

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2010 AT PORT ISAAC COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, PORT ISAAC AT 7:30PM

PRESENT Mr M Dingle, Mrs J Townsend,
Mrs B Bell, Mr B Nicholls
Mr M Bell, Mr A Penny
Mr R Manders

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mrs L Rowe Mr W Dawe, Mr D Phelps

117.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Manders declared an interest in Item 12 I.

118.APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on Monday 14th December 2009.

It was proposed by Mr M Dingle and seconded by Mr M Bell that the Minutes were approved and signed

119.PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr Rick Bagley called on the Parish Council to give parking in the village the up most consideration, and he informed the council that he was in favour of parking on the playing field.

Mr Stuart Bushel felt that the beach car park should not be closed, as it is an asset to the village and is going to create more problems at the top of the village. He felt that a petition should be organised.

Mrs Bell informed Mr Bushel that the decision on the closure of the car park had only been made in principle and the final decision was not going to be made until the Harbour Commissioners meeting tomorrow (the 12th January).

Mr John Collins also raised concerns regarding parking, he felt even with the beach car park, extra parking was needed, and the playing field was lying idle and would be the best space for extra parking.

Mrs Nicki Bradbury asked how far the yellow lines would be going as she felt if they were going all the way from Lundy Road to Trewetha Lane the parking problem would be worse than ever as people would be parking on all the off roads causing residents problems.

Mrs Bell informed Ms Bradbury that the yellow lines were going from Garrick to Gwelva, with splays into Hillsons Close, Mayfield Road and Lundy Road, to prevent people parking on the blind bends along Trewetha Lane, the Lundy Road into Trewetha Lane splay was to keep the Bus stop clear.

Mr John Brown informed the Parish Council that he had two business in the village that rely on tourism and he felt that car parking in the village was vital to keeping the village going and that tourism would be affected if something is not done, he informed the council that he has three children and hopes that they will be able to live and work in the village. The village needs a car park and with a 4 acre playing field there should be enough room for the children to play and car parking.

Mr Jeremy Brown asked why the Parish Council disregards the views of the majority of the village, when the playing field is the obvious answer; there is no reason for the children to have to move out.

Mr Trevor Grills felt that the Parish Council had been talking about the parking problems for 20 years and visitors parking is needed, but he felt that we do not have many children in the village anymore, therefore the playing field is the best place for parking.

Mr Peter Rowe informed the council that in the summer it was taking him 20 minutes just to get to the co-op in the car. He felt that it was a nightmare getting in and out of the village.

Ms Maria felt that the Parish Council putting a car park on the Playing field was an ideal opportunity to make a yearly income for the parish.

Nigel Sherratt from Cup Cakes felt that the beach car park was going to have to close anyway, and more car parking was needed one way or another.

Mr John Cleave informed the council that he was hoping that Harbour Commissioners final decision was to close the beach car park. The village gets completely blocked with vehicles and the quality of life down in the bottom was completely ruined by vehicles. He also hoped that the parish council is not serious about backing the park and ride scheme at Trewetha, as he felt that people will not use it, but they will park in Mayfield Drive, Hillson Close and all the other side roads and estates. He felt that the Playing area should be moved to the bottom of the field out of the wind and then parking should be made at the top of the playing field.

Mrs CJ Bishop felt that in the long term the bottom of the village would be a nicer place without cars and tourism will be able to thrive.

Mr Harris felt that if people have nowhere to park they would just drive through the village and not spend any money. He also felt that all the letters sent to the Parish Council regarding car parking should be read out with the agenda item.

Mr Bob Bulgin informed the council that he agreed with John Cleave.

Mrs Dee Littlechild felt that it was imperative that we have more parking in the village. She also asked, as it seems expensive to get Yellow lines in the village why don't we stop them after the playing field gates.

Mrs Bell informed Mrs Littlechild that it was not the yellow lines that were expensive but the Traffic Order.

Mr Dennis Knight felt that John Cleave had explained it well, and that tides flow and there are times when the beach car park cannot be used. He felt that something needed to be done by Easter, or else the businesses in the village will starve like a rat. He informed the council that we only have 3 months summer to make money and 9 months of winter and something needed to be done quickly. He also felt that there was room for at least 98 spaces at the top adjoining the Cornwall Council car park.

Mrs Bell informed Mr Knight that Cornwall Council own that piece of land and were also offered the lease of the land at Castle Rock View for parking but they did not want to spend any money increasing car parking in the village.

Mrs Marion Andrews felt that Port Isaac needed more parking now and definitely before Easter, she felt that something could be done in a couple of weeks on the playing field if we just took away the 'bund' and opened up the field. She also informed that the bottom of the village was a nightmare in the summer months.

Mr Bill Hawkins felt that the Parish Council needed to realise that our livelihoods were at stake and something seriously needed to be done.

Mrs Fay Hawkins informed the council that she agreed with what had been said and that parking was desperately needed.

Mr Sam Littlechild informed the council that he agrees totally with his wife. He also pointed out that in the summer Port Isaac had been grid locked up to John Brays.

Mary Danson felt that more parking was needed.

Tony Cunningham felt that this problem had been going on for 50 years, and if we are not careful Port Isaac will end up like a ghost town.

Mr Mark Forbes from the Slipway, informed the Parish Council that they employ 16 people, 13 of which live in the village, he felt that car parking was a serious problem and would over the long term affect their livelihood, he felt that the closure of the beach car park had been on the way for a while and nothing had been done to sort it out.

Mrs Bell informed Mr Forbes that we had heard about the closure in October and even though parking is not a parish council responsibility we met with Cornwall Council officials and had asked about lifting the covenant on the field and still not heard anything. But our Cornwall Councillor Brian Gisbourne has arranged a meeting with The Director of Transport at Cornwall Council on Friday to discuss parking in the village.

Mr Billy ? Felt that it was the Parish Councils field and asked could they just not open it to parking?

Mrs C Webster, informed the council that she had been working in the village for four years and agreed with everything that had been said. She felt that things had got a lot worse with parking in the last 2 years and just wonders how many visitors we are losing because of the parking problem.

Miss Katie Childs felt that there is clearly not sufficient parking for residents alone in the bottom of village, and something needed to be done to solve congestion issues in the bottom of the village.

Mrs Deborah Tidey the Ambulance First response person for Port Isaac, informed the council that she needed to be able to get to every house in the village within eight minutes. She informed the council that she would never be able to do this in the summer.

Mr Ted Charles informed the Parish Council that he was concerned about an application that had gone in for a licence on Victoria House, Port Isaac to serve alcohol from 9am to 11pm and to have live music. He felt that there was enough licensed premises in Port Isaac with the Golden Lion, Mote, Slipway, Harbour and Old School all having licences. He was also very concerned about the live music clause, he felt it could be just a guitar, or it might be disco or rock music. He felt it was not suitable for Port Isaac. He urged the Parish Council to write on behalf of the village the closing date is the 20th January.

120. FINANCE

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

121. APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES

Application 2009/01701 Removal of existing boiler house and replacement with new domestic and swimming pool boiler house with associated oil tank enclosure. Mr K Schilling, Homer Park, Port Isaac.

It was proposed by Mrs J Townsend and seconded by Mr A Penny that the Parish Council supports this application.

Application 2009/01652 Retain as existing a storage container in the rear service yard. Co-operative Group, 31 New Road, Port Isaac. It was proposed by Mrs J Townsend and seconded by Mr M Bell that the Parish Council supports this application.

Approvals & Refusals

Application 2009/01473 Enlargement of existing single storey side extension to south side including roofing with hipped roof, erection of single storey lean-to rear extension to west side and replacement of existing oil storage tank and repositioning close to lane. Mrs A Welsh, The Barn Owl, Trewetha, Port Isaac. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application

Application 2009/01446 Construction of farm Managers dwelling. Messrs RD, KJ & DRW Harris, Tolraggott Farm, St Endellion, Port Isaac.

Cornwall Council APPROVED this application

Application 2009/01211 Rear two-storey extension. Mr S Bushel, 2 Tintagel Terrace, Port Isaac. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application

122.CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT

Mr B Gisbourne informed the Parish Council that he had set up a meeting with Mr Moore the Director of Transport for the 15th January at 9.30am. As well as two Parish Councillors, 2 members of the business community can come to the meeting and put their point forward. He informed the council that Mr Moore is able to make decisions there and then.

Mr Gisbourne informed members of the public that this parish council has not sat on this parking issue, but Cornwall Council works very slowly. He was heckled by a member of the public that the Parish Council should ignore the restrictive covenant; he replied that we would be 'blocked' if we tried this. He informed them that there had been a light out in the village and he had been trying to get it fixed for 4 months.

Mr Gisbourne informed the Parish Council that a decision was being made tomorrow to sell the Wadebridge Council offices. They had spent £64 million on changing over to a unitary authority instead of the expected £19 million.

123.CHAIRMANS REPORT

Mrs Bell informed that Mr A Penny and Mr M Bell would be attending the meeting with Mr Moore and she felt it was best for the business to decide whom they wanted to send to the meeting and met up before to present a united front to Cornwall Council.

Mrs B Bell informed the council that she had received an e-mail from Mr D Sproull and the paper work was going ahead on the land for the footpath to Trewetha.

Mrs Bell also informed the council that Mrs Liz Rowe had also resigned from the Parish Council due to ill health so now we have 2 vacancies.

Mrs B Bell reported crime figures provided by PC Taylor there had been 1 assault during December.

124.COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allotments

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to James Humphries at Stratton Holborow and he would chase up Michelmores to find out what their fees were, if any.

Roads Maintenance

Mr Robert Manders informed the council that the road maintenance team would be in the village from 15th February and would also be working on the Port Gaverne road on the 15th March. He asked if there were any drains or other highway matters to let him know.

125. STEPS ON THE CLIFF PATH

Proposal from Mr D Phelps that the Parish Council discuss the removal of the steps on the footpath. **As Mr Phelps was not at the meeting this item will be discussed at the next meeting.**

126. PLAYINGFIELD

i)It was proposed by Mr Penny that the PC secure part of the playing field for temporary/overflow parking to be in situ for Easter 2010. This was seconded by Mrs B Bell.

Mrs Bell read two letters regarding car parking one from Nicki Bradbury and John Collins and one from Jim Goad.

Mr Penny informed the council that there were two options for car parking on the playing field but the main thing was to make a decision and then decide on the position later. He felt that the playing field could provide 130 parking spaces.

Mr B Nicholls informed the council that he was against car parking on the playing field, he did not think that the children of the village should be deprived. He felt the best place for parking was in front of the existing car park, he felt that the bins were also taking up parking spaces and an eyesore. He felt that you could get another 150-170 cars there.

Mr Nicholls felt that we bought the playing fields for the children of the village.

Mr Robert Manders felt that the beach will be closed and the Parish Council needed to find an alternative. He felt that the playing field was a good short term option as it was the only land we have, he lives next door and had declared an interest, he would prefer it if it was further away, but did not see the point in shifting the play equipment, he felt that the further field would be better as the school also use the field and the income could be useful. He also suggested having signs saying limited parking from this point would be needed.

Mr Martin Bell wished to address Billy's point, he informed that the Parish council has legal constraints to deal with and a lot of time and effort had gone into looking into this and the village has been divided on the subject of using the playing field as a car park. The playing field is covered by a covenant set out in 1976 restricting the use of the playing field as a playing field only. We e-mailed Cornwall Council on 4th November and have still not received a reply. Mr Bell felt this maybe because they are worried about their statutory duties under children's Acts.

Mrs J Townsend felt that it was important to have a temporary car park ready for Easters. She informed that she had been on the Parish Council on and off for over 40 years and car parking had been a problem which had been continuously discussed over the years.

She also liked Mr Nicholls parking idea, but we cannot do anything about that idea.

Mrs B Bell informed that we do not have both fields available until the 15th July when we will have more options.

Mr A Penny informed that the Parish Councils funds were limited and called upon the business community to help with funding. She felt it would be possible to get parking for 72 cars for Easter.

Mr Martin Bell felt that if Cornwall Council do not lift the covenant, we cannot break it. The Proposal was carried 6 to 1 abstention.

ii) Update designs from MOR Design

Mr Bell informed the council that Mor Design had acted on the comment from the last meeting and he felt it was time to get the drawings out to public consultation. Mr A Penny agreed to contact Mor Design and ask them to prepare documents for public consultation.

It was felt it would best to put drawings up at a public event. The Hospice event was suggested which is on the 1st March. Mr Penny agreed to speak to Dee Littlechild about this.

127. INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was proposed by Mrs B Bell that the Parish Council appoints a new internal auditor. This was seconded by Mr Martin Bell. There were two applications, Paul Roberts from St Mawgan and Steve Hudson from St Ives. Both applicants had similar experience, therefore it was decided to go for Paul Roberts as he was closure. This was carried nem.con.

128. VACANCY FOR NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Follow confirmation that an election has not been requested the Parish Council will need to co-opt a new councillor. The Vacancy will be advertised in Trio and on the notice boards.

129. TELEPHONE BOX ST ENDELLION

Proposal from Mr W Dawe that the Parish Council look into taking over the Telephone box, and inform BT that it is essential that it stays. **As Mr Dawe was not at the meeting this item will be discussed on the next agenda.**

130. BENCH

Proposal from Mr W Dawe that the Parish Council put a seat at St Endellion in the lay-by next to the phone box. **As Mr Dawe was not at the meeting this item will be discussed on the next agenda.**

131. DRAFT CORNWALL COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING) ORDER – CONSULTATION

It was proposed by Mr M Bell that the Parish Council discusses and responds to consultation documents. This was seconded by Mr A Penny.

Mr Bell informed the council that the order was the uniform for all car parks throughout the County, however as Port Isaac car park is full first thing in the morning he suggested that the council write informing Cornwall Council that the Long Term charges are not enough in Port Isaac. This was carried nem.con.

132. SABBATICAL

Proposal from Mrs B Bell that the Parish Council give Mrs Elizabeth Rowe a 12 month sabbatical from the Parish Council due to ill health. This item was withdrawn following Mrs Rowe's resignation.

133. CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mrs B Bell read a letter from Sproulls giving progress on the land for the Footpath to Trewetha.
- b) The county Bulletin
- c) Letters regarding Parking from Angela Hopwood, GP Harris, Liz & Jeremy Brown, CD Routh were read out. There were other letters from Diana Walsh, Katie Child & Simon Spenser, Maria Polliet, John Brown, Andy Cameron, Paul Bishop, Bill & Barbara Hawkins, Sam & Dee Littlechild, Mary Dansonhill, Mervyn Stewart, Mark Forbes, John Cleave, Rick Bagley, Tony Moreton, Deborah Tidey, Nigel & Angela Sheratt, but these were not read out

Clerk to reply to all parking letters, informing that we appreciate their concerns and we have the same concerns and contrary to public view we are trying to do something about it

134. VICTORIA HOUSE

Mrs Bell proposed that following Mr Charles comments the Parish Council writes to the Licensing authority raising concerns over the Victoria House application. Explaining that there are 6 other licensed premises within 25 yards of this application and none of them have a licence for live music. Also point out drink related problems in the village and the pub watch scheme. This was seconded by Mrs Townsend and carried nem.con. Clerk to liaise with Mrs Townsend on this letter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th February 2010 at Port Isaac

The meeting closed at 9.44pm