

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman: Councillor Philip Martin

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TR27 6ET

10/20

This meeting, 07th July 2020 was a Zoom meeting at 7.30 p.m. to which Councillors were summoned and Public were invited.

Cllr J Keeling

Cllr M Tresidder

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. B. Rogers

Cllr. R. Ashmore

Cllr. S. Hilditch

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and no members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllrs McDonald and Martin.

Clerk advised that in the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman Cllr M Tresidder took the chair for the meeting.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of 02nd June 2020 – amendment to minutes items 17 and 18 should be internal auditor not external auditor and item 16 should read clerk has circulated the internal auditors reports the second of which included advice on corrections which have been actioned. The amended Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 02nd June 2020 were agreed as a correct record by those Cllrs present at June's meeting, with Cllr Hilditch abstaining.

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 – None.

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

The verge on the B3302 is overgrown and the lane at the top of chynhale is muddy and needs clearing, clerk to contact highways again.

Cllr Rogers advised he will continue to circulate the police commissioner reports.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report: 'There is a lot going on with the approach of the 4th of July. The relaxation of the lockdown means the drive is to keep the public and local people safe. Public protection enforcement teams will be out and about and other teams will be working with the police. The Public Houses in the parish of Breage seem to be well placed to resume service, with beer gardens and space to provide outside tables socially spaced of course. I don't think Pavement Licenses will be required in any of those establishments to serve food and drink, given the areas available outside their properties. It is an evolving situation and people need to be vigilant regarding social distancing, and there needs to be a balance to be struck between public health and the economy. In Helston, measures are in place to block off Meneage Street for a period during the day, but delivery and disabled vehicles will be allowed. This also includes visits to the dentist if necessary. I must admit that during this awful period there seems to be a lot of advice and instructions that are big on rhetoric but short on detail and I hope this becomes clearer as the season progresses.

I continue to make progress with virtual meetings and include useful discussions with planning officers working from home. This is very handy given the volume of planning application still coming through at this time. Alleged breaches of planning notices are noticeably higher than normal, and I have submitted a few myself lately. I have taken to photographing areas of complaint to help out the enforcement teams. I do this without trespassing on private land. I have raised concerns about overgrown verges on the A394 and submitted REPORT IT via the Council's Intranet. It is a good way of reporting, but my frustration is the length of time it takes for work to be completed! Something I complain about frequently. Locally the police have been cooperative in visiting the Hendra end of Praa Sands and gave out a number of fines to people breaking the lockdown rules. There was even a camper bus from Belgium parked overnight. I am going to have a conversation with the owners of the common land at Leaseave to discuss to possibility of blocking off that area during this pandemic. I have been working with the transport people at County Hall together with local people reference the lack of a bus service to Praa Sands. Go Cornwall Bus, a subsidiary of Go Ahead, has recently won the contract to operate the tendered services for Cornwall Council, and do so as 'Transport for Cornwall'. Indeed, it is these who now operate the early morning and evening journeys on the U4 route. They have decided to register some daytime journeys between Praa Sands and Penzance on a commercial basis. The legal process governing bus service registration timelines means that the service cannot commence until mid-August and the timetable will be published in due course. This is good news for those people relying on public transport and I hope it proves a useful service. I am pleased to say that I have signposted several businesses in the division to enable them to receive funding packages and passed on others, not in my division to the relevant councillors. Concerns grow about speeding traffic that seems to have escalated recently and I hope to continue the work on the A394 with Cormac Technicians regarding safety which commenced prior to lockdown.

I have been asked about the impact of the pandemic on the Council's budget and Cornwall's economy, so I have put together some figures and facts:

I have been asked questions about finance and tourism in particular. I looked through my briefing notes and the impact on the GVA will be -22% if there is no season this year. This takes in all aspects of the economy from retail to Hotel accommodation with other impacts on a wider variety of services. If the lockdown were to last a year the estimated potential loss to Cornwall would be £1.984M.

As reported to HM Government on 15 May 2020, the estimated financial impact of COVID-19 at that point is set out below:

Description £m Additional costs of COVID-19, market underwriting and increased demand 18.015

Loss of Income through COVID-19 22.891

Undeliverable savings as a result of COVID-19 4.313

Total estimated gross costs of COVID-19 45.219

Government COVID Support Grant Income (34.401)

Rough Sleeper Grant funding (0.018)

The current estimated net cost of COVID-19* 10.800

There is also likely to be a significant impact on Council Tax collection and Business Rates collection. The collection rate for April and May 2020 is approximately £3.7 million lower than April 2019 on a like for like basis. However, it is not yet known how much of this will be a delay in payment rather than non-payment resulting in bad debt. Bad debts are more likely to be a problem with NNDR than Council Tax as businesses are likely to fail during this crisis. The Section 151 officer is making an assumption at this time that the impact of this for 2021/22 could be in the region of a loss of £23m based on a 10% reduction yield in business rates and a 5% reduction yield from Council Tax.

The financial analysis in the table above does not take into account the potential future costs of recovery and increased demand which are expected to be substantial particularly within social care services, across both adult and children services alongside the need for targeted interventions to help vitalise local communities affected by the pandemic and support ongoing green regeneration of Cornwall.

I have not mentioned anything about the possibility of a spike in covid19 cases and how a local lockdown would be instigated.

Again, this is work in progress and the virtual meetings will provide further information. Nevertheless, there will be Public Health Enforcement Teams in place to deal with care homes and hotels to deal with local outbreaks.

9. PLANNING: -

Applications:

PA20/04578 - The Old Barn Pevensey Coverack Bridges Helston Cornwall TR13 0LY - Non material amendment in relation to decision notice PA19/08068 – Clerk advised that the planning officer has commented online that the application is a material amendment and therefore a full application is required, therefore no comment at this time.

Approved:

PA20/01885 - Former Tennis Courts Crowtown Helston Cornwall TR13 0AD - Reserved Matters application for the construction of two dwellings and garages (PA17/00260).

Granted (CAADs, PIPs and LUs only)

PA20/03639 - The Old Farmhouse, Larch Barn Access to Lower Boscadjack Trenear TR13 0HH - Certificate of lawfulness for occupation of existing dwelling without compliance with occupation description- condition 2 of PA03/00644/F dated 23 July 2004.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Modification Orders – Clerk advised she is in the process of identifying the landowners concerned for the Trannack Bridge and Lowertown modification orders. Once known the relevant letter's will be sent to the landowner's and CC.

11. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment – clerk reminded Cllrs that the money is still to be spent.

Bus Shelter – Crowtown – due to Covid 19 the installation has had to be delayed due to accommodation requirements for the installers. Hopefully it will be between the 06-16.07.20.

CC – 12 Month renewal of existing dog control public spaces protection order – circulated by email.

Telephone Box Defibrillator Coverack Bridges – Clerk has circulated pictures of the Defibrillator in place, which looks great. Clerk has written to all involved to thank them for their efforts. The unit is owned and checked by D.A.Giles and therefore any insurance requirements will be dealt with by them.

Defibrillator Sithney School – It was agreed clerk would contact the school to see if a member of staff would carry out the monthly checks and report to clerk to file with SW ambulance service.

Consultation on draft model of Code of Conduct – circulated by email.

12a) PAYMENTS - It was proposed by Cllr. Rogers seconded by Cllr. Penrose all in favour that the following payments are authorised:

	£
Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	102.81
Mr R Sanders	1575.59
Mr A McDonald – Postage costs	4.25
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity (new pads)	54.00
Mrs J Ellis – Clerk Salary – Standing order	586.33
Mrs J Ellis – Postage and Zoom Fees	39.79
	2,362.77

12b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had payments to pay totaling £2362.77 as reported in item 12a. The balance at the end of June on the Current Account is £12,533 and on the Business Saver is £32,737.85. The monthly and quarterly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the reports.

13. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 4th August 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom, Cllr Rogers to advertise on Facebook.