

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman: Councillor Philip Martin

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Trannack Farm,
St Erth, Hayle
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This meeting, 06th April 2021 was a Zoom meeting at 7.30 p.m. to which Councillors were summoned and Public were invited.

Cllr. Mrs. L Penrose

Cllr. Mrs. S. Hilditch

Cllr. J. Keeling (joined at 8.10pm)

Cllr. A. McDonald

Cllr. R. Ashmore

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

In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman it was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr Hilditch would chair the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received from Cllrs B Rogers, C Freer and P Martin.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – It was unanimously agreed and resolved to accept the minutes of the 02nd March 2021.

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 received.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

6. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – No report as Cllr Martin was absent.

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

The Lowertown notice board maps have been destroyed by snails and look scruffy. Clerk to attend and remove items when next placing notices in board.

The Lowertown telephone box that is a community Library is in need of a paint and repair to the door. Cllr Penrose to advise the community group.

Cllrs raised an issue that has been brought to the parish council’s attention regarding works at Trannack Quarry and the PRoW that run through the area. Cllrs noted that they are aware of the issues and have contacted the relevant departments at Cornwall Council for an update as the issues are outside of the parish council’s remit and rest with the planning authority Cornwall Council.

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

‘I wish to thank you for all for our close association over the past four years. It has not been an easy time with particular emphasis of the last twelve months. The impact of the pandemic on all of us has taken its toll in many ways. Nevertheless, there is still a lot to do in our respective communities and at times it has been more than just frustrating trying to get things done Further, and as a member of the opposition at County Hall, it is my fervent hope that the new Cornwall Council will put a lot more emphasis on providing the first-class services that the people of these parishes and Cornwall so richly deserve. I am still actively involved in helping the public with planning and enforcement issues and will continue to do so throughout the election period. The headache of highway matters continues and is an area that needs to be resolved for all areas within both the old and new electoral divisions. Whether I am successful or not in the forthcoming elections remains to be seen, but I will ensure that all outstanding matters, within all the parishes, have a high priority in the future. Wishing you all good luck going forward to the forthcoming parish council elections’. Cllrs all expressed their thanks to Cllr Keeling for all his work and support over the past eight years.

9. PLANNING: -

Applications:

PA20/05912 Swallow Barn, Trenear - 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. Cllrs discussed the application and felt that, visually, the extension would be an improvement and acknowledged that the change of use of land as incidental garden is acceptable. It was unanimously agreed and RESOLVED to support the application.

PA21/01867 - The Grouses B3302 Between Sithney School and Sithney Common Sithney TR13 0AF - New detached dwelling to replace existing barn that benefits from permitted development right to convert to a dwelling with planning reference: PA20/07275. Cllrs have concerns regarding the proposal for a new dwelling and as to its size. Originally barn 1 was to be a two bedroom dwelling but is now proposed as a four bedroom dwelling and does appear to exceed the footprint of the current building. It was felt that altering the building to a farmhouse style would not be in keeping with the other barns or the surrounding area. It was unanimously agreed and RESOLVED that Sithney Parish Council does not support the application.

Enforcement case updates

EN20/01512 - Pear Tree Cottage is currently with enforcement.

PA20/03168 – Trannack Byre, Trannack - Planning are waiting for the site visit / decision to be made.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Modification Orders – Trannack Bridge & Lowertown – Clerk advised that with restrictions starting to ease hopefully the Lowertown evidence can be gathered.

11. REPORT OF THE CLERK & CORRESPONDENCE

Sithney Road Issues – Highways have been out and inspected and advise there are no further issues that require works due to immediate health and safety issues. Clerk to report the hedges by Trevarno Mill to Sithney Green need trimming back.

Audit – Clerk advised the end of year audit has been completed and Cllrs McDonald and Freer have checked the paperwork. The AGAR has been completed and will be handed to the Internal Auditor this week.

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

	£
Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk – standing order	102.81
Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – standing order relating to 2020/21	90.88
Mrs J Ellis – Clerk Salary – Standing order	586.33
Mrs J Ellis – Microsoft office, postage and zoom fees	92.17
Mr R Sanders – Plover’s Field Cutting	78.00
	£950.19

12b FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CLERK – The Clerk reported that she had payments to pay totaling £950.19 as reported in item 12a. The balance at the end of March on the Current Account is £13,895.55 and on the Business Saver is £32,744.02. The monthly and quarterly report has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the report.

12C APPROVE CLERK STANDING ORDER FOR 2021/2022 STARTING MAY 2021 – As agreed at December 2020 meeting clerk’s annual increment is awarded from April 2021. It was unanimously agreed to amend clerk’s standing order to reflect this.

13. B3303 SPEED CAMERA – Further to Cllrs meeting on site with representatives from Cornwall Council, Lydia Hewitt from Cornwall Council has gathered some costs: ‘The location that was agreed on site seems like a good option. From some investigation works, there is potential for mains power within the vicinity, but I haven’t gone for a mains quote from WPD yet because I know your preferred option was for a solar sign and from looking on site, I don’t see there to be any issues with this. The estimated price for 1x solar sign would be £8,919.34, this is inclusive of traffic management and back-office connections.

It was also discussed about the potential for another sign to be installed at the other end of the village, if you wanted solar, then the above price would be similar although we would need to agree an exact location due to future maintenance of the sign etc’.

Cllrs discussed and it was unanimously agreed and RESOLVED to purchase one solar power camera at the agreed location on the school side of the road to monitor traffic in the direction from Helston to Camborne.

14. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11th May 2021 - venue to be confirmed.