

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th MARCH 2008 AT PORT ISAAC COUNTY
PRIMARY SCHOOL, PORT ISAAC AT 7:30PM**

PRESENT Cllr D Phelps, Cllr A Penny,
Cllr M Dingle, Cllr B Bell
Cllr M Bell, Cllr E Rowe,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr J Townsend, Cllr W Dawe, Cllr C Penny, R Hambly Cllr M Rowe

154. ROB TAYLOR-BODMIN FIRE STATION MANAGER

Cllr D Phelps introduced Rob Taylor, the Fire Station Manager and thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Rob Taylor informed the council that he was the fire station manager at Bodmin, the nearest full time fire station to Port Isaac. Port Isaac is covered primarily by Delabole, which is a part-time station and then backed up by Wadebridge, another Part-time station. The old part of the village is not good for vehicle access and is not getting any bigger, however the fire engines are, which gives them additional problems, but we have to cope with it.

Rob then went on to say that the reason he had come to the meeting was due to a letter sent to him by the clerk, which had been composed by Cllr M Bell. He wondered where Cllr Bell was getting his inside information.

Rob informed the council that the Fire Brigade have an existing contingency plan for the Port Isaac Harbour area.

Rob informed that in the letter questions had been asked about the retained fire service and the changes.

They do get paid, but not very well, but a move is afoot to change this, in Cornwall we are short of money. There are currently trials in place to see how to amend the employment systems; it will all depend on how that goes.

Rob informed the council that identifying addresses is a genuine problem in Port Isaac with second home or people on holiday, and a valid point, a while ago the fire brigade did a circulate a sticker to put by the phone with a map reference on, and this was a useful exercise.

Rob informed the council that the cutting equipment needed at Delabole was replaced 6 months ago and now they carry cutting edge equipment.

Rob informed the council that there was a harbour area fire plan for Port Isaac and that he could show it around if anyone would like to have a look at it. The old houses in Dolphin Street have no firewall separation between them. Fire would spread to other houses very quickly with some of the housing having natural fuels and being 3 or 4 storeys high. And the added problem of limited water supplies. There are two water hydrants in the village and a backup of the stream. There was a sluice gate but it was causing problems so it had been taken away by the environments agency.

They have Toyota 4 Wheel drives one would go down to the post office and the other would go via Homerpark smaller vehicles can get down much further. They have mobile phones and radios.

Rob asked if there are any questions?

Martin Bell thanked Rob and informed him that there was not a grass at Delabole, and he is glad that this is no longer an issue and they have capable cutting equipment at Delabole.

Martin Bell asked Rob if he could provide properties in Port Isaac with stickers to put map references on.

Rob informed Martin that he would see what he could find out.

Martin Bell informed Rob that there was a large pond in harbour up stream from sluice gate, before the waste treatment plant, belongs to John Cleave, which they may be able to use in an emergency.

Martin felt that hotel staff needed to be trained to use fire extinguisher, do the fire brigade do this?

Rob informed Cllr M Bell that it is the managements responsibility to train their staff, unfortunately the fire brigade is no longer able to do that. The best people to talk to are the fire extinguisher maintenance people.

Ted Child informed Rob Taylor that he is a resident from the bottom of the village and asked when did they have there last serious practice at the bottom.

Rob Taylor informed Mr Child that it was about 15 to 18 months ago.

Ted Child expressed concerns that it was not an annual check; he also informed Rob Taylor that the Sluice gate was still there, but not functional now. It had been flipped over and that had caused it to over flow.

Rob Taylor informed the council that up to 10 years ago they used to test the hydrants them selves, but the water company got funny about it. So now it is privately done at least once at year.

Rob Taylor informed the council that he would like to remind everyone that prevention was better than cure. The mess and smell does not go away. So make sure everything is turned off, keep doors shut and install smoke detectors. For a few pounds, it is the best money you can spend, it will not put your fire out but will give you time.

The Fire Brigade have got a campaign going and are prepared to visit all properties in the county.

Cllr M Bell felt that elderly people in the village could benefit from a uniformed fireman coming around checking their fire alarms or installing them, as they are vulnerable.

Rob Taylor informed that you can pick up cards and request a visit, and elderly had been sent cards. He asked if any of the members of the public have had a visit.

Barbara informed that she had been visited and had said they would come back and check, but have not as yet

Rob Taylor offered to take Barbara's details and arrange for someone to come out, he also asked if anyone else required a check.

No members of the public put their names forward however this will be put into Trio.

Cllr M Bell asked if Rob Taylor could e-mail the clerk an up to date version of the contingency plan for Port Isaac. Rob Taylor informed that it was not in an e-mail format but he would post a copy.

Cllr D Phelps thanked Rob Taylor for coming to talk to us.

155.APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes as correct record of the meeting held Monday 11th March 2008.**Resolved** the minutes were signed as a true record.

156.PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A group of boys read out a note asking what plans the Parish Council had for putting ramps in the skate board area, and before the council makes any changes to the field could they seek the advice of the Youth Group and School Children.

Cllr D Phelps informed these children that the council does plan to do something with the skate park and playing field but does get very disappointed by the vandalism in the playing field and when things go up they, get ripped down again, he realised that it was not these children, but it does happen on a regular basis.

Joan Murray asked if there was anymore development on the lane being cut.

The clerk informed that Cllr W Dawe had spoken to North Cornwall District Council and they were supposed to be coming out.

Cllr D Phelps agreed to ring Cllr Dawe and find out what was happening.

Pearl, informed the council that she was at the meeting due to the dog control order and that no children play down that end and that a car had been driving on the football pitch. She felt she could not walk her dog on the beach summer due to how busy it is and the tides.

Liz Watson, informed the council she was also here this evening regarding the order and asked if the council had received the list of regular dog walkers she had sent to the clerk, as not everyone could make the meeting tonight due to a Health and Hygiene course and a RNLI meeting. She also has a desire for a clean playing field, but could the order not be amended to allow dog walking at the bottom of the field behind the football pitch. As it is the only green exercise area in Port Isaac and they do all clean up after their dogs, and the playing field is cleaner than the coastal path. They are also prepared to provide labour to create an access to that area.

Tony Horewell informed the council that he agreed with everything that Liz had said and did the council see the letter their dogs had written to Trio.

Ron Newman informed the council that he agreed what had just been said and that the older parishioners do not get a lot for there taxes in port Isaac, the BMX track which is now a mess had money wasted on it.

Jane Green informed that she also agreed with what had been said so far. And there is far less dog mess in the playing field than anywhere else in the village.

Kerry Hamilton informed the council that it felt much safer to walk the dog here than the beach which is dangerous where there are cars, and it very social.

Vicky Lewis informed the council she also agreed with what everyone said. She informed the council that she walked her dog when she got home from school and it is getting dark. But she felt safe walking up to the field with her dog, and her mum also knows she is safe doing so, and she always picks up her dogs mess.

157. FINANCE

- a) It was resolved that the financial statement be approved, and cheques for payment were signed.
- b) It was proposed by Cllr D Phelps that following a letter from Cornwall Playing fields Association the Parish Council makes a donation of £75 as in previous years. This was seconded by Cllr B Bell and carried nem.com.
- c) It was proposed by Cllr D Phelps that following a letter from St Peters PCC that the Parish Council makes a donation of £156.00 to pay for grass cutting around the war memorial. This was seconded by Cllr M Bell and carried nem.com

158.PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES

Application 2008/00291 Demolition of single storey lean to on rear elevation, erection of new external staircase, refurbishment and replacement of external joinery, infilling and creation of new openings and relocation of internal partitions. Full Planning. Class Act Property Renovation Ltd, 67 Fore Street, Port Isaac.

The Parish Council made no observations.

Application 2008/00253 Erection of a garden room over an existing rear extension with access from existing rear bedroom and having direct access to the higher level rear garden. Full Planning. Mr M Larkin, 8 The Terrace, Port Isaac.

The Parish Council made no observations.

Application 2008/00241 Erection of single storey utility room extension. Full Planning. Mr & Mrs S Harris, Watergate, Trelights.

The Parish Council made no observations.

Approvals/Refusals

Application 2007/02515 Demolition of chalet and garage and construction of dwelling. Mr C Marren & Ms E Arnall, 31 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac. North Cornwall District Council REFUSED this application for the following reason.

- 1) The poor relationship of the proposed dwelling to No 31 Trewetha Lane would result in an awkward and cramped form of over development giving rise to a conflict of amenity between the two independent dwellings. The loss of a significant portion of rear garden serving No 31 would have a further adverse impact on the amenities of this property and the proposal is therefore contrary to Policies 1 and 2 of the Cornwall Structure Plan – 2004; Policies DVS1, DVS3, DVS4 and ENV1 of the District Local Plan – April 1999; Planning Policy Statement (PPS1) – Delivering Sustainable Development; and the advice contained within the adopted supplementary planning guidance – the North Cornwall Design Guide – October 1997 – Section (D).

Application 2007/02529 Erection of extensions to form porch, bedroom, conservatory and garage in connection with formation of a single dwelling including sundry changes to the fenestration. Mrs T Inge, 1 & 2 Trecreege, Trelights. North Cornwall District Council REFUSED this application for the following reason.

- 1) The proposed extensions would have a detrimental effect on the original character and appearance of the converted, former agricultural, stone barn by reason of their scale, form and design. As such it would be contrary to policy 2 of the Cornwall Structure Plan – September 2004; Policies ECN8 & DVS1 of the District Local Plan – April 1999 – and the adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance contained in Sections F and H of the North Cornwall Design Guide – October 1997.
- 2) Having regard to the scale and location of the proposed replacement conservatory and two storey extension, the proposal, if permitted, would adversely affect the landscape character and amenity of this area which is designated as being an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Heritage Coast. As such the proposal would be contrary to Policy 2 of the Cornwall Structure Plan – September 2004 and Policy ENV1 of the District Local Plan – April 1999.

Application 2007/02092 Formation of new shop window and first floor access. Mr & Mrs J Cleave, Post Office & Boathouse Stores, Fore Street, Port Isaac.

North Cornwall District Council APPROVED this application.

Application 2007/02372 Retention of holiday dwelling built in place of previously approved conversion of store into holiday accommodation under 2005/02123. Mr D Knight, Land at Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac,

North Cornwall District Council APPROVED this application.

Application 2007/02397 Erection of new farm buildings to replace and upgrade existing farm complex and relocation of new farm entrance. Mr R Jones, Treswarrow Farm, St Endellion, Port Isaac.

North Cornwall District Council APPROVED this application.

159. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr D Phelps reported that there had been a problem with the playing field with the Zig Zag piece of play equipment. Dave Dingle had taken it down. He also felt that the Wendy House in the middle would need taking and replacing, as we are continuously repairing it

Cllr B Bell felt that we should ask the Cornwall Playing Field Association which play equipment suppliers they recommend.

160. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Footpaths

Cllr M Bell reported that he had spoken to Mr Ford, and he was preparing an estimate for this year's footpath maintenance. This will go on the next agenda.

Liz Rowe raised concerns about a bulging wall at Rose Hill.

Cllr D Phelps informed her that it was either District or County Councils responsibility and that we could write to them.

Cllr M Bell agreed to inspect the wall before the clerk writes to the appropriate authority.

161. PORT ISAAC PLAYING FIELD

It was proposed by Cllr D Phelps that the Parish Council pays towards the upkeep of the playing field. At half the cost, currently being £650. To be renewed annually at a ceiling of 6% increase or inflation whichever is lowest. This was seconded by Cllr M Bell and carried nem.com. Cllr D Phelps informed that Cllr M Rowe and himself had met with the school secretary and headmaster. They were happy with this and that it is the Parish Council's responsibility to maintain the field but this was a good arrangement as the county council do a better job than we would be able to do especially the lines for sports day.

Cllr B Bell informed the council as chair of the school governors. The school now have a football team. They are happy to back down on back payment as they hope money will be spent on improving play equipment.

162. DOG CONTROL ORDER

It was proposed by Cllr D Phelps that the Parish Council finalises the dog control order which was brought up originally by the primary school. This was seconded by Cllr B Bell. Cllr D Phelps informed that there was a dog control order in the playing field up to about 3 years ago when the sign got vandalised and was not replaced.

Cllr B Bell informed that she is a dog lover, and walks her own dog everywhere else in the village, however she is also chair of the school governors and was very concerned when Marie Mosley told her that she had to clean dog mess off one of the children's shoes on sports day. Some owners let their dogs run loose in the field and do not pick up after them and there are a number of children who are scared of dogs at the school.

Cllr D Phelps informed the council that he has seen children playing in the long grass in summer and that if a dog has a stomach upset it is impossible to clean it all up, it is anti-social to have dogs in children's play areas and at Delabole and St Teath no dogs are allowed in the playing fields,

Cllr L Rowe informed that she was confused as to where they walk their dogs.

Cllr A Penny informed that they walked their dogs at the far side by the fenced area, by the BMX Track.

Cllr B Bell informed that it was not tax payers money, but contributions that paid for the BMX track.

Cllr D Phelps informed that Steer are planning to build a footpath to Trewetha and this could be used for dog walking in the future.

Cllr A Penny felt that the previous Parish Council had failed to keep the notice up in the playing field, and the footpath could be years away, people have got used to this facility and we need to find somewhere else for them to go could we not fence off an area for dog walkers. .

Cllr M Bell felt there needed to be segregation between dogs and children, there is risk of infection and possibly blindness, but far more commonly vomiting, and child sickness. However we do need to address the situation and suggest an alternative area.

Cllr M Bell proposed an amendment to the proposal that the Parish Council set aside the 2 grass verges either side of Mayfield Road for dog walking.

This was seconded by Cllr D Phelps.

Cllr B Bell informed the council that 5 years ago a member of the public had enquired about renting the bottom of the field for ponies and independently several children had written to the Parish Council asking not to let it out as they played there on a regular basis.

Cllr M Bell felt that the council was heading for trouble if a child got an infection if they did not ban it.

The proposal was carried 3/2. The order will come into place on 9th June 2008, however alternative walking areas will be looked into as it was felt Cllr M Bells suggestion of the grass either side of Mayfield was not appropriate.

163. NEW CEMETERY

It was proposed by Cllr D Phelps that the Parish Council finalises fees and regulations for the new cemetery. This was seconded by Cllr B Bell and carried nem.com. It was also agreed to review this on an annual basis.

164.HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

Cllr D Phelps read out a letter from Allied Cornhill the Parish Councils insurers, regarding Public Liabilities insurance for Hospital Car Service Drivers. The letter informed that the drivers were only insured if the service was solely organised by the Parish Council, and driver held a valid First Aid Certificate.

Cllr D Phelps asked Ted Child how he felt about this.

Ted Child thanked Cllr D Phelps for allowing him to speak.

Ted Child informed the council that he doubted that they would be able to recruit further drivers with conditions like that.

Cllr D Phelps asked if they have committee meeting.

Ted Child informed the council that about 2 years ago, the hospital car service had applied for grant under the umbrella of the Parish council, through clerk, and received approximately £500/600 of grant. At this time they opened a bank account with Barclays. Which meant they had to form a committee, so they put this together and signatories. Bill Isaacs and himself and Bob Bulgin were made signatories.

Cllr M Bell felt that the Council should contact CALC and see if this sort of problem had cropped up before.

Cllr B Bell agreed to ask them for their comments.

165.CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Cllr D Phelps read a letter from NCDC regarding standards Issues.**
- b) **Cllr M Bell told a letter regarding a One Cornwall training day 17th March, he will try to attend.**
- c) **Police Authority Liaison Meeting Wednesday 19th September 2008 at 7.30pm this item to be bought up again at the August meeting.**

- d) **Letter from Shelter requesting donation. It was agreed to keep this on file but no donation would be made at this stage.**
- e) **Draft report of District Council Forward Planning Survey Cllr M Bell to take.**
- f) **Letter from Matthew Taylor MP regarding Affordable Housing in Cornwall. Cllr M Bell to take.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th April 2008 at Port Isaac County Primary School

Meeting closed at 9.35pm