

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th APRIL 2010 AT PORT ISAAC COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, PORT ISAAC AT 7:30PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs B Bell, Mr M Bell, Mr W Dawe, Mr David Phelps, Mr Robert Manders, Mr B Nicholls

IN ATTENDANCE Mr M Wigley, Mr D Rogerson and PC Taylor

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs J Townsend, Miss A Hallet

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 16th April 2009.

It was proposed by Mrs B Bell and seconded by Mr B Nicholls that the Minutes were approved and signed

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs Bell welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the speaker for coming.

Mrs Bell informed the council that the reason that she had volunteered for the role of chair was because she thought she could change things, however she now felt that not a lot could be changed. Although she felt that one way we have changed things in the last 12 months, is that members of the Parish Council are coming to meetings better informed about what has gone on during the month. Parish Council members now get copied in on all e-mails and the clerk now has a scanner so letters can be emailed to Parish Councillors.

Mrs Bell informed the council that Yellow lines were now going ahead and were likely to be in place by the end of July. St Endellion Parish has got together with St Minver High and Low lands to pay for the traffic order to obtain the Yellow lines. Mrs Bell informed the council that the Yellow lines in our Parish were very straight forward but the Yellow lines in St Minver Highlands needed complicated signage which would cost £4,000 so they were no longer going to have their yellow lines, however Mr Gisbourne had agreed to pay for our yellow lines out of his budget.

Mrs Bell informed the Council that the Parish Council had taken back the Main From the Friends of the Main after 8 years, they had decided to hand it back, the slate quay needs some work. Mrs Bell informed the Council that the Footpaths Officer David Wood given a report on the Main, and in the short term we have had to close the Main, however we have asked John Grimes to give a report on how much it will cost to get the work done.

Mrs Bell informed the Council that it had been a most difficult 12 months with the closure of the beach car park for visitor parking. Mrs Bell informed the Council and members of the public that there will be a new car park in operation by the 1st July when the Beach Car Park Closes. She reported that the Parish Council had decided to build the new car park on the field adjacent to the Playing Field. Mrs Bell reported that the Planning application had already gone in and the council was getting quotes for the work.

Mrs Bell thanked Cllr B Gisbourne for all his help during a year which had been problematic with the Post Office closure, yellow lines, allotments, carpark, and the returned responsibility of the Main.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mrs Bell introduced Pc Taylor to Speak.

PC Taylor reported that from 1/4/2009 to 31/03/2010 that they had recorded a total of 41 crimes in the whole of the Parish, which was an increase from the previous year

ending 31/03/2009, where 24 crimes were recorded. He gave the following break down of offences. There were 6 assaults compared to 2 last year. 14 Criminal Damage, compared to 9 last year. 3 Burglaries, compared to 3 last year. 13 Thefts compared to 6 last year. 0 drug related crime compared to 1 last year. 2 Alcohol offences compared to 1 last year.

PC Taylor reported that in the Wadebridge Area there had been several fuel and oil thefts in commercial and domestic premises. These often occurred in isolated properties and second homes or holiday homes. He advised people to take additional measures to secure their premises and look out for suspicious vehicles or people.

PC Taylor reported that they had recently set up a Pub watch scheme in Port Isaac. The idea is to provide a united front of all licensed premises, pub, restaurants and shops, against any anti social behaviour. Anyone reported to the pub watch scheme will be banned from all licensed premises. He informed the Council that they had already worked well in Padstow and Rock.

PC Taylor informed the Council that the Police have been working closely with local marine businesses to reduce marine crime along the Camel Estuary and North Cornwall coastline. They have several members now in the Wadebridge, Rock, Padstow and Port Isaac Area, who cover several thousand boat owners. To assist, The Police have also been offering for sale various sized boat engine covers, which have Devon & Cornwall Police printed on them together with the selectadot logo, a waterproof security marking kit.

Mrs Bell Thanked PC Taylor and introduced Mr Dan Rogerson PM for North Cornwall.

Mr Dan Rogerson thanked the Parish Council for inviting him back, Last time he came to the village was when the Parish Council had problems with dog walking on the Playing field and set up the dog walking area.

He informed the Council that as the election was coming up there was not a great deal he could do on any local issue

Mr Rogerson reported that it had been a tough year nationally and that we are entering a difficult period, with spending cuts. However he felt that things were on their way to recovering.

Mr Rogerson informed the Council that he was working on a bill with the Cornish Assembly to introduce to Parliament regarding second homes. The Bill would mean a cap on the number of second homes allowed within an area, like they have in some National Parks. He understood that Holiday Homes were vital to our economy, however felt that the number could be capped, however this will have to wait until after the general election.

Mrs Bell thanked Mr Rogerson and introduced Mr Mark Wigley Case Officer from Cornwall Council

Mr Mark Wigley thanked the Parish Council for inviting him to speak and informed the Council that this was the first time he had spoken at a Parish Council meeting, however Cornwall Council now hoped to have a better relationship with Parish Councils on Planning decisions, and he had a new job title,- as well as being a Planning Case Officer he was now our 'Friendly Link Officer', he covers five Parishes and if we have a concern we can contact him.

Mr Wigley informed the council that he had worked at North Cornwall District Council for as a Planning Officer for 8 years and prior to that had be a Case Officer at Caradon District Council. Therefore he had a good understanding of work areas in the new East Area covered by Cornwall Council.

He informed the Council that most Case Officers will continue to cover the same areas, however they will have a new shared computer system which he hoped would be up and running by July and then staff may work between offices.

He informed the Council that the Planning Committee Meetings are now held alternately at Liskeard and Camelford Chambers, which are where the Planning Committee Meetings were held for North Cornwall and Caradon District Councils.

Mr Wigley informed the Council that the Planning applications would be continued to be advertised in the Cornish Guardian.

Mr Wigley informed the Council that they had changed from being called Development Control to Development Management. They now try to get involved earlier on in applications, with pre-application decisions rather than just being reactive

Mr Wigley informed the Council that the Local Plan for the area would be remaining the same, as these documents take time to create. We are currently still using the 1999 Local Plan. He informed the Council that the new plan would be in place by 2012.

Mr Wigley informed the Parish Council that it would now be consulted further on planning applications; if the Case Officer disagrees with the Parish Councils observations they will contact the Council to discuss the application. Parish Councils will also be able to send a representative to speak at planning meetings.

Mrs Bell thanked Mr Wigley for speaking and introduced Mr Robert Manders to speak on behalf of the Climate Friendly Parish group.

Mr Manders gave the following report.

In April last year we were one of five projects, out of two hundred applications, short-listed for the Future Friendly Awards. At the presentation in London we did not receive the first prize of £20,000, but were runners-up. We did receive a certificate, some hints as to what we should do next and some books to help us, but not the 'lousy tee-shirt'!! We met some interesting people and heard of their interesting projects, but my abiding memory is of being taken to the ceremony in a 'hybrid' Toyota Prius taxi, which started well enough on its battery but, after thirty minutes negotiating London traffic, had to revert to its internal-combustion engine.

We met other interesting like-minded folk at the Green Fair in Wadebridge Town Hall in May, at which we exhibited. As the summer months progressed we applied for a grant from the local authority Community Chest for a scheme to publicise the local bus timetables. We hoped to entice visitors, as well as locals, out of their cars and on to the buses, but our application was refused. However, continued financial support from the Parish Council allowed us to continue, on a more modest scale. Western Greyhound, the local bus company concerned, was very helpful, and card timetables for letting houses and second homes, as well as credit card-sized ones for handbag or wallet, were produced. We also wrote articles showing how far you could travel in a day, and the possible connections you could make, and these were published in Trio (and Your Parish in St Kew). We also wrote a letter of support for the Camel Community Supported Agriculture project, which needed, and still needs, a shed in which to pack the weekly vegetable boxes, which are distributed locally.

More than a year ago we had won for the village a £500 grant, which would cover the cost of materials to insulate the loft of the Village Hall. The difficulty of reaching the loft space prevented it actually happening until summer 2009. Then the practical details were sorted, and the Hall Committee provided access at an otherwise very busy time, so the job could be done. Thanks are due to all concerned; let us hope the hall is now cooler in summer, and warmer in winter.

As we went into autumn we supported a similar project that was taking shape in St Merryn; they have now taken a different path, and are developing Community Gardens or allotments. We attended a seminar at the Gaia Centre, 'Power for the People', largely concerned with micro-generation projects like solar photovoltaic (PV) generation, and collected much information on different schemes; this can be consulted

by anyone in the Parish. The Faith Group, which had not held any separate meetings, organised two well supported Days of Prayer in October and November, prior to the international summit Conference in Copenhagen.

Also in November we visited an 11KW wind turbine on a farm near Delabole. This is double the size of many domestic turbine generators, but gave some idea what could be done on farms and similar larger power users can do in this windy area. To relax, we had an evening at the Regal Cinema, in Wadebridge, to see the film 'The Age of Stupid' about the threat of climate change and people's reaction to it. It was generally thought to be a good film, but the title was felt to be unfortunately off-putting to the general public, especially anyone at all sceptical.

After the festivities of Christmas and New Year we helped to publicise Channel 4's screening, one Saturday night of 'The End of the Line', a film not about railways but about the damage done to fish stock by over-fishing, sometimes of particular targeted species such as Blue-fin Tuna.

To conclude, we must mention the articles published monthly in Trio, written by Tony Wainwright and Annie Price on 'Green Matters' and those on 'websites of the month' again by Tony Wainwright and often involving green issues.

Thank you for listening, we hope to see you all at 'How Green is your Place?', our AGM and green fair on Saturday week, 17th April 2010, in the Village Hall from 12.00 noon until 2pm.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mrs Bell invited public questions

Mr Martin Bell asked Pc Malcolm Taylor what sort of vehicles were being used for the fuel thefts.

PC Taylor informed Mr Bell that the vehicles suspected were large Transit type vehicles.

Mr David Phelps informed Mr Rogerson that he did not agree with his stand on second homes. Mr Phelps felt that more houses need to be built rather than stopping second homes, he felt that some of the cottages in Port Isaac were not suitable for permanent homes and the best place to build new homes was on the Cornwall Council site in Wadebridge which was going to be sold to Sainsbury's for a new supermarket.

Mr Rogerson informed Mr Phelps that he had little say in planning matters, and the site in Wadebridge, but did agree that more affordable housing was needed.

Mr Brian Nicholls agreed with Mr Rogerson and felt that second homes should be banned as we were losing all our young people from the village.

Mr B Nicholls informed Mr Wigley that he felt it was not right involving further in Planning and he felt that a lot of money was being wasted with the introduction of One Cornwall with new computer systems and matching systems between different areas.

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To be arranged.

Mrs Bell thanked all of the speakers for an interesting evening.

The meeting closed at 9pm