

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman: Councillor Philip Martin

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22/20

This meeting, 05th January 2021 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 (joined 8.00pm)
Cllr. R. Ashmore
Cllr. J Keeling

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

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

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - It was agreed the minutes needed to be amended to read the B3303 and not the B3302, with this amendment the Minutes of 01st December 2020 were unanimously agreed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA – Cllr Hilditch in PA20/11203.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Mr J Harrison - Planning and Communications Consultant for Cornish Tin – gave a talk on the possibility of exploration drilling in Sithney Parish hopefully around April / May time. Mr Harrison's role is to communicate with members of the area to answer any questions and hopefully put people's minds at ease with what is happening and planned. The planned work in the parish would be a six month drilling campaign to see what minerals are present. If any are found there is a long process to submit a planning application and gain a permissive development order.

A parishioner asked Cllr Keeling if the agreed works under the Community network panel highways scheme outside Sithney school to Plover's filed would still be going ahead. Cllr Keeling confirmed it would. It was also raised about looking into other possibilities to reduce the speed on the B3303 such as narrowing the road in places.

6. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Cllr Martin advised that like all he hoped the Covid 19 vaccine would be rolled out soon and life could return to some normality.

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

The road from Trannack school to Lowertown still has water running down it from the blocked drains which can turn to black ice and causing an accident there today. Clerk to speak to highways.

Bridleway 230/30/1 is still flooding, clerk to speak to the countryside access team.

The junction at the grove is also flooded due to blocked drains – clerk to speak to highways.

The manhole cover at Tregathenan is still pouring out water and has damaged the hedges due to the volume of water.

Between the Mill House and Sithney Green the highway passing places are muddy and blocked with leaves. This leaves nowhere for pedestrians to safely wait for passing cars. Clerk to speak to Rupert Spencer at Highways about all the issues.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS – Cllr. John Keeling gave the following written report: It is the end of a year like no other and it is with great hope that we face the new year with an expectation of some normality returning to our lives.

Local government finance is now foremost on our minds. Adult Social Care (ASC) is our biggest expenditure, and the government has given local government access to £1 billion for ASC: £300 million social care grant and 3% ASC precept. Very generous! £300 million from central government and £700 million from the council taxpayer.

The council tax for 2021/22, including the ASC precept is predicted to be a 4.99% increase with 1.99% council tax and 3% ASC precept. As in the past my colleagues and I will be looking at ways of reducing this burden but must find where we can make savings from other directorates to meet any reduction in the charge. Further financial information is available over the next few weeks. A 1% reduction in council tax/precept equates to about £3m.

Another piece of work being undertaken by myself and a small number of cross-party councillors continues to seek and clarify how the local authority can drive down the cost of contract management and procurement. CC spend close to £800m per year (72% of our gross budget). Ensuring there are more local Cornish suppliers would help to drive down the cost and benefit the local economy. Locally, I met with the highways team on 2 occasions regarding highway issues at Praa Sands and Crowtown. Enforcement action against alleged breaches of planning is also very slow but there are no shortcuts with over 20 alleged breaches presently.

9. PLANNING: -

PA20/05912 - Barn Access to Lower Boscadjack Trenear TR13 0HH - Extension to barn, use of barns as dwellings not in accordance with Condition 2 of planning permission decision notice W2/PA03/00644/F and change of use of land as incidental residential garden. This application has come before this council before and clerk has requested detail from CC planning as to what has changed. As planning have not come back with any detail no comments can be made.

PA20/11203 - Chapel Field Land North of Bawdsey, Crowtown Helston - Construction of a domestic garage associated with previously consented new dwelling (decision PA20/01067 and NMA PA20/08726). Sithney parish council did not support the initial application for a dwelling and it is considered that having yet another (relatively large) structure on the site, would be unacceptable. Additionally, it would leave comparatively little amenity area. It was RESOLVED 6 Cllrs in favour, 1 abstaining that Sithney Parish Council do not support the application.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Modification Orders – Trannack Bridge & Lowertown clerk advised the Trannack Bridge DMMO is lodged with CC. The current pandemic will halt the progress of the Lowertown order until such time as it is safe for user evidence forms to be completed.

Trevarno – Chynhale – Although the Trevarno side of the lane against the wall has been cleared the trees on the other side are causing the drains to become blocked and muddy. Clerk to speak to Highways about the issues in and around Trevarno, Chynhale and Sithney Green.

11. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Laptop Insurance – Clerk advised the council laptop warranty expires on the 20.01.21 and is £90.00 a year to continue the insurance. Cllrs unanimously agreed not to extend the insurance.

RBL Poppy appeal have written to thank this council for their kind donation and support.

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

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Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk – standing order	102.81
Cornwall pension Fund – adjustment to allow for clerk salary increase – one off	59.36
Mrs J Ellis – Clerk Salary – Standing order	586.33
Mrs J Ellis – salary increment	317.52
Mrs J Ellis – Postage and zoom costs	22.35
Mr R Sanders – Plover’s Field Cutting	78.00
Cornwall ALC Limited – Clerk training	36.00
SLCC Membership	73.00
	1,275.37

12b FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had payments to pay totaling £1,275.37 as reported in item 12a. The balance at the end of December on the Current Account is £16,547.41 and on the Business Saver is £32,743.20. The monthly and quarterly reports has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the reports.

13 LMP 2021/2022 – Clerk has received notification that CC will increase the LMP by 2%. Clerk advised our current contractor was awarded the contract for a 3 year contract in April 2018 which would come to an end March 2021. Cllrs unanimously agreed to stay with the current contractor if he was happy to.

14. B3303 SPEED CAMERA – Cllrs McDonald and Keeling met with Andy Hoskin from Cormac to discuss a speed camera opposite the pub on the corner which would pick up north and south bound traffic. The location was agreed to be suitable. Highways have since come back with a very large cost for the cameras which is disappointing considering it is a highways issue and SPC are trying to help reduce the chance of an accident on the road. Cllr Keeling to go back to Rupert Spencer.

15. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 02nd February 2021 via Zoom.