

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009 AT PORT ISAAC COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, PORT ISAAC AT 7:30PM**

**PRESENT** Mr D Phelps, Mrs J Townsend  
Mr B Nicholls, Mr W Dawe  
Mr R Manders, Mr M Dingle  
Mr D Philp

**42.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Mrs B Bell, Mr M Bell, Mr A Penny, Mrs E Rowe

**43DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**44.APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

To approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009.  
As there were several errors it was agreed to approve these minutes at the next meeting.

**45.PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mrs Joan Murray asked what was happening about the overgrown pathway. She also report fly tipping of garden waste at the top of Mayfield Drive by her steps. She informed the council that she would like a no dumping sign put there.

She also asked if the Parish Council could get the Withies cut back in the lane. The clerk is to contact the County Forester Colin Holt.

**46. FINANCE**

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

b) The Clerk informed the council that the Annual Audit was now completed

c)Mrs Janet Townsend read a letter from Golden Circle asking for a donation of £156 for rent and Heating for year. Mr Robert Mander and Mr W Dawe declared an interest. Mr D Phelps proposed that the Parish Council make the donation of £156.00. This was seconded by Mr B Nicholls and carried nem.con.

d)Mrs J Townsend read a letter from Barry Collins stating that he was happy to accept the £100 compensation.

**4 7.PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES**

**Application 2009/01031** Certificate of Lawful use for the continued seasonal use of a building as a dwelling. Mr G Sylvester, 2 A Tintagel Terrace, Port Isaac.

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

**Application 2009/00987** Change of use from A1 Retail shop to A3 Café Restaurant. Mrs S Large, 76A Fore Street, Port Isaac

**Case Officer: Mark Wigley.**

**Mrs Townsend read a letter from Nicola Vickery raising concerns.**

**Mr B Nicholls felt that Environmental Health would need to look at the issue of food smells and the effect of opening hours on local residents. He was also concerned about the safety issue of the outside table being so close to the road and being on a busy corner.**

**Mr D Phelps could not see anything wrong with the application.**

**It was proposed by Mr R Manders that the Parish Council support the change of use to a café, but ask Cornwall Council to check the following three concerns first.**

**1)Outside Chairs - The council feels they are to close to road**

**2) Opening hours should be restricted, due to the close proximity of houses with elderly residents**

**3) Environmental Health look into the effect of food smells on adjoining properties.**

**This proposal was carried, Mr D Phelps abstained.**

Approvals & Refusals

**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 pipe to roof of no 8 The Terrace. Pearcedun Properties. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application.

**Application 2009/00784** Construction of new garage to replace existing garage. Mr T Hood, Hillside Cottage, Trelight. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application.

**Application 200900790** Variation of condition No 4 Decision 2008/01985 to remove obscure glazing and top hung vents or fixed vents from north west elevation dormers to first floor and top hung vents or fixed vents from north west elevation ground floor windows. Mr S Bushby, 40 New Road, Port Isaac. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application.

**Application 2008/02132** Erection of eight affordable dwellings for local people. Mrs L Carey, Land Opposite Furze Park, Trelights. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application.

**Application 2009/00345** Conversion of existing store for use as a farm office with annexe accommodation above. Mr R Sloman, Roscarrock Manor Farm, Port Isaac. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application.

**Application 2009/00227** Enhancement of music festival accommodation comprising conversion and enlargement of stone walled barn to provide hostel style residential accommodation (21 bed spaces) and extensions to Glebe Farmhouse comprising conservatory and external storage range. St Endellion Festivals Trust, Glebe Farm House. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application.

**Application 2009/ 00613** Proposed timber construction external cat run. Rosemary Morley, Treswarrow Boarding kennels, Trelights. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application.

#### **48.CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT**

**Mr Gisbourne informed the council that he did not wish to step on anybody's toes, or disregard what had been done in the past and the efforts of the old council, but felt that he did have the benefit of being a new councillor and it will be interesting to see what happens in the next 12 months time.**

**Mr Gisbourne informed the council that he would chase up the removal of concrete blocks.**

**Mr B Nicholls informed Mr Gisbourne that Mayfield Lane was in a state and unwalkable for someone older, it is hardly good enough for him to walk. It is very slippery.**

**Mr Gisbourne agreed to look into this.**

**Mr Gisbourne informed the council he had been contacted by a lady who wanted residents parking. He said that he had spoken to highways and they could not do this. If we get a park and ride next year, it maybe easier to get. For now its just something people will have to put up with for 8weeks.**

**Mr Gisbourne informed the council that 5 of the planning cases they had to listen to at Camelford were for wind farms. They had a journey around last week and had a look at the sites. Some of the new wind turbines would be as high as 126 meters The wind turbines at Delabole were coming down and being replaced by 4 110 meters turbines.**

**Mr Gisbourne informed the council that it was interesting, and some will be refused.**

**Mr Gisbourne informed the council that they had not the planning right yet and sometime Camelford area cases were being decided at Liskeard and vice versa. Which means people have to travel.**

**Mr Gisbourne informed the council that they would experience the first budget cuts in 2010/11, so they would have less money from the government next year and that it was going to be tough.**

**Mrs Murray informed Mr Gisbourne that she came back from Wadebridge and a camper van was parked outside her bungalow. She informed Mr Gisbourne that she had asked for yellow lines before but had been told she would have to pay for them. People are so rude and her own family can not even park there.**

**Mr David Phelps informed Mr Gisbourne that he would rather see a wind farm, than a nuclear power station, like the one they were considering for the in St Austell area.**

**Mr Phelps also questioned the legality of the yellow lines on the Cliff path as that road had always been owned by the Fortitcue family Mr Phelps felt that if Cornwall Council had claimed ownership they could do something about the cliff path as well which is in terrible state, no one will accept responsibility for it.**

#### **49.CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Mrs J Townsend read the following report from Mrs B Bell

Lane behind Mayfield Drive (Mr Bushells blocks etc): I spoke to Philip Jones at Cornwall Council, who had recommended that the railings be removed. He informed me that the blocks are not on council owned land (which I reported to Joan Murray). The footpath is maintained by the housing department and I spoke to Caroline Osborne who will report on state of the path and inform us.

Rospa report: repairs to play equipment, fencing etc will be carried out by Dave Dingle asap. The picnic tables are not repairable and will be on the next agenda to be replaced.

Car parking in playing field has proved to be successful although cars are still being parked on side roads before this is used.

Dave Phelps asked me to look at the allotment site as it has accumulated quite a lot of mess,; parts of it look very untidy at the moment - put on next agenda to contact the allotments holders.

Gullies were cleared in Fore Street, at Hicks' corner and along Trewetha Lane. Inadequate street cleaning was also reported.

Mr Doney was contacted re the one-way signs in upper Fore Street, near no.65 (the signs aren't visible when you enter Fore St from either next to Denis Knight's or from Peace and Harmony Terrace). Mr Lewis the Highways supervisor will inspect.

Andy Penny has announced a public consultation on the playing fields, he will/(has) also contact the Community Safety Sergeant Sara Carfrew who can give help on getting grant aid.

## **50.FOOTPATH TO TREWTHA**

### **Mrs J Townsend read the following report form Mr M Bell**

Confirmation received from Cornwall Council Area Highway's manager Brian Doney that cost estimate for public highway specification Cornwall Council maintained path between Port Isaac playing field car park and Trewetha is £65 - 70,000. There is no Cornwall Council budget for this expenditure at the moment and Mr. Doney has invited the public to send him supporting letters / email expressions of public support, addressed to [highwayseast@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:highwayseast@cornwall.gov.uk) quoting reference **302274** . Mr M Bell has contributed article to front page of August TRIO community newspaper providing the address to write to and the project reference number. Advice received from PC's solicitor regarding mortgagee consent to disposal of footpath land and Cornwall Council legal plans requested by Mr Bell. Need for the footpath to be raised at the Police PACT meeting in September and Devon & Cornwall Constabulary support requested. Mr M Bell to draft media release for WMN and Cornish Guardian.

Mr B Nicholls stated, who gave Martin Bell the authority get us in such a mess, the final stage of the footpath is never going to happen, putting it on the front of trio, Martin Bell has taken over. I wanted Barry Cleave to come here and have it out, but we did not invite him to a meeting, Mr D Phelps is partly to blame, he let Mr Martin Bell contact Mr Cleave with the soft approach. Now it is all tied in with the farm shop, restaurant and park and ride. All we want is a footpath.

Mr Nicholls then asked to put an item on the next agenda that the Port Gaverne footpath is continued to Port Isaac. He felt that all we need is a footpath for those children to walk to school on.

Mrs Janet Townsend informed the council that we had already made the decision to have a footpath, the other items were a side issue and from Mr Cleave his concerns not ours.

Mr Nicholls felt that all we needed was something to walk on and that the first section that Mr D Phelps started should be continued. He felt that spending £70,000 was pie in the sky and would never happen. He informed the council that the first section was now known as Phelps's folly and the council would end up with egg on its faces.

Mr David Philp informed the council that he had seen Mr Cleave, he did not want asphalt, that was Cornwall Council specification. Mr Philp also informed the council he was concerned about individuals sending e-mails from the Parish Council and felt that if individuals send e-mails they should state that it is their view and not that of the Parish Council. He felt that there were lots of messages going around and it was wrong, decisions should be made by the council as a whole.

Mr Nicholls felt that the council should meet with Mr Cleave then everyone would know what is going on. He did not think the new path needed to be any wider than the Port Gaverne footpath and defiantly not as wide as the dog area.

Mr David Phelps did not care if they were calling the footpath Phelps folly, it is better to be noticed than ignored, the design was not down to him, it was collectively decided around the table.

Mr W Dawe agreed with what Mr Nicholls had said.

Mr Robert Manders asked if a sign had been ordered for the end of the footpath. The clerk informed the council that she would order a sign, but the wording had not been agreed, as when the item had come up previously members had talked over each other and no decision had been made.

Mrs Townsend commented that this should be a lesson to you gentlemen!

The following wording was agreed.

Inside the gate

Danger fast Traffic

Outside the gate

Footpath Trewetha to Port Isaac Phase One.

Mr Nicholls informed the council he was called by Liz Mewton about a fortnight ago, she caught someone trying to chuck a seat over cliff at Port Gaverne. The seat was in bad repair. When he was on the council before they used to check the seat regularly and make sure they were maintained.

Mr D Phelps informed the Council that the seats on the Main were the responsibility of The Friends of the Main. It was agreed that the clerk would check that the contact and if the is the case write to friends of the Main and ask the to repair the seat.

Mr Nicholls informed the council that the seat in question was Presented by WJ LANE Lorraine.

## **51.ALLOTMENTS**

a)Mrs J Townsend read a letter from Stratton Holborrow She also read the clerks reply.

b)It was proposed by Mr D Philp that the allotment holders are asked to stop parking in Green Lane and just use for loading and unloading. This was seconded by D Phelps and carried nem.con.

## **52. PLAYING FIELD**

It was proposed by Mr D Phelps that the Parish Council asks Dave Dingle to do the repairs on the play equipment. This was seconded by Mr R Manders and carried nem.con The clerk will also ask Dave Dingle to remove the two benches.

## **53.SPEED LIMIT/SLOW SIGNS/SLOW HORSES**

Mr W Dawe felt that slow signs were needed on the road that goes from St Endellion Church to Trelights as there had been a serious accident recently.

Mr D Phelps informed the council that there was a country road review and suggested that we combine these items.

Mr Philp informed the council that the he only wants the horse item to appear separately and this would be fine. He put the slow horse item on the agenda as his daughter had a near miss when her horse was hit by a car.

It was agreed to combine these three items.

It was proposed by Mr D Phelps that the Parish Council write to Cornwall Council stating that we believe that all country speed limits were being reviewed and we would like to know what their intentions are for the B3314, B3267 and Trelights. It was also agreed that we would also state that we were concerned about horse riders and small children on these roads. This was seconded by Mr D Philp and carried nem.con.

#### **54.MAYFIELD DRIVE/LANE**

It was proposal by Mr W Dawe that the Parish Council contact Cornwall Council and ask for a dog bin. This was seconded by Mr M Dingle and carried nem.con.

#### **55.HOME FINDER**

It was proposal by Mr W Dawe to ask Cornwall Council for the council housing to be allocated locally by local people (The Parish Council) This was seconded by Mr B Nicholls.

Mrs Townsend read the following e-mail from Mr M Bell

I am pleased Cllr. Dawe has raised the issue of allocation of social/affordable housing to local families (Agenda item 19). I brought it up at the first Cornwall Council Wadebridge/Padstow Community Network Committee and the St. Minver Lowlands PC representatives agreed. It is just that Cornwall Council is the wrong target for complaints. As the statutory housing authority CC are obliged to allocate homes according to the priority guidelines issued by central government - the Dept. of Communities and Local Government (DCLG). Apart from social housing built outside the development boundaries of villages on 'Exception Sites' where allocation can be restricted by Section 106 Planning Agreements to applicants with strong local connections - an example being Westcountry Housing Association's Hilsons Close estate - all other social housing allocation is based on 'reasonable preference' criteria, and local connection isn't one of them.

This may be about to change. On 31 July the Government - DCLG - published for consultation 'Fair and flexible' - a 36 page draft statutory guidance on social housing allocations for local authorities in England. It can be downloaded from the internet at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/allocationguideconsultation>

The key paragraph is to be found in the Foreword on page 6.

*It (the proposed new allocation guidance) also strengthens councils' freedom to prioritise specific local needs alongside those households who are in 'reasonable preference.' In some areas this will mean giving more priority to people who have been on waiting lists for a long time or more priority for people with strong local connections.*

At the moment Cornwall Council or its agents Homefinder Direct are not permitted to do what Cllr. Dawe and I would like them to do and give more housing priority to local people. Unfortunately that is the law at the moment. If the PC supports government proposals to change the law then it should write and say so to:

Frances Walker  
Communities and Local Government  
Zone 1/J6  
Eland House  
Bressenden Place  
London SW1E 5DU

I would be happy to assist you in drafting an appropriate consultation response when I return. The closing date is 23 October 2009. It was proposed by Mr D Phelps that the council write to Frances Walker expressing support for new guidelines, and informing him of the councils concerns. Informing him that local people have lost out on local housing to people outside of the area when there needs have been the same.

This was seconded by Mr Dawe and Carried nem.con

#### **56.HEDGE CUTTING**

It was proposal by Mr D Philp that the Parish Council contact Cornwall County Highway and ask them to arrange for the hedge to be cut back opposite the Playing field as it is restricting visibility to school. This was seconded by Mr D Phelps. It was also agreed to write to Westcountry Housing regarding this as the hedge belongs to them.

#### **57. CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Mrs Townsend read a letter from Brian Doney regarding Yellow lines.

Mr D Phelps proposed that the council replies stating if it is difficult to obtain a Traffic Order how did they get yellow lines so quickly at the bottom of the village by the cliff path. Mr Phelps also questioned the legality of the lines due to the question of ownership. This was seconded by Mr W Dawe and carried nem .con

b)Mrs Townsend read a letter from Donna Latham regarding garden waste. It was agreed to send a copy to George Steer

c)Mrs Townsend read an e-mail from Helen Hyland of St Minver, informing the council that a member of the public had raised concerns at their meeting regarding the St Endellion road.

Mr D Phelps informed the council that they had patched the road and felt that the council should write and ask if it was going to be resurfaced. Mr D Philp raised concerns about the potholes on all three entrances to Trelights.

Mr Robert Manders informed the council that he had received a letter from Cornwall Highways stating that it would be resurfaced next year.

It was agreed to write to Highways enclosing a copy of the e-mail, asking them to look into the potholes at Trelights.

d) Mrs Townsend read a letter raising concerns about the Doc Martin effect.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Port Isaac

The meeting closed 9.35pm