

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TRANNACK SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 03rd MARCH 2020 AT 7.30PM.

Cllr. P. Martin (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. R. Ashmore

Cllr. B. Rogers

Cllr. N. Logan

Cllr. S. Hilditch

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 2 members of the public.

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

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 04th February 2020 were unanimously agreed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – None.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Cllr Martin has spoke to the owner of Chynhale chapel as promised about the possibility of using it as a community building as there are lots of positives to it. The owner did not dismiss the idea and Cllr Martin will meet again to discuss further. Cllr Martin will ask about the use of the old school car park.

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

Cllr Ashmore has spoken to Maxine Hardy about funding for community buildings, Maxine is going to look into further and report back.

The hedges between Trannack school and Lowertown by Tuckingmill Terrace need to be trimmed, clerk to report.

Bridleway 28 going towards Trenear by the pumping station, is flooded due to the drains being filled in last year, clerk to report.

Cllr Rogers is attending the food and farming conference and police liaison group meeting and will report back.

There are flooding issues on the road around Trevarno and Crowntown, clerk to report to highways.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report: 'The Cornwall Council set the 2020-21 budget last week and that the Council Tax for the Council's requirement is set at £313,411 and confirmed that the Cornwall Council element of the Council Tax be increased by 1.99%, plus a levy of 2% to be spent solely on Adult Social Care. This an overall increase of 3.99%, equivalent to Band D charge of £1,588.02. This gives a net General Revenue Budget of £602,557 for 2020-21.

The Town and Parish precepts for the same period increased by 7.18% with a total of £26,367,776.15, resulting in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £133.60. The question of a referendum being required by any particular local council does not arise.

Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime panel approved the Devon and Cornwall PCC recommended precept of £135,966,478.71.

This results in a Band D Council Tax of £221.64 an increase of 4.41%.

All in all, that comes to £1,943.26 for a Band D property an increase of £79.24 on last year's requirement.

Congratulations to Breage, Germoe and Sithney Parish Councils for keeping their precept increases well below 2% with Band D charges of £66.83, £42.32 and £40.72 respectively.

I voted against the Cornwall Council's budget on the basis that very little or no scrutiny of the budget had taken place and thus, there was little opportunity to assess how robust the budget actually was without, at least, some investigation into those areas of particular public concern. There was also the question of value for money and further, an opportunity to set an alternative budget which was not possible due to the lateness of the budget being presented to members. Various reasons were given for being presented with a budget at the 11th hour, but it was confirmed that very little had changed from the draft budget earlier in the year. The Scrutiny of the council's financial position, by council members, must be given every opportunity to investigate aspects of the council's budget a lot earlier in the budget setting process to enable robust and meaningful recommendations to come forward to the executive. There was a general consensus that this would need to be rectified in the coming year.

The ongoing saga of Community Speed Watch continues with the Police actively seeking coordinators and volunteers to undertake training in the use of speed guns with a view to setting up Kerrier wide teams to monitor traffic. Speed Watch sites have been identified by the police, including sites in Ashton, Germoe and along the A394 Praa Sands. The Community Link Officer should have been in touch with our parish councils on this matter. I will post this on my Facebook page: Cornwall Councillor John Keeling MBE.

9. PLANNING: -

Applications:

PA20/00574 - Lower Trannack Mill Quarry Coverack Bridges Helston Cornwall - Demolition of redundant industrial shed structures and development of single dwelling with variation of condition 2,3 and 4 of appeal APP/D0840/W/18/3205248 (PA18/00082). PAP considered that the alterations to the house were not significant and the boundary alterations were unlikely to impact on the amenity of the area and so it was RESOLVED to support the application, 5 Cllrs in Favour and 1 abstained.

Other:

Merther Close – Amenity Open Space – Clerk has been chasing CC for a response and Cllr Keeling and Cllr Penrose have agreed to meet with Martin Jose of CC.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Bridleway 230/30/1 – Coverack Bridges to Lowertown – Cormac have confirmed the work has been completed.
 Trannack Quarry Bridge – DMMO / Definitive Map – Clerk and Cllr Ashmore are finalising the forms to be sent to CC.
 Lane Chynhale – Crowntown – The lane has been trimmed but a lot of road mud and debris has been left clerk has reported to highways.

11. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment
 CC Code of Conduct Training – Cllr Logan is booked to attend.
 Speed watch – circulated by email.

12a) 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
CGS – Bus Shelter removal	1248.00
Information Commissioner	40.00
Cash – Internet Security, Ink Cartridge	89.98
Southerly Point Co-operative MAT (Sithney school)	66.70
Southerly Point Co-operative MAT (Trannack school)	50.00
Autocross Euroshel Ltd – Bus Shelter	6738.00
	8,335.49

12b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had invoices to pay totaling £8,335.49 as reported in item 12a. The balance at the end of February on the Current Account is £17,683.01 and on the Business Saver is £32,717.59. The monthly 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.

13. BUS SHELTER – Crowntown – The old shelter has been removed and the new shelter invoice is on the agenda for payment tonight. The delivery and installation date for the new shelter at present is the w/c 23.03.20.

14. CHYNHALE CHAPEL – Cllr Logan advised he has spoken to a lot of his contacts and expressed his thoughts that it would be a great shame if the organ did not find a new home and be utilised. Cllrs agreed that it would be a shame for the organ to remain in a disused state and not used and enjoyed.

15. COMMUNITY GROUP – Cllr Rogers advised the group had met a couple of times and have called themselves the Cober Valley community group. The group is made up of parishioners from across the parish and hope to organise an Easter egg hunt, Plant swap and a skills swap workshop.

16. PLOVER'S FIELD – Community Building possibility – Postponed due to Cllr A McDonald absence.

17. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 7th April 2020 at 7.30pm at Sithney School.