

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman: Councillor Philip Martin

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St Erth, Hayle
TR27 6ET

20/20

This meeting, 01st December 2020 was a Zoom meeting at 7.30 p.m. to which Councillors were summoned and Public were invited.

Cllr. P. Martin
Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose
Cllr. A. McDonald
Cllr. S. Hilditch

Cllr. M. Tresidder
Cllr. C. Freer
Cllr. R. Ashmore
Cllr. B. Rogers

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis and 1 member of the public.

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

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of 03rd November 2020 were unanimously agreed.

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 – Cllr Roger Smith from Crowan spoke to advise he is the elected conservative candidate running for the Sithney, Wendron and Crowan ward for the next elections.

6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Cllr Martin advised he laid the remembrance wreath on behalf of the council at Sithney church gates and the last post was played.

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

Cllr Hilditch – has been in contact with Helston police station to arrange the next speed watch training. There are now 6 members to the speed watch group.

Lowertown community group sent there thanks to the council for reporting the taxi cars parked at the top of Lowertown that are obscuring the view when using the junction, even though no positive outcome was achieved. Clerk to contact highways again.

Cllr Rogers advised the 'Trevarno quiet lanes' scheme has gained more support and its members have been in touch with other quiet lane schemes in the country. There is a zoom meeting on Thursday to discuss further, which Cllrs Rogers and Keeling will be attending.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report:

Highway matters - Cornwall Council confirm that it is not possible to use the CNP TRO's for undertaking extra works within parishes. I understand the rationale is that the addition of many other small schemes has potential to delay the delivery of the agreed schemes beyond the critical funding parameters. I will chase this further through the CN panels.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding and S106 are sources of funding for Highway improvements. In terms of CIL it is the strategic part of the levy rather than the 15% or 25% allocated to town and parish councils.

Further, parishioners in Sithney are attempting to bring forward an initiative for "Quiet Lanes" in an attempt, to get drivers to respect both the rural nature of the lanes and the environment. CPRE are the source of information and I hope to join a Zoom meeting this week with interested parties up country.

Trannack School have raised deep concerns about speeding traffic past the School entrance. I have been out several times and note that signage is poor on the approach from Coverack Bridges. This may be a scheme for the One Highway Network Budget given concerns regarding road safety. I have included Cllr Loveday Jenkin in this, given she is a governor at the school, to help provide further lobbying to push this further.

Enforcement - Planning Enforcement is painfully slow, but it must follow due process. There are more than 22 alleged beaches of planning across all my parishes since lockdown began in late March. Cornwall wide there has been a 30% increase in alleged breaches of planning since lockdown began.

General - There is a lot of unrest, among elected members, about 2nd homes in receipt of business rates claiming the £10k Grant during lockdown, the link below gives some information on actions being taken by one of our MPs. The main problem lies with the lack of clarification about occupancy during the 140 days the holiday let is available during the year and closing that loophole.

There are some 23,000 second homes in Cornwall with about 7,600 registered as holiday lets. The rest pay full council tax.

<https://www.stevedouble.org.uk/news/steve-double-mp-calls-update-government-plans-close-second-home-business-rates-relief-loop-hole>

9. PLANNING: -

Approved:

PA20/08415 - The Old Piggery Prospidnick Helston TR13 0RY - Proposed new side extension and internal alterations.

PA20/08726 - Chapel Field Land North of Bawdsey, Crowntown TR13 0AB - Non material amendment in relation to decision notice PA20/01067.

PA20/07986 - Polwidden Cottage, Polgarth Farm, Helston Cornwall TR13 0AA - Erection of a domestic garage (revised location).

PA19/03431 - Lower Boscadjack Farm Trenear Helston Cornwall TR13 0HH - Removal of existing agricultural buildings and erection of three new dwellings, conversion and extension of existing building to form dwelling, diversion of public footpaths, and installation of sewage treatment plant.

Enforcement – clerk to contact enforcement with reference to mobile home in situ at Pear Tree Farm without planning permission.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Modification Orders – Trannack Bridge – is lodged with CC.

Lowertown modification order – Now that restrictions are easing hopefully more forms can be completed.

Lane Trevarno – Chynhale – Due to be cleared during the first week of December.

Bridleway 30 – Flooding behind Trannack mill – clerk has reported to the countryside access team.

11. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk annual review – Clerk’s annual review was carried out this evening with Cllrs Martin and Penrose, and all were happy with clerk’s performance. In line with clerk’s contract on satisfactory performance an increment is awarded in April each year. Due to Covid-19 and the national salary increase only recently being agreed, clerk is still being paid SP12 which should have changed to SCP13 from April 2020. The monetary difference for the year April 20 – March 2021 is £0.54p per hour * 49 hours per month * 12 = £317.52. It was proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Penrose, all in favour that clerk would be paid this amount in January 2021 and the new SP14 awarded from April 2021 in accordance with the Contract of Employment, Clause 6.2.

Clerk has booked to attend Training through CALC Budgeting, Internal Audit, end of year accounts and internal control which will be £40.00 + vat.

Drain overflowing outside Tregathenan – clerk has reported to highways and they are aware of the issue.

Audit – Clerk has sent all paperwork for the year to date to Cllr McDonald who confirmed he is happy and signed of the audit.

New Cllr Responsibilities – Clerk advised that currently the role of Audit / Finance Committee (along with Cllr McDonald) has a vacancy, Cllr Freer kindly accepted.

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

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Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk – standing order	102.81
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Mrs J Ellis – Clerk Salary – Standing order	586.33
Mrs J Ellis – Postage and Zoom Fees,	71.01
RBL Poppy Appeal – S137 donation	200.00
Mr R Sanders – Plover’s Field trimming	294.00
Davey & Gilbert – Earthing requirements for Defibrillator at Coverack Bridges	420.00
	1,776.96

12b) FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had payments to pay totaling £1,776.96 as reported in item 12a. The balance at the end of November on the Current Account is £18,225.81 and on the Business Saver is £32,742.38.

The monthly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the reports.

13) BUDGET / PRECEPT SETTING – Clerk has circulated a Budget Report to all Cllrs. The current Precept is £14,140 and clerk has put forward the budget with the precept remaining the same and with a 1% increase. Clerk advised that although the council does hold high reserves, a 1% increase would go towards keeping in line with inflation. It was unanimously RESOLVED to request a 2021/2022 precept from CC for £14281.00

The budget meeting was carried out on the 23.11.2020 with clerk Cllrs Mc Donald and Freer. Cllr McDonald raised the possibility of this council purchasing a speed camera similar to Rosudgeon that flashes speed and number plate. Further to a site meeting on the B3303 between Cllrs McDonald and Hilditch on the 01.12.20, Cllr McDonald and Hilditch proposed that this council explores the possibility of a speed camera.

Clerk has spoken to highways and the cost could be in the region of £25,000 for an electric one, subject to confirmation on position. Cllrs discussed the level of reserves and the speeding issues on the B3303 and it was agreed by 7 Cllrs in Favour and 1 objection to a site meeting between highways and Cllr McDonald to agree a possible position and cost and bring back to January 2021 meeting for a decision.

14. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 05th January 2021 via Zoom.