

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2008 AT PORT ISAAC COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, PORT ISAAC AT 7:30PM**

**PRESENT** Cllr D Phelps,  
Cllr M Dingle,  
Cllr A Penny Cllr J Townsend Cllr M Bell, Cllr I Rowe  
Cllr B Bell

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**, Mr R Hambly, Miss C Penny, Mr M Rowe, Mr W Dawe

**44APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

To approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008. **Resolved** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

**45PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Prior to public discussion, Mr D Phelps informed members of the public that Mr Martin Dingle, Mr Andy Penny, Mr Martin Bell and himself had called the police out to Port Isaac to sort out the parking problems. However they are unable to do anything as nobody was committing an offence. He also went on to inform members of the public that the Parish Council would be sending a letter to Cornwall County Council. He read out the letter which gave full details of the problem being experienced in Port Isaac with traffic. The Parish Council had purchased 10 cones, which will be put out on the entrance to Port Isaac and playing field to stop car parking there. Mr Phelps informed the council that Mr Martin Bell would give an update on the footpath to Trewetha. Mr Phelps also informed the council and members of the public that Mr Martin Bell and himself had met with Mr B Cleave who was going ahead to form a car park in his field, next to the Parish Council field, going out of the village. Once the footpath is up and running it will be possible to walk inside the road to the village.

Mrs Liz Watson asked how long before the Footpath to Trewetha will be up and running, particularly with the village being packed full, people are struggling to walk their dogs.

Mr M Bell informed Mrs Watson that it would be as quickly as possible. A meeting is being held on the 19<sup>th</sup> August with Tom Fletcher, Cornwall County Council's Principal Access and Development Officer for new footpaths. Mr D Phelps showed respect to the dog walkers for taking notice of the signs and informed that the council would know more after the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Debbie Pattenden asked if it would help if everyone wrote to County Council, she informed the council that she had come around the corner into Port Isaac and had to be on the wrong side of the road. She was very concerned about the cars parking on the road outside the playing field opposite Hillsons Close where a lot of children would be crossing the road, she felt that if something isn't done soon there would be an accident.

Mr D Phelps informed the members of the public that it would help if everyone wrote to Paul Allen at Highways.

Mrs Dee Littlechild asked why can't the Parish Council open up the field next to the playing field for car parking.

Mr D Phelps informed that the council is trying to keep our open spaces open.

Mr D Phelps informed that a speed gun was coming to Port Isaac.

Mrs Mel Dingle suggested that the council suspended this parish council meeting and just discussed the parking issue.

Mrs Janet Chadbang felt that the attitude was approaching becoming anti visitor in the village. Businesses do need the visitors. She informed the Council that she had seen a NCDC van drive directing people on out of the village, saying to carry on and come back another day. For years, only one parish member has had use of the field.

Mr D Phelps explained that expenditure has not been available to turn it into a sports field as yet but it would be impossible to open it up as a car park being it has been set aside for a sports field.

Mrs Joan Murray informed the council that she was in agreement with what had been said.

Mr Bob Monk felt that the most important people in the village were the people who live in the village. He suggested buying another car park that could be used as a park and ride.

Ray McChrono felt that the road need to be policed else there is not any point in having another car park. He felt that the people who live in the village need to be prioritised. When the car park is full the village is full. He also felt that if we allow any more filming in Port Isaac we were wasting our time.

Mr D Phelps informed that the Parish Council do not decide if the filming is allowed or not.

Mr E Fletcher commented that the Council do allow them to use the playing field for parking, and that this should be discouraged.

Mr Robert Manders felt that the long-term solution was a park and ride.

David Rayner felt that the problems are also in Fore Street, cars are unable to pass, it is just as dangerous, his wife got hit outside the café last night.

Mr D Phelps informed that the council has tried to make Fore Street pedestrianised, but balance is needed if we get a car park something maybe done.

Mr Eddy Fletcher felt that the Parish Council should be applauded for what has been done so far.

Mr Fletcher also informed the council that they had spoken to a Traffic Officer and under section 2 of the 1982 Act it is illegal to park at the brow of hill next to a junction.

Mrs Sharon Davis informed the council that she had lodged a complaint with the police last week and chased them since and had still not heard a thing.

She also felt it was scary driving into the village.

Anita Davies felt that Port Isaac needed to get on with a car park.

Another member of the public raised concerns about emergency services being able to get into the block up village.

Mrs Mel Dingle asked if the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> August could be a public meeting.

Mr David Phelps felt this would be unproductive, but they will represent what has been said.

Miss Emma Wherry asked for copy of the letter being sent to County Council for her article in the Cornish Guardian. The Clerk agreed to e-mail a copy.

Mr Nigel Andrews felt that the volume of visitors would be twice as bad next year, with film company in the village they park down Fore Street, when locals can not.

Mr Eddy Fletcher felt that 90% of people visiting the village do not spend a penny in village.

Mr Billy Hawkins informed the council that he felt like he lived in hell on earth, he informed the council that it is not possible to do a days work. He is bombarded by visitors asking, where is doc martins cottage? He informed the council that Fore Street is full of illegally parked cars blocking the road. 12 years ago he had a £15,000 higher turnover than this year with the increasing visitors. He felt that Port Isaac was attracting a different type of people, too many cars. The village is now full of day visitors. He also felt that he could not go anywhere as the village is grid locked. He also reported seeing 8 cars going down Fore Street, 8 church hill and 20 leaving the beach. And not being policed.

Mrs Barbara Hawkins informed the council that the bottom of the village turns to gridlock with cars driving down to park on beach. She felt that a traffic control system was needed for the lower village or to become access for residents only.

Marion Andrews informed the council that she had lost regular customers who said they will not come anymore as it is just to busy and currently has an empty room.

Mr Eddy Fletcher felt that we need quality not quantity visitors. Which we are not getting for Doc Martin.

Marion Andrews informed the council that people were upset as could not book cottages as Doc Martin had booked them.

Nicky Bradbury informed the council that they are intending to come in the busy summer period between May-August.

Mrs Mel Dingle informed that she had cars parking outside her house.

Mr T Child suggests that they could film Doc Martin like they do with Last of Summer Wine, using old scenery, and not filming in the village.

Mr J Browns friends cottages bookings were cancelled as doc martin. Do not need film company back, Parish Council should send letter.

He also informed the council that there are problems in the village when the delivery vehicles arrive, 4 vehicles had arrived at the same time and it brought the village to a complete stand still. Cars were blocked in.

Nicky Bradbury informed the council that visitors have problems reversing at the bottom of the village, and felt more warning was needed.

Mrs Jill McDonald felt that visitors were poorly directed on to the beach there is no warning that it is narrow and when the sea is in you can not park. They are not directed to the NCDC car park when they come in past the CO-Op. How many cars could be parked in field.

PC Malcolm Taylor apologised for any bad feeling. The point about the speed gun, was a separate issue, but the timing not good as people are unable to speed coming into the village with cars parked on the road, but this has been an on going issue. PC Taylor informed that there had been lots of calls logged, colleagues and himself had been up to Port Isaac regarding the problems, but the cars have not been illegally parked. No cars parked on bends or within 10 metres. Suggested Parish Council write to Highways and had spoken to Paul Allen.

Mr D Phelps felt informed members of the public that their views had been taken on board and the council would put their points across.

Mrs Peggy Haines raised concerns about the state of Trelights. Particularly Green Lane up to the Church overgrown and that fly tipping was going on. The Grass and Hedges all look unkempt. The Parish Council will discuss this on the next agenda.

Mr Bob Monk raised concerns regarding the stream at Port Gaverne turning Green. The clerk to write to the Environment Agency regarding this matter.

Mrs Jill McDonald felt that more bins were needed in the bottom of the village and existing bins needed emptying more than once a day.

Mrs Peggy Haines informed the council that she had made 9 calls at the weekend to parish councillors and nobody had answered.

Mr R Manders appealed for money for Climate Friendly Parish

Nigel Andrews complained about signage.

Mr Martin Bell informed the council that as the Chairman had already mentioned the council would be meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> August with the Principle Access Officer, responsible for footpath, someone from highways would also be present. He informed the council that he would mention Mrs Patenton's comment about, trying to get in and out of village. Mr M Bell informed members of the public he is not highway experts all the council can do is represent the views of the parish and put pressure on county

council. This is largest meeting this parish council has had for about 3 year, there is strength in unity and it shows the local community really worried.

#### **46. TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM**

Further to suggestions in public discussion at the last meeting Mr D Phelps proposed that the Parish Council write to Highways for suggestions on a traffic control system at the bottom of the village. This was seconded by Mr Martin Bell.

Mr Janet Townsend informed the council that she had been on and off the Parish Council for 40 years and this matter had come up lots of times before. It is a through road, she was not sure about light is a conservation area.

Mr Andy Penny suggest banning all between 10 4pm during the peak season. Nicky B informed that some delivery can not be made earlier.

Mr Martin Bell felt that we are not professionals in traffic control and should write to the County Council Traffic energizer who is paid to sort out these problems, there must be other villages with similar problems. They could advise us on it. This was seconded by Mr D Phelps and carried nem.con.

#### **46.FINANCE**

a) It was resolved that the financial statement be approved, and cheques for payment were signed.

#### **APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES**

**Application 2008/01377** Erection of a balcony and staircase previously erected without consent. Peter Connell, 21 Silvershell Road, Port Isaac.

**The Parish Council are in support of this application.**

**Application 2008/01296** Erection of porch, demolition of greenhouse and erection of garage, enlargement of window and installation of conservation area type rooflights on north elevation. Mrs T Inge, 1 & 2 Trecreege, Trelights.

**The Parish Council made no observations.**

#### **47. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Mr Colin Brewer informed the council that he had met with Paul Allen last week but had no idea what was going on in Port Isaac till now.

Mr Colin Brewer also informed the council that a decision had been made, there would now be 132 new councillors for the new unitary council. Three planning meetings will be held, the areas are West Cornwall, North Cornwall and Caradon. These area planning meetings will be held every 3 weeks, therefore 95% of applications will be delegated and there will not be many site meetings. There will be 20 area networks, St Endellion will come under Wadebridge and Padstow, with St Minver Highland St Tudy, and St Kew. Mr Brewer also informed the council that the logo had been changed for the new council, however the old logo would remain for civic occasions.

Mr Martin Bell informed Mr Brewer that the new logo did not photocopy.

#### **48.GRASS CUTTING**

It was proposal by Mr D Phelps that following a letter from Cornwall County Council the Parish Council write again to County Council stressing that the agreed was 4 cuts a year and never been told anything different. Mr D Phelps read the letter.

Mr A Penny proposed that we write back asking for a separate meeting to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council taking over the grass cutting, with a view of getting funding from County Council.

#### **49.CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr D Phelps informed the council that there were two letters of resignations from Miss C Penny and Mr M Rowe. The Parish Council vacancies will be advertised.

#### **50.ALLOTMENTS**

It was proposed by Mr D Phelps that the Parish Council approves the rental agreement for allotments. C19 was amended to say St Endellion and the agreement was approved by the council.

#### **51.PLAYING FIELD**

a)The Thumper piece of play equipment has been ordered and will be delivered on the 20<sup>th</sup> August

b) It was proposed by Mr D Phelps that now the playing field is a dog free area, the fence that fronts the play area can be taken away. Mr Andy Penny felt that the fence should not be taken away until the footpath is in place. This item will be reviewed in 12 months. .

#### **52.SPEED LIMITS REVIEW**

It was proposed by Mr D Phelps that following a letter from County Council in reply to PC Taylor letter. That the parish council write to Highways expressing further concerns and especially as they do not intend to review until 2011. Mr W Dawe informed the council that this was being seriously looked into. Mr Phelps agreed to withdraw the item.

#### **53. RUBBISH/BINS**

It was proposed by Mr D Phelps that the Parish Council writes to NCDC requesting bigger and more bins in the village. Mrs L Rowe informed the council that they fill up as soon as they are emptied

The proposal was seconded by Mrs L Rowe and carried nem.con.

#### **54. TWINNING**

It was proposed by Mr D Phelps further to an enquiry from Mr Harris we discuss Twinning with a French town. Mr Phelps informed the council that Mr Harris would like Port Isaac to Twin with a French Town.

It was decided that the Parish Council did not want to do this on a formal basis, however Mrs Janet Townsend informed the council she was going to a French Village to see friends. It was felt something may be considered on a personal level.

#### **55.CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Camelford Sports Hall Management Committee Representative

b) Road closure/traffic Restriction Trelights was read out for information.

c) Letter from Cornwall County Council asking for a list of premises suitable for use as a polling station. Clerk to write back giving information.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at Port Isaac

The meeting closed at 9.42pm