

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH JULY 2011 AT PORT ISAAC PRIMARY SCHOOL, PORT ISAAC AT 7:30PM

PRESENT Mrs B Bell, Mr M Bell, Mr E Fletcher, Mr R Harris, Mrs J Pomfret, Mr D Phelps, Mr Robert Manders, Mr W Dawe, Mr M Dingle, Miss A Hallet

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs J Townsend

34.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Dawe declared an interest in the Golden Circle's request for a donation, as he is a member.

35.APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on Monday 13th June 2011.

Item 27 Committee reports was amended to state that Mr R Manders monthly reports to Trio include Footpaths and Global Warming.

Mr Hawkins name spelling was corrected.

The amendments were made.

It was proposed by Mrs J Pomfret and seconded by Mr D Phelps that the Minutes were approved and signed.

36.PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Louise Huston explained her plans for the Old School toilets to the Parish Council, she explained that if the Parish Council were happy with the plans she would submit them to Cornwall Council. This is part of her pre application. She explained that she had taken the Parish Councils previous objections on board and this was a much smaller development just using the existing toilets. There were no major objections from the Parish Council, Mr D Phelps agreed to go and have a look at the site.

Mr Childs asked Mrs Larkin for an update on the proposed Post Office in the Church Rooms. Mrs Larkin informed the council that she was waiting on the electricians, but once open there will be two sessions per week.

Mrs Sheila Baker informed the council that she lived next door to Halcyon, The Terrace, Port Isaac, Cornwall. She informed the council that she objected to application PA11/04336. She informed the council that the existing development had spoilt her properties amenities, but she had been too ill to object at the time. She felt that the sheds were unsuitable for storage and that they were too close to her property. She informed the council that there had been a shrubbery there before. The sheds were also over hanging her property.

Mr Gary Baker informed the council that there had already been provisions for a storage area

Mrs Larkin informed the council that she lived on the other side and was of the same view as Mrs Baker that it was an infringement of their amenities.

Mr Larkin informed the council that they had been building at Halcyons since January 2009, and they were fed up with the invasion of privacy and ongoing building site with no end in sight.

Mrs Carol Bush raised concerns regarding the mess in the lane at Mayfield Drive. She informed the council that people kept dumping rubbish there and the grass needed cutting and hedge was overhanging. She informed the council that someone had been out to cut the grass but had not completed the job.

Mr Brian Gisbourne agreed to look into this at Cornwall Council. The council will discuss this on the next agenda, in the meantime the clerk will write to Cornwall Council and ask about the possibility of an Agency Agreement to cover the maintenance of this area.

Mrs Murray also raised concerns about grass cuttings being dumped on the steps at Mayfield, behind her property.

37.HOUSING

Mr Harris welcomed Victoria Regan from the Housing Association to the meeting.

Ms Victoria Regan informed the Parish Council that she was here to talk about the future of affordable housing in Port Isaac.

She informed the council that she worked within Cornwall Council affordable housing section; she is a Town Planner not an Allocation Officer.

She informed the council that she had been asked to look at St Endellion Parish, as the Parish has a high need for affordable housing, there are 38 families looking for affordable housing within the parish. She had been asked to look at how Cornwall Council could try to deliver more affordable housing within the parish. She informed the council that she would be making notes and she knew that there had been problems with allocation on the Trelights Ocean Housing development and that she had spoken to Phillipa Mayland.

She informed the council that it was future affordable housing that she was looking at. She informed the council that she had looked at the Parish Plan and found it a useful document, and that it showed a support for the need for affordable housing within the parish.

She hoped that the Parish Council would be interested in working with her in trying to identify sites within the parish, for additional affordable housing.

Mr M Bell informed Ms Regan that he appreciated what she was saying, however, he felt that the problem of allocation needed to be resolved before he would support any future affordable housing within the Parish. The new Trelights rental houses had gone to two families from St Minver Parish, one family from St Teath Parish, and one to someone from Tintagel and none had been allocated to people from our Parish he felt that this would suggest that there was not such a need for affordable housing within the Parish.

Victoria Regan explained that this was not her department but she would take our comments back to Phillipa Mayland the Housing Allocation Officer.

Mrs J Pomfret informed the council that she endorsed what Mr Bell had said, she felt that if there were any future affordable developments the allocation should go through all the Bands for St Endellion Parish before moving onto people coming from other parishes or else she could see the same thing happening again. Mrs Pomfret informed Ms Regan that she understood why houses had been allocated to people from adjoining Parishes as they were in a higher banding and Cornwall Council had to follow legislation.

Mr Bell asked Ms Regan how many of the 38 families are native to the Parish or have local connections, or had it just been taken from the 2004 figures of the parish plan survey.

Ms Regan informed the council that there are 38 families registered though Home Choice as looking for affordable housing within the parish. They have local connections, have lived or work in the parish or have sick relatives in the area. She informed the council that they are not just people who fancy moving to Port Isaac.

She informed the Council that she was not involved in the Trelights scheme, and was just a planner, so could not comment. She informed the Council that she would ask Phillipa Mayland for assurance and would support allocation within the Parish through all the bandings before allocation outside the Parish.

Mr B Gisbourne felt that allocating to St Endellion Parish only in the first incents may cause problems.

Mr D Phelps informed Ms Regan that he also endorsed everything that had been said but felt that we do need social housing for the right people on the right site.

Mr Martin Bell informed Ms Regan that he felt that the Trelights location was dreadful for affordable housing as it was isolated with no facilities. No Bus, no shop, no clinic. Which broke all planning guidelines for sustainable housing. Mr Bell knew of two families that had turned down the option of houses in Trelights because of these reasons.

Mr Fletcher added that there was also no employment in Trelights.

Ms Victoria Regan agreed with what Mr Bell said.

Mr D Phelps felt that the design of the houses at Trelights did not fit into the area.

Ms Regan informed the council that she had looked at the Trelights development and could see where the Parish Council was coming from, but felt that it would fade in to the background in time.

She informed the council that any future developments would focus on infrastructure and good design.

Mrs B Bell informed Ms Regan that a family from Port Isaac had been moved to the St Minver development of affordable housing and her niece had been allocated a house in St Teath, when a house in Port Isaac was allocated to a family from Bristol. Mrs Bell felt that allocation would need to be sorted out before she would support any future developments.

Mr David Phelps informed Ms Regan that he was all for developments for local needs, and felt that the development in St Teath, was a good example of affordable housing, they were well designed, unlike the disastrously designed houses at Trelights. He felt that if we had any future affordable housing it would need to be of good design like the St Teath houses or St Minver affordable housing development.

Ms Regan informed the council that she understood this concern clearly.

Mr E Fletcher felt that rather than build new houses he knew of two derelict houses within the Parish, one on Fore Street in the village and one at Pendoggett that had burnt down. He felt that these properties should be done up and rented out.

Mr M Bell reiterated his point regarding the need for a tight 106 coving St Endellion Parish before neighbouring parishes. He informed Ms Regan that a tight 106 with this criteria would be the only way the Parish Council would support future affordable housing.

Ms Regan informed the Parish Council that she had been working with Calstock Parish Council where there is also a high need for affordable housing. She informed the council that she had been working with the Parish Council there to do a call for land. They had drawn up posters and done press releases asking all land owners adjoining a settlement to come forward with sites for affordable housing. They had come up with 20 possible sites. They have been assessing the sites for suitability with highways, AOB, and doing a public consultation, so that all the hard work is done before getting a developer involved.

Mrs J Pomfret asked if she were to have a piece of land and were to put it forward for a housing development, would the Parish Council have the power to say 'no' to a site. When the Trelights application was put forward it did not have local support and the Parish Council objected to the plans, as it was unsuitable due to lack of facilities. She felt that we would not want the same thing to happen again.

Ms Regan informed the council that there is little government funding for affordable housing. Therefore there are now problems getting developers to build sites of 100% affordable, without grants, at moment they have ways to assist with that. But in the future she felt that some open market developments would be allowed to justify the cost of building alongside affordable housing sites. She informed the council that the only way these sites would be allowed would be with strong community support. She informed the council that under the new Localism Bill Local councils will have the power to give planning permission for acceptance sites for affordable housing.

Mr R Manders informed Ms Regan that 10 years ago the Parish Council had looked into a mixed development opposite the school and adjacent to settlements, with strict ownership to people from parish.

Mr D Phelps informed the council that he was pleased that the Parish Council did not go through with it. Mr Phelps felt that the only suitable place for a future development was adjacent to Hillsons Close. Mr Phelps informed Ms Regan that when Hillson close was built, a strip of land was left clear for access for future development.

Mrs B Bell informed Ms Regan that the land had been sold off with planning permission for 8 houses and a Doctors surgery, when the site was developed they built 36 houses on it. The landowner was very upset about this and she felt it was unlikely that he would sell off more land for affordable housing.

Ms Regan informed the council that this may have been to meet the density required for affordable housing, at the time, she informed the council that they were changing the guidelines on this and developers would not be required to put so many houses on a site.

Ms Regan informed the council that this is where she would get involved in the planning stage.

Mr M Bell informed Ms Regan that she could see that all the Parish Council feels strongly about this matter and that all parish councillors were on e-mail and would like to be informed of any developments. He agreed to e-mail Ms Regan all the Parish Councillors e-mail addresses.

Mr D Phelps informed Ms Regan that he hoped we could find a way forward with allocation and in the future build better designed developments like at St Teath and St Minver.

Ms Regan informed the council that she had worked on some lovely developments in the Liskeard area but would look at the St Teath and St Minver Development for future reference.

Mr R Harris felt that rather than dwell on the problems of the past our council should be positive about providing future affordable housing and thanked Ms Regan for coming to the meeting and speaking to us.

Ms Regan informed the Parish Council that she had created a draft booklet on affordable housing and asked if the Parish Council would have a look at it.

Ms Regan informed the council that she understood the big issues and would speak to her bosses and the appropriate people and make the Parish Council position clear.

Mrs J Pomfret thanked Ms Regan for her support, and understood that Cornwall Council was working within its limitations. She felt that it was no good looking back and Cornwall Council had been good with giving her information and hoped that this was the beginning of a more positive relationship in the future.

Mr Harris Thanked Ms Regan for coming.

38.FINANCE

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

b) It was proposed by Mr R Harris that following a request from the Golden Circle the Parish Council make a donation of £170. This was seconded by Mrs B Bell and carried nem.con

39. APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES

PA11/04336 Construction of five storage areas in the style of beach huts to rear of main building and side of chalet.

Mr A Dunlop, Pearcedun Properties, Halcyon, & The Terrace, Port Isaac, Cornwall

Case Officer: Mark Wigley

Mr M Bell proposed that the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that it will effect the amenities of neighbouring properties, the storage sheds are unsuitable for storing waste as vermin will be able to get in, the plans are also inaccurate as they show the huts being 1.5m away from the neighbours boundary when they are actually only 0.90m away. This was seconded by Mr D Phelps and carried nem.con.

PA11/03272 Installation of 20 KW window turbine on a 20 m mast with three blades and a rotor diameter of 12m. Mr R Quinn, Treharrock Farm. **It was proposed by Mr M Bell that the Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that it will have a visual impact on our parish. This was seconded by Mrs J Pomfret. A vote was taken however the proposal was turned down 3/4 with 3 abstentions**

Approvals & Refusals

40.CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT

Mr B Gisbourne informed the Council that the Double Yellow Lines would be in place on or around the 18th July.

Unfortunately they will not be removing the existing Yellow Lines from 13-19 New Road, rather than hold the process up he will appeal for the Yellow Lines to be removed from 13-19 New Road once the new Yellow Lines are in place.

Mr R Harris thanked Mr Gisbourne for all he has done in getting the Yellow lines.

41.CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chair had nothing to report.

42.COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affordable Housing

Mrs Pomfret informed the Council that the affordable houses to buy in Trelights had been allocated, the first going to someone from St Endellion, two going to people with strong local connections, the prospective purchaser is currently having their criteria investigated.

Trelights Village green

Mrs Pomfret informed the Council that the work had been done on the tree and the invoice was in, she felt that he had done a good job.

Mr D Phelps suggested that the Parish Council ask Trelights Village Green Committee for their own proposal to tidy up the village green and make it more suitable for children to play on.

Car parking

Mr Bell informed the council that he was still waiting on Cormac for a quote to come in, but it was imminent. Mr Bell informed the council that there was a Motor Cycle accident near the entrance of the Car Park.

Mrs Bell informed the Council that the Car Park had been closed on a Friday Night when the Fishermen's Friends performed and cars had parked everywhere. Mr Buse and Mr Tidey have agreed to open the Car Park when the Fishermen's Friends are performing over the summer.

Climate Friendly Parish

Mr R Manders informed the council that he would be attending the Renewable Energy & Local Communities Show at the Gaia Centre on 28th & 29th July.

Footpaths

Mr R Manders reported that the first Footpath cuts were now complete and informed the council that he would be asking the other members of the Footpaths committee to check the footpaths over the next month.

Mr Manders also informed the council that there was Diversion Notice at Bodannon Bungalow, he had thought this was the diversion that had come before the Parish Council 2 years ago, so checked and was informed that the legal procedure had been done incorrectly so they had to start it again.

Community Network -Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr Bell informed the council that he had received an e-mail from Scott Mann expressing concerns at Parish Councils failure to attend Community Network meetings. Our Parish Council has good attendance.

Queen Elizabeth Jubilee 'Fields in Trust'

Mr Bell informed the Council that he had forwarded the New Trust Deeds to Sproulls our solicitors. He felt that the amount of land to be place in trust should not include the track. This was agreed.

RoSPA Report

Mr Bell had circulated a report of work required prior to the meeting it was agreed to get David Dingle to carry out the work required.

The Main

Mr E Fletcher informed the council that he was out boating on Sunday and saw a group of people jumping off the Main. They informed him that they had been out with Rock Tors previously and were now doing it on their own. Mr Fletcher asked the Clerk to check the position was still the same with AON and CALC. He would like to put forward a proposal for the next agenda to make the ban on Coasteering on the Main permanent.

43.INDEPENDENT REPORT

It was proposed by Mr M Bell that the Parish Council requests Ms Michaela Benz includes an independent summary report of the Parish Councils meetings on her 'What's On' Website and provide accurate prior information for visitors about availability of car parking in Port Isaac. Like a free information sheet. This was seconded by Mrs B Bell and carried nem.con.

44.PUBLIC WORKS LOAN

It was proposed by Mr M Bell that the Parish Council appoint an accountant to prepare the council's application for a Public Works Loan Board loan to fund the completion of the Trewetha Lane Car Park. Councillor Brian Gisbourne offered to do this for the Parish Council free of charge. Mr Bell proposed that the Parish Council accept Mr Gisbournes offer and cover any expenses. This was seconded by Mr D Phelps and Carried nem.con.

45.BUS SHELTER

It was proposed by Mr M Bell that the Parish Council produce a plan for alternative bus shelters in front of Hm coastguard Port Isaac station, near Mayfield/Hillsons Close and Hartland Road and obtain funding. This was seconded by Mr R Manders and carried nem.con. . Mr E Fletcher agreed to look into this matter. The Clerk gave Mr Fletcher grant application forms.

46.CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from Sproulls highways. This will be discussed on the next agenda.
- b) E-mail from Fields in Trust regarding grants, Mrs Bell will look into this.
- c) Renewable Energy & Local Communities Show at the Gaia Centre 28th & 29th July Mr R Manders will be attending.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th August 2011 at Port Isaac

The meeting closed at 9.40pm