



25th July 2017

MINUTES

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 25th July 2017 at 7.00pm in The Gilbert Hall Nancledra.

PRESENT: Mr K Hughes, Mr J Brookes, Mrs J Evans, Mr G Hollow, Mr L Hollow, Mrs A Philip

IN ATTENDANCE: Fiona Drew (Clerk), Councillor Andrew Mitchell (Cornwall Council).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 4 members of the public were present to discuss Planning Applications and other matters.

The meeting opened at 7.08 pm.

1. APOLOGIES: Mr D Carr, PCSO Terry Webb, Mary Shead

2. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY & OTHER INTERESTS, RELATING TO ANY AGENDA ITEM: The Chairman declared interests as the Councillor for St Ives Town Council West Ward for the Conservative Party, representative for St Ives Town Council on the Coastal Communities Forum, representative for St Ives Town Council on Penwith Rural Transport Forum, representative on St Ives in December, serves on two of the Council's Committees – Community and Environment Committee & Grievance and Disciplinary Panel, a Charitable Trustee & Board member of the Cornwall Community Flood Forum and as a Councillor of Zennor Parish Council. The Chairman also sits on a quarterly advisory group for the MP, Derek Thomas. He Chairs the Dark Skies Policy Group and the Vice-Chairman is Vice-Chair of the Dark Skies Group and also Chairman of Zennor Parish Council. Councillor G Hollow & Councillor L Hollow declared an interest in Item 10a) and Councillor Evans declared an interest in Item 9a).

3. DETERMINATION OF REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 27th June 2017: The minutes, previously circulated, included two errors in names in Item 13 and 18c). These were amended by hand, they were then taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

a) Defibrillator: Nothing to report at present.

b) Finger Post: The Clerk reported that Iron Brothers had collected the final today and work should be completed no later than the end of August. The Chairman said that First are looking for an alternative location for the bus timetable.

c) Valley Road Junction: PCSO Webb had told the Chairman he would try and keep an eye on it but unless they are actually there when someone turns left rather than right, there is not a lot they can do. If anyone has an accident turning the wrong way then they will be liable as the signs are clearly visible.

d) Affordable Housing: Councillor Mitchell reported that Cornwall CLT had held a second meeting at the school. They were working with Cornwall Council's Housing team to draw up a housing need questionnaire, which they intended to distribute to show that there is a housing need in the Parish.

Councillor Mitchell had not yet had confirmation from Sam Irving if there was any one on the housing register for the Parish but didn't think so.

e) Cledry Meadow Fence: The Chairman reported that the Clerk had agreed with Mr Birchley that he had until 31st July to close up his side of the fence, otherwise the Council would close it up from the Cledry Meadow side.

f) Woodland Trust Trees: The Clerk reported that she had ordered a 20 tree Copse pack, consisting of a mix of silver birch, rowan and wild cherry. These would be ready in November and Councillor G Hollow kindly agreed for the saplings to be delivered to his address.

6. CHAIRMAN'S DIARY & STATEMENT:

The Chairman attended:

29th June St Ives Town Council

11th July Zennor Parish Council

The Chairman will be attending:

27th July St Ives Town Council

Halsetown Village Fete is taking place this weekend on both Saturday & Sunday.

The Chairman had been invited to the St Ives Mayor's Civic Parade from the Badger Inn to St Uny on Sunday but was unable to attend. He reported that his daughter would be representing him as St Ives Town Councillor. No-one was able to attend from the Parish Council.

There would be no Zennor or St Ives meetings in August.

7. POLICE REPORT: PCSO Webb was not present but had sent a report to say there had been no crimes in this period.

8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS: The Vice-Chairman reported that the Penwith Landscape Partnership was in its final phase and that Dark Skies was firmly embedded in it thanks to Sue James, the Cornwall Councillor for St Just. The next meeting was due to take place in early August.

9. PLANNING:

a) Applications: PA17/05219 Proposal: New Dormer Window & Front Porch Location: White Croft, Nancledra Hill, Nancledra TR20 8NA Applicant: Mr S Fuller. Councillor Evans left the room having already declared an interest. The Chairman **proposed** that as there were no alterations to the previous application, the Council support it. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor Philip and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council has no objections to this application. Councillor Evans returned to the room.

b) Decisions: PA17/05219 Proposal: Submission of details to discharge condition 4 in respect of decision notice PA16/00137 Location: The Old Cow Shed at the Barn, Georgia Hill, Nancledra Applicant: Mr P Osborne **Discharged**

PA17/03568 Proposal: New dwelling house Location: Land NNE of Nancledra School Applicant: Mr & Mrs A Barrett **Refused**

c) Appeals: None

d) Pre -apps: None

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a) Engine Inn: Councillors G & L Hollow left the room having already declared an interest. The Clerk read out the correspondence received from Karen Trevartha at the Engine Inn and the

Chairman's response. Councillor Mitchell reported that he had been into the pub on his way down but it had been very busy. He would try and go in either on his way home or tomorrow to try and visualize the problems. He said that he would chase Highways and was happy to organize a tri part meeting between the Engine Inn, Councillor G Hollow and Highways to see what would be achievable. **AGREED:** Councillor Mitchell to speak to Mike Peters at Highways and visit the Engine Inn. Councillors G & L Hollow returned to the meeting at 7.40pm.

b) Encroachment of Hedgerows & Trees on Highways: A discussion took place around problems in the village with overgrown hedges and trees. Councillor Mitchell **agreed** to check with Highways if an Enforcement Book existed. Councillor G Hollow reported that he had cut the verge going out of the village and Councillor Evans expressed her thanks. She then reported that unfortunately in the recent rain all the water was flowing down pushing everything that had been cut into the drains. A discussion took place about whose responsibility it was to clear the drains. Councillor Mitchell confirmed that if they were drains with holes in then it was Highways responsibility if they were solid cover drains then SWW, and that they were cleared on an adhoc reactionary basis. The Chairman reminded Councillors that anyone that chose to clear a drain did so at their own risk and not under Council request. Councillor Mitchell said that you could report issues to Highways and that it was the landowners responsibility to clear overhanging branches etc that were causing a problem. Highways would try and get the landowners to do the work and it would be a last course of action that they would get it done and recharge the landowner. He reminded the Council that they wouldn't cut at this time of year due to wild birds nesting. **AGREED:** The Clerk to report any issues with blocked drains to Highways with Councillor Evans assistance.

11. VILLAGE MATTERS:

a) Lock Posts: Councillor G Hollow had now installed these and keys were held by the Chairman, Councillor G Hollow and Chris Curnow so he could access Cleddy Meadow to cut it. Councillor G Hollow reported that people were still parking there by going in sideways between the lock post. **AGREED:** Councillor G Hollow to put a granite boulder to stop people from pulling in from the side.

b) Car Parking: A long discussion took place around the issues that are currently ongoing with parking. The Clerk read out an email received from Dr S Clarke and the Chairman's response. The Chairman reported that he had checked the paperwork and Cleddy Meadow definitely had to stay a meadow. He put forward three options to be considered 1) Do nothing and let people sort out the spaces between themselves. 2) Sell 8 of the parking spaces off at a cost to be determined, each with a lock post and a covenant to go on the deeds of the property so they would own it with their house. 3) Bring in a Parking Solutions Company. Further discussion took place as to why the problems had come about and the affect the parking was having on revenue for the Gilbert Hall due to people being unable to park when they came for events. Councillor Evans suggested approaching the few that are causing problems for the majority. Councillor Philip then suggested holding a public meeting to give all those involved a chance to have their say, and to give the Council a chance to explain to them how they were trying to work towards a solution. Further discussion then took place relating to the private lane owned by Bolitho Estates, where parking had previously been available. The Chairman **proposed** writing to Bolitho Estates to request reinstating parking down the first part of the lane and moving the No Parking sign to level with the end of the Cleddy Meadow boundary. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor Philip and **carried by 5-1**. It was also **AGREED** that the issue of holding a public meeting on a night separate to a Council Meeting be put on the next agenda.

c) Abandoned Vehicles: The Clerk reported that Councillor Carr had spoken with PCSO Webb and was hopeful that one of the vehicles discussed at the last meeting was going to be moved.

12. FOOTPATH MATTERS: The Clerk reported that Chris Curnow had carried out the first LMP cut, with just four paths left to finish.

13. CEMETERY MATTERS:

a) Burial of Mrs Daniels: The Clerk reported that the Service had gone ahead and that the Funeral Directors, Burroughs & Kearey, would notify her when the interment had actually taken place.

b) Cemetery Fees: Discussion took place about the current Cemetery Fees and the Chairman reported that the Parish was amongst the cheapest for burials anywhere in the UK. The Chairman **proposed** increasing all fees by 100% across the board. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor Evans and **carried** by 4-2. Councillor L Hollow then **proposed** a review of these fees after three years. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor G Hollow and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to amend the Cemetery Fees forthwith and notify the relevant Funeral Directors. A discussion took place around the criteria but no proposals were made. The meeting was then closed to allow Ellen Carter to speak, who requested that should any changes be made to the criteria please could Rev Elizabeth Foot be informed. The meeting then reopened and Councillor L Hollow reminded the Council of the decision made previously and minuted relating to David Pearce.

14. ELECTORAL REVIEW FOR CORNWALL: The Chairman said that the Council had previously responded on this matter, but Councillor Mitchell explained that this was a re-consultation. He reported that Cornwall Council had voted today to agree to 99 Councillors (as opposed to the 87 proposed and the 123 the Council currently are). The Chairman **proposed** that the Council agree with Cornwall Council's view that 99 Councillors are appropriate. Councillor Philip **seconded** the proposal and it was **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to report back to the Local Government Boundary Commission.

17. WEBSITE DOMAIN RENEWAL: The Chairman reported that at St Ives Council they had been informed that Councillors could no longer use their own email address for Council emails and would have to register for a .gov.uk address which would cost the Council money. The Clerk said that she had not received any correspondence confirming this and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would investigate and report back to the next meeting. Councillor Mitchell left the meeting at 8.45pm. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council website domain is due for renewal. The cost is £70 for two years. The Chairman **proposed** that the Clerk renew the domain address. The proposal was **seconded** by the Vice Chairman and **carried unanimously**.

15. DARK SKIES UPDATE: Nothing further to report at present.

16. FLOOD FORUM UPDATE: Nothing to report at present.

18. ACCOUNTS:

a) Summary of month's accounts: These were circulated and are attached as an Appendix to the minutes. Receipts totaling £256.93 were approved for payment, and income of £200.00 recorded.

19. CORRESPONDENCE: CALC newsletters and Safer Cornwall newsletters as previously circulated. The Clerk read out an email from Pauline Hayward on behalf of the Trustees relating to the condition of the car park outside the hall. A discussion took place about a phone call Councillor Evans had received regarding issues with a footpath sign over the stile next to the Hodders. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to the Landowners regarding the electric fence that was across a public footpath and blocking access to the stile, and copy in Hamish Gordon.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: A discussion took place regarding changing the date of the next meeting as neither the Clerk nor the Chairman was available on 29th August. Councillor Philip **proposed** changing the meeting from 29th to 22nd August at 8.00pm instead of 7.00pm owing to Planning training that she, the Vice Chairman and the Clerk were attending that day. The proposal was **seconded** by the Chairman and **carried unanimously**.

21. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Councillors to contact the Clerk no later than Monday 14th August with items they wish to be included.
Councillor L Hollow requested that Coldharbour Corner be put on the next agenda.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00p.m.

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: _____