

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th June 2009 AT PORT ISAAC COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, PORT ISAAC AT 7:30PM

PRESENT Mr D Phelps, Mr A Penny
Mr B Nichols, Mr W Dawe
Mr R Manders, Mr M Dingle
Mrs B Bell,
Mr M Bell

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, Mr R Hambly, Mrs J Townsend, Mrs E Rowe

Mrs B Bell Welcomed the new Cornwall Councillor Brian Gisbourne to the meeting.

Mr Gisbourne informed the council that was going up to the midlands today but had cancelled so that he could come and attend the Parish Council meeting.

A one minute silence was held in memory of Robin Penna who had served on the parish council as clerk and a councillor.

16. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on Monday 11th May 2009.

Minute 9 was amended to state that Mr B Nichols informed the council that he had met with Stuart two days prior to the meeting and Stuart had put footings in and built a patio area over. There is no longer a right of way there so the council could not walk over this piece of land.

Minute 3 9(J) was amended with the word 'by' being deleted.

It was proposed by Mr A Penny and seconded by Mr M Bell that the Minutes were approved and signed.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs B Bell explained that this item was a suggestion by Brian White our internal auditor and would be on the agenda from now on. If anyone has any item that they wish to declare an interest, they should do so now, they can also declare interest later on.

18. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mrs Mary Brown raised concerns regarding the Lane now dogs owners can not walk in the field they are using the lane. It has become very muddy, she reported that she had slipped over in the lane again.

Our new Cornwall Councillor Brian Gisbourne agreed to look into this. Mrs Bell agreed to show him where it was after the meeting.

Robyn Drumner asked if it would be possible to have a dog bin in the harbour village.

Mrs Bell informed her that there was a proposal on the agenda.

19. PORT ISAAC YOUTH GROUP

Miss Rosie Pattenden asked the council what open space do we have and is funding available to put towards facilities?

Mr Andy Penny informed her that we have the playing field and the field next to playing field.

Miss Rosie Pattenden informed the council that they would like to have an enclosed ball court, zip wire and youth shelter. They would also like a swing for disabled children so all children can be catered for.

The clerk informed them that there was approximately £15,000 put aside for playing equipment/playing field.

Mrs B Bell suggested that the council could offer match funding. Mrs Bell suggested that they tried the SITA Trust for funding.

Mrs Pattenden informed the council that they had been in contact with Sharon Ham, the Community Project Worker Cornwall Council and she had said they could get support from various organisations.

Mr M Bell informed the youth group that we were going to serve 12 months notice on the second field and it would hopefully be vacant by 15th July 2010, but that should not hold things up as it will take time to get funding.

Mrs Pattenden informed the council that the Youth Group were not keen to set up a Parish Council sub committee, but would liase with the parish council. It was agreed that Mr A Penny and Mr M Bell would join the youth group committee. Mrs Bell informed the youth group that the parish council would not hand over the land but would support them and work with them and to get the Sports facilities they want.

Miss Rosie Pattenden also asked if the goal posts could be replaced.

Mrs Pattenden asked if further funding would be available for trips as they had received money from Our Money Your Dreams previously but they had not been able to give as much this year. The trips cost £150-£200 per trip.

Mr A Penny informed them that if they wrote to the council, funds may be available.

19. FINANCE

- a) It was resolved that the financial statement be approved, and cheques for payment were signed.
- b) The accounts were explained and it was resolved that the Annual Return was approved and signed
- c) It was proposed by Mrs B Bell that following a request for a donation from St Peter PPC for grass cutting around the memorial. That the parish council donate the full amount of £154.00. This was second by Mr W Dawe and Carried nem.con

20.PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES

Application 2009/00668 Rear extension to increase area of existing 5 flats, internal re-arrangement and refurbishments, new doors and windows to front elevation, new dormers and solar panels together with infill extension and formation of pitched roof with dormer and solar panels to existing garden holiday let accommodation and installation of velux rooflight/ or sun pip to roof of no. 8 The Terrace, Port Isaac, Pearcedun Properties. **It was proposed by Mr D Phelps that the Parish Council support this application this was seconded by Mr B Nichols and carried. Mr M Bell abstained.**

Approvals & Refusals

Application 2009/02271 Erection of new storm porch and ramped approach to existing main entrance to the front of the new premises. The Co-Operative Group, 31 New Road, Port Isaac.

Cornwall Council APPROVED this application.

Application 2009/00497 Change of use from guest house/bed and breakfast to single private dwelling. Mr T Steele, 12 The Terrace, Port Isaac. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application.

21.COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Mr Brian Gisbourne informed the council that there was not much to update on at the moment as they were just in the interim period, but he hoped to report more next month. He informed the council that he was going to sign-in on Wednesday and then there will be training. He informed the council that there had not been any meetings yet. He informed the council that he wanted to help with the Footpath to Trewetha.

Mrs Bell thanked him for offering support and suggested meeting with him before the next meeting.

Mr Brian Nichols asked if anyone had asked Barry Cleave if the field was his and if he was prepared to let the Parish Council use it to finish the footpath.

Mr M Bell informed the council that he had spoken to Barry Cleave and he was prepared to let the footpath go across his field.

Mr B Nichols informed the council that he wanted Mr Cleave to come to his meeting.

Mr Martin Bell felt that he treats it as his own farm, we have not checked with the land registry, however there is nothing to suggest it not his land.

Mr David Phelps asked Mr Gisbourne, now that there is a chain of power at county council would they consider going back to the old system and not having a unitary council.

Mr Gisbourne informed the council that now we have got a unitary authority we have to make it a success, there is no turning back. They just have to make a success of it, and hopefully can make savings.

He informed the council that the change over was supposed to cost £18 million but £56 million had been spent. They had spent £13 million on redundancies alone, the only positive outcome is that Parish Councils may get more power. Mr Penny felt that the Parish Council were not getting as much power as originally anticipated, they would not be even be allowed to sort out pothole problems. He felt that the County Council was starting to grab power back already.

Mr B Gisbourne informed the council that an experiment was being carried out in St Minver, the Parish Council has to produce list of jobs including pot holes.

Mr D Phelps informed Mr Gisbourne that the Parish Council had been promised Yellow lines, by July of this year and they had not yet materialised, he asked if Mr Gisbourne if he could check up on this.

Mr Bell informed Mr Gisbourne that he had met with the Area Highways Manager today and he had informed him that there was no money in the budget at the moment for the yellow lines. Parish Councillors will get a report on this meeting, which Mr Penny and himself attended. Mr Bell informed that at the meeting they had said they cannot do anything until the new council takes over.

Mr Gisbourne informed the council that they had a party meeting, and they are aiming to push on quickly.

22.CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs B Bell informed the Council that there were two main issues:-

- 1) The footpath to Trewetha Mrs Bell informed the council that an all weather footpath was needed. This had always been put off by Cornwall Council before due to lack of money, and the fact that it was not used by children walking to school, Mrs Bell felt that now we have children walking up and down twice a day.

A meeting was held with Paul Allen, Mr Doney, Mr W Dawe, Mr A Penny and Mr Martin Bell. Mr Dougal Sproull has offered his advice at no charge to the council on this matter. The Parish Council and Mr Cleave would need to dedicate the land to Cornwall Council.

Mrs Bell informed the council that Mr Penny and Mr Bell would move forward on Footpath. It was hoped that we would be able to have an all season asphalt footpath.

Mrs Bell informed the council that the other issue that had arisen was the allotments. We had contacted The Glebe Farm Agents regarding the Parish Council having a sub meter off to supply water for the allotments. Stratton and Holborow were not happy that the Parish Council was using the land sold to the council for a cemetery as allotments. Mrs Bell asked if she could have the authority to deal with Stratton and Holborow in conjunction with the clerk so that this can be furthered before the next meeting. This was agreed.

23.COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr Phelps informed the council that the Footpath from Trewetha down and hedge has not been cut back. There has also been grass cutting left at Trewetha Corner.

Mr Bell informed the council that he had spoken to Mr Lewis regarding other issues and the grass cutting team were coming back this week. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Mr Lewis and ask him to get these issues done at the same time.

Mr Manders informed the council that the Highways gang were due to work in the parish next Monday and to let him know of any urgent work, he needs to tell them on Wednesday. Mr B Nichols asked Mr Manders to get them to look at the Harland Footways.

24.NEW CEMETERY

It was proposed by Mr D Phelps that the Parish Council appoints an official sexton. This was seconded by Mr A Penny. Mr D Phelps informed the council that this will not affect which under taker is used. He felt that the man who dug Mr Cleaves grave should be appointed as he did a really good job. This was carried nem.con. The Clerk to contact Allan Roberts and appoint him.

25.ALLOTMENTS

- i) Mrs B. Bell proposed that the Parish Council allows Ian Fuller to put an access gate (style to be approved by Parish Council) into his allotment area to allow for disabled access. This was seconded by Mr Andy Penny.

Mr D Phelps felt that a gate should be put in further up with a path so that it could be used by everyone.

Mr Penny did not see it as problem, as it was at their own expense.

Mr Bell felt that the design would have to be approved by the council.

Mr D Phelps felt that Highways would need to be consulted, as Green Lane is a Public highway.

It was agreed to put this item on hold until we are sure the allotment can stay.

- ii) Water supply: update on discussion with South West Water

Mrs B Bell informed the council that she had spoken to the vicar, and he had agreed that in the interim the allotment holders could fill up at the church tap. She also felt that it needs to be made clear to the allotment holders that they need to stop using the water trough.

Mr Martin Bell informed the council that he had met with an engineer from SWW the new water supply would have to come from the other side of the B3214, in the access leading to Tolraggott Farm. The road would have to be dug up.

Mr M Bell informed the council that Ian Fuller, an allotment holder, had been told by David Phelps that they could use the water supply on the other side of the fence and it was owned by the Parish Council.

Mr D Phelps informed the council he had said no such thing and suggested that Emma Wherry of the Cornish Guardian be contacted and told about the Diocese questioning the legal right of the Parish Council to use cemetery land for other purposes.

Mr M Bell informed the council that there are two quotes from David Dingle one for a new tap and pipes and another quote for taking a sub meter off the existing supply to Glebe land.

Mrs Bell informed the council that she would write to allotment holders explaining the situation.

The Clerk informed the council that her father, Robert Harris who rents the land, would be putting in an invoice for water used by allotment holders.

It was agreed to put this item on hold until we establish if the allotments are legal or not and whether they can remain or not.

26.SECOND FIELD

- i) Following a discussion with Mr Collins, Mrs B. Bell proposed that we serve proper notice to Mr Collins to vacate the second field by 15th July 2010, as an invalid notice was previously served. This was seconded by Mr A Penny. And carried nem.con. The Clerk to consult with Sproulls Solicitors first.

- ii) Mrs B. Bell proposed that we offer a nominal sum by way of compensation to Mr Collins for the disruption caused by recent work in the field. This was seconded by Mr David Phelps. Mr B Nichols suggested a nominal fee of £100. This was seconded by Mr D Phelps and carried nem.con. The clerk to check with solicitor that no other statutory compensation is required.

27. PLAYING FIELD

Mrs B Bell proposed that the Parish Council agrees to take down fencing between the playing fields car park and the skate park in order to provide emergency parking during the summer school holiday period. This was seconded by Mr David Phelps.

Mr B Nichols informed the Parish Council he was against this proposal, as it was put there for children and since the youth group started there has not been any fuss outside the co-op. He felt that it was our parish and our children should be put before people who come down on holiday.

Mr Martin Bell, informed the council that Mr Phelps had opened the playing field car park last year to relieve some of the car parking pressure. The youth group had informed us earlier that the Skateboard park is rarely used, and they wanted to include it in their bigger plans.

Mr A Penny felt that this was the only option.

Mr Manders was sorry to see the facilities taken away, but felt it was the only way to deal with the parking problem, it is dangerous for people to drive out of his property in summer because of cars parked on either side of his entrance.

Mr D Phelps felt that a sign was needed stating, 'No over night parking, gate locked at 10.30'.

Mr Penny felt that it needed to be stressed to the community that this was only for the school holiday period.

The proposal was carried 6/1 with Mr B Nichols against.

28. GRASS/HEDGE CUTTING

Mrs B Bell proposed that we write to Cornwall Council to ask for a budget to cover small works in the parish (grass and hedge cutting and footpaths), work to be contracted out locally. This was seconded by Mr Andy Penny

Mr Martin Bell informed the council that he mentioned this to the official today and they seemed interested. This is not referring to road surfaces just cutting of hedges, grass, and footways. But it will be interesting to see what happens with the St Minver pilot project. We would get the work done and manage it ourselves with Cornwall Councils money.

Mr D Phelps felt that a very tight schedule would be needed and that these were not small works.

Mr Robert Manders felt that it should be carried out in a similar way to the agreement that we have with Cornwall Council for maintaining the footpaths, with a proper schedule.

Mr B Nichols was concerned that the Parish Council did not have the experience to do this and that the work could end up costing more than the budget.

Mr D Phelps felt that the work should be split, with separate schedules and grant for grass cutting, hedge cutting, and footways.

Mrs B Bell amended her proposal to state 'that we write to Cornwall Council to ask for a budget to cover small works in the parish a) Grass, B) Hedges c) Footways.

This was seconded by Mr A Penny and carried; Mr B Nichols was against this proposal.

Mr A Penny left the meeting.

29.DOG BIN

It was proposed by Mr M Bell that we ask Cornwall Council to place dog bin at lower village/Roscarrock Hill. This was seconded by Mr D Phelps and carried nem.con.

30.CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

- a) ROSPA Report – Mrs B Bell will read through this report.
- b) Mrs B Bell read a letter from CALC it gave a Login and password to a Members Only section of their website. The login is PL29 3TP and password is LXBBER54
- c) Mrs B Bell read a letter from Cornwall Council regarding Register of Members interests. The clerk will send copies of members interest to Cornwall Council.
- d) Mrs B Bell read a letter from Cornwall Council regarding Parish involvement in the development of the new area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) Management Plan. Mr Martin Bell will look into this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th July 2009 at Port Isaac

The meeting closed at 9.35pm