single dwelling with variation of condition 2 of appeal APP/D0840/W/18/3205248 (PA18/00082). This application has a slightly smaller footprint with very little change to the previous application that this council supported. It was **RESOLVED** that this parish council Supports this application, 7 in favour, 2 abstained.

PA19/06978 - Land South of Trelyn Tuckingmill Lowertown Cornwall - Proposed affordable self-build dwelling. It was noted that the previous application PA17/03128 asked for pre app advice and the officer's comments were that it would not meet the requirements. Therefore, the architects are challenging that decision. There has been one objection online. Cllrs felt that the intricate nature and the combined structure of both parties is far beyond the realm of that of the Parish council and require the strategic opinions of the planning officers based on historic planning and that of the new guidelines set out in 2019. It was **RESOLVED** that this council submits no comment on the application. 3 in favour, 3 abstained, Cllr Penrose did not participate due to a declared interest.

Approved:

PA19/04498 -Lower Boscadjack Farm Access to Lower Boscadjack Trenear TR13 0HH - Listed building consent for the removal and re point of granite stone, repair or replace window fillets. Repair/replace chimney.

PA19/05172 - Trannack Community Primary School Trannack Helston Cornwall TR13 0DQ - Proposed replacement triple classroom block.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Bridleway 230/30/1 – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown – The work has been assigned to Cormac but no commencement date for the work to be carried out is known.

Trannack Quarry Bridge – DMMO / Definitive Map – Cllr Ashmore confirmed he is gathering evidence.

Footpath 8 - Sithney Bridge Repairs - Helston Railway – Cormac are still liaising with the railway.

Footpath 22 Sithney and Footpath 133 Wendron - Timing: Originally 5th February 2019 to 26th August 2019, now extended until 27th August 2020 (24 hours)- Reason for Emergency Closure: Path closed due to collapsed bridge.

11. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Defibrillator – Cllr Logan has carried out a check on the Defibrillator and is happy with the unit and the checks required, which he will now carry out on a weekly basis. Cllr Logan is happy to log the weekly checks online. It was agreed that Cllr Logan would continue with these checks and the council would not rely on the charity for any further commitment going forward.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting – Maxine Hardy will be attending Sithney school on the 17.09.19 from 7pm. Clerk to place on the website, notice boards, in the school newsletters and if possible on the radio.

Stables at Sithney Green – Clerk has reported to planning enforcement and been advised: “works were carried out under PA14/02463 Erection of a stable block and change of use from agricultural land to equestrian’ this council supported the application.

B3303 – Drainage issues – clerk has reported to highways.

Incident Report Card Training – Circulated by email – clerk will attend the 23.09.19 session at Penzance.

Helston Hill top– Clerk has received a suggestion by a parishioner for widening the top of the junction to form two lanes one for Helston and one for Penzance to ease traffic congestion. Clerk has circulated to Cllrs and asked Highways to consider.

Sithney School – Key holder request – clerk has asked Sithney Head teacher if it would be possible for Governor / Cllr Nigel Logan to be a key holder due to the implications at August’s meeting. Clerk has yet to receive a response due to the summer holidays.

External Audit Report 18/19 – Clerk has received and circulated the external audit report which confirms nothing for concern has been raised and the 18/19 audit has been signed off by PKF Littlejohn.

12. S137 APPLICATION – St John’s Ambulance – deferred to October’s meeting whilst the S137 grant application is submitted to this council.

13a) PAYMENTS - It was proposed by Cllr. Rogers seconded by Cllr. Hilditch all in favour that the following payments are authorised:

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Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	102.81
R Sanders – Plover’s Field Cutting	156.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP – Audit Fees	240.00
	498.81

13b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £498.81 as reported in item 13a. The balance at the end of August on the Current Account is £11,347.11 and on the Business Saver is £32,684.98. The monthly and quarterly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr. Rogers seconded by Cllr. Hilditch all in favour that the report be accepted.

14. PLOVER’S FIELD

Picnic Bench – Has been removed from Sithney and will be placed at plover’s Field shortly.

Sewerage smell – Cllr’s Logan and Hilditch met with coastline on site and there was no smell apparent that day. It was agreed the contractor would try and empty the tank at times to avoid busy school pickups / drop offs.

15. BUS SHELTER – Crowntown – Clerk confirmed a grant from CC is available and has circulated pictures of bus shelters to Cllrs by email. It was agreed clerk would seek to gain quotes to remove the old bus shelter.

16. TELEPHONE BOX – Coverack Bridges – Cllr Ashmore has spoken to BT and they have advised that the electricity should still be live and if it is not working then the issue would lie within the telephone box itself. Cllr McDonald kindly agreed to test all 3 telephone boxes.

17. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY – Cllr Rogers drafted and circulated a policy for consideration in order to allow the use of social media for this council to move forward. It was proposed by Cllr Logan, seconded by Cllr Hilditch, 4 in favour, 3 abstained that the policy be adopted.

18. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 1st October 2019 at 7.30pm at Sithney School.