



22nd August 2017

MINUTES

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 22nd August at 8.00pm in The Gilbert Hall Nancledra.

PRESENT: Mr Kevin Hughes (Chairman), Mr Jon Brookes (Vice-Chairman), Mr David Carr, Mrs Judith Evans, Mr Geoff Hollow, Mr Leslie Hollow, Mrs Annie Philip

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Fiona Drew (Clerk), Councillor Andrew Mitchell (Cornwall Council), PCSO Terry Webb, Mrs Mary Shead,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 7 members of the public were present to discuss Planning Applications and other matters.

The meeting opened at 8.10 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES: None

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, 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 5d) & 9a). The Vice-Chairman also declared an interest in Item 9a as he is a Board Member of the Penwith Landscape Partnership.

3. DETERMINATION OF REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 25th July 2017: The minutes, previously circulated, included a typing error in Item 6. This was amended by hand, they were then taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

a) Finger Post: The Chairman reported that Iron Brothers had collected the final and work should be completed no later than the end of August.

b) Valley Road Junction: This item will be covered later in the Police Report.

c) Cledry Meadow Fence: This has now been secured.

d) Engine Inn: To be discussed later.

e) Enforcement Books: Councillor Mitchell reported that two books were on their way from Cornwall Council

6. CHAIRMAN'S DIARY & STATEMENT:

The Chairman attended:

27th July St Ives Town Council – where he spoke in favour of CCTV for St Ives
8th, 9th & 10th August in Scotland where he attended the Scottish Parliament, Holyrood Palace and the Royal Military Tattoo where he had seats in the Royal Box.

The Chairman will be attending:

23rd August Filming in St Ives for a pilot for 'Rural Life of a Doctor'
23rd August Attending a session called Operation Griffin to update Councillors on terrorism.
30th August Meeting on CCTV for St Ives
31st August St Ives Council
12th Sept Zennor Parish Council

7. POLICE REPORT: PCSO Webb read out the crime report which included one crime which had been undetected. Reports had been received locally about pigs and goats escaping. PCSO Webb had been in contact with the owners regarding the fencing and was satisfied this had now been resolved, as he had received no reports of criminal damage. PCSO Webb confirmed that the Valley Rd junction had been reported to Highways and as yet he had had no response. Mary Shead then spoke re the campaign for CCTV in St Ives and asked everyone if they supported it to make their feelings known via social media, writing to the paper etc. The Chairman added that Councillor Mitchell was also backing the campaign at Penbeagle Skate Park where there were issues of drugs.

8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS: None

9. PLANNING:

a) Applications: PA17/06845 Proposal: Proposed concrete hardstanding for siting of cart / tack shed and existing horse field shelter Location: Lower Amalwhidden Farm, Holmans Moor Road, Towednack Applicant: Miss Rachel Kearney. The applicant had informed the Council during public participation that the address on the application was wrong. The Chairman therefore said that the Council were unable to discuss it and the application would have to be withdrawn and resubmitted.

PA17/06972 Proposal: Construction of an agricultural storage building Location: Land N of Lower Amalwhidden, Holmans Moor Road, Towednack Applicant: Miss Kaczmarczyk . The Clerk read out a letter of objection from Neil & Julia Hodder. The Chairman proposed a site visit, to include the architect, as this was the third time this application had come before the Council. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor L Hollow and **carried unanimously. RESOLVED:** The Clerk to invite the Architect and Applicants to a site visit on Thursday 7th September at 4pm.

PA17/07186 Proposal: Conversion of barn with extension to class C3 dwelling Location: Land and Buildings at Chytodden, Towednack TR26 3AT Applicant: Mr W L Hollow. Councillors G & L Hollow and the Vice-Chairman, all having declared an interest earlier, left the room. A discussion took place around the application and the Chairman reported that he had made a site visit earlier in the day. The Chairman **proposed** supporting the application and added that the landowner should be applauded for the quality of this application. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor Carr and **carried unanimously. RESOLVED:** The Clerk to update the Planning Website accordingly.

5d) Engine Inn: The Clerk read out a letter from Highways. Councillor Mitchell said that he would try to organize an onsite meeting next week with Highways and Councillor G Hollow as the main issue was drainage into the field. Hopefully a satisfactory arrangement can be found which all parties will be happy with.

Councillors L Hollow, G Hollow & J Brookes all returned to the meeting at 8.45pm.

b) Decisions: PA17/03797 Proposal: Construction of a staggered terrace of three dwelling houses for Mr & Mrs Richards' children to live in. Properties to be sited on an area of land currently within the demise of the Count House Location: Land NE of the Count House, Giew Hill, Cripplesease Applicants: Mr & Mrs Richards **Refused**.

c) Appeals: None

d) Pre -apps: None

e) Caravan at Giew Hill: A discussion took place regarding a caravan that had appeared about a month ago by the Engine Inn mine stack, opposite the pub. It was not in someone's garden curtilage but in the middle of the moor. The access to it was also raised as an issue as the entrance to it was on a corner. Councillor G Hollow **proposed** that it be reported to Enforcement. The proposal was seconded by the Chairman and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to contact Enforcement.

13. CEMETERY MATTERS:

a) Blessing of Cemetery Grounds: A discussion took place around the fact that the cemetery had never been blessed. Although it had been discussed at the time the cemetery was opened nothing was ever resolved. The meeting closed at 8.55pm to allow Reverend Foot to explain what it would involve and confirmed that if it was consecrated it would not stop anyone who was not a Christian or had no faith being buried there. The meeting reopened at 8.56pm. Councillor L Hollow **proposed** that the Cemetery was left unblessed. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor Carr and rejected by 4-2. The meeting closed again at 8.58pm for Reverend Foot to speak. The meeting reopened at 8.59pm and the Chairman **proposed** that the Council ask the Church to consecrate the ground. Councillor Evans **seconded** the proposal and it was **carried** by 4-2. **RESOLVED:** Reverend Foot would ask the Bishop if he would be able to perform the consecration on 1st October.

b) Toilet: The Chairman reported that a resolution had been passed before that the Council would not permit a permanent toilet or septic tank on the path up to the Church or the turning circle.

c) Church Road: A discussion took place regarding the work that Cormac had carried out to repair Church Road. The meeting was closed at 9.03pm to allow Ellen Carter and Reverend Foot to comment on the safety of the road. The meeting reopened at 9.10pm where further discussion took place about how to resolve the issue, as the Council couldn't justify spending all their money on this one issue. The Chairman suggested that if we received any complaints about the safety of the road then the Council would need to consider closing it to traffic. Councillor L Hollow suggested that we look at the possibility of getting grant funding to help repair it properly. A discussion took place around this and the Chairman then **proposed** that the Council get three quotes and look into grant funding based on the quotes. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor Carr and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to get three quotes and look at possible funding sources. Councillor Evans also felt Cormac should be contacted regarding the work they had done as most of the holes that had appeared were extensions of the old holes. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact Cormac to express the Council's dissatisfaction with the work that had been completed.

d) Sgt Fox Memorial: The Clerk reported that the stone masons had started work on a new headstone and the MOD hoped it would be in place in time for Sgt Fox's birthday on 16th December.

e) Cemetery Books: There had been a complaint from the previous Clerk regarding the Cemetery Books. They were meant to have been completed in black ink and the last entries had been completed in blue. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would investigate what could be done.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a) Animals: This was discussed earlier in the police report.

11. VILLAGE MATTERS:

a) Car Parking: The Chairman reported that a meeting had been arranged for Friday 15th September at 4pm with a representative from Bolitho Estates. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to invite all three householders who live down the lane to the meeting.

b) Abandoned Vehicles: The Chairman reported that the green spitfire had now been removed.

c) Coldharbour Corner: Councillor L Hollow reported that there had been issues regarding the ditch at Coldharbour Corner since January. He had discussed it with Mike Peters at Highways and it had finally been sorted out. We would need to wait for the winter storms to see if what had been done would suffice. The Chairman thanked Councillor L Hollow for sorting out the problem.

d) Cledry Meadow: The Chairman reported that Cledry Meadow had been cut completely and asked if anyone knew who had done it. All the stakes had been removed and the wild flowers, that had been planted 18 months previously, all cut down. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would try and find out who had cut it.

12. FOOTPATH MATTERS: None

14. DARK SKIES UPDATE: The Chairman reported that there was a Penwith Partnership meeting coming up on 5th Sept. As he already had a prior engagement he asked the Vice-Chairman if he would speak on his behalf. Dark Skies is moving forward quickly, and Derek Thomas is keen to get the rest of the information back from Parliament and collate it, once the House is sitting again.

15. FLOOD FORUM UPDATE: The Chairman reported that he had resigned as a Charitable Trustee and Board Member of the Flood Forum due to the amount of time it was taking. Both Towednack & Zennor Parish Councils will now need to register with the Flood Forum if they wish to remain members. The Chairman **proposed** that the Council becomes a member of Community Flood Forum. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor Evans and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk would complete the necessary paperwork.

16. ACCOUNTS:

a) Summary of month's accounts: There were no transactions to report.

17. WEBSITE:

a) Transparency Code: The Clerk reported that CALC had undertaken a review of the Towednack Parish Council website to see if it was compliant with the Transparency Code. It was noted that, aside from a couple of minor details that were missing, which the Clerk was in the processes of sorting out, CALC had found that the Parish Website offered a well populated and easy to access website. Once the issues had been sorted out the website will be compliant with the Code. The Clerk took details of what responsibilities each Councillor had and would add them to the website.

b) Councillor Emails: As advised by CALC, Councillors were allowed to use their own email address for Council emails but needed to be aware that, should there be a FOI request, they would have to submit all their email correspondence for scrutiny, not just Council related ones.

18. CORRESPONDENCE: CALC newsletters and Safer Cornwall newsletters as previously circulated. The Chairman reported on an email received from Vanessa Luckwell regarding helicopters and multiple complaints in St Ives. The Clerk read out a letter from the Chief Constable of Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, Shaun Sawyer regarding policing numbers within the area. The Chairman reported to the public about the Council's stance on Social Housing.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 26th September 2017.

20. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Councillors to contact the Clerk no later than Monday 18th September with items they wish to be included.

Councillor Carr left the meeting at 9.52pm.

The date was set for the site visit reference Planning Application PA17/06972 for Thursday 7th September at 4p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.56pm.

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: _____

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