

Minutes of the St. Endellion Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd July 2013 at Port Isaac Primary School, Port Isaac, at 7.30pm

Before the meeting started the Clerk was presented with flowers and a bowl, as a leaving present.

	MEMBERS PRESENT	
	Mr M Bell, Miss R Brogan, Mr M Coles, Mr R Manders, Mr D Phelps, Mr D Philp, Mr A Penny, Mr D Raynor, Miss N Williams, Mrs J Townsend	
	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Mr R Dawe	
66	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
67	MATTERS ARISING	
	<p>Mr David Phelps paid a special thank you to Mr Bell for all his work on the car park. Mr Phelps felt it was nice to hear public praise at the last meeting after all the arguments.</p> <p>Miss N Williams felt that the Parish Council should go out to tender for the rights to run an ice cream van at the Car Park.</p>	
68	PUBLIC DISCUSSION	
	<p>Mr M Diamond raised the following objections to PA13/04287:- Mr M Diamond informed the council he had spoken to Mr Steven Miller and the substation was at its limit of capacity, therefore it would have to be upgraded.</p> <p>Mr Diamond informed the council the land was graded 3a, and is therefore good farm land and should not be taken out of the food chain. Natural England have objected to this application on the grounds that the owner gets high level stewardship because the land is of archaeological interest. They are also concerned about the noise caused by the metal piling. Mr Diamond was also concerned about the impact this application would have on St Endellion Church and the AONB which are close by.</p> <p>Mr Diamond was also concerned about the effect a solar farm would have on tourism and a glare associated with a solar farm.</p> <p>Mr Diamond felt that the Parish council should also request if planning permission is granted the work must be carried out in the winter months.</p> <p>Mrs Penny Kirkman informed the Council that The Minister of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change, Greg Barker had put forward new guidelines regarding taking prime agricultural land out of use for solar farms.</p> <p>Mr A Westaway raised objections to application PA13/04287, particularly the loss of good agricultural land.</p> <p>Mr Kevin Griffin raised objections to application PA13/04287. He was concerned about 25,000 solar panels being put on a site of 39 acre. He informed the Council that Cornwall already has 27 commercial solar farms and Cornwall had already exceeded its target for renewable energy before 2020. He felt that it was a dash for cash between Cornwall and Yorkshire at every expense. Mr Griffin was concerned about the loss of good agricultural land which could be used to grow wheat and barley. He was concerned that the developers would be unable to screen the site.</p> <p>Mr Mark Symons also raised objections to PA13/04287, he was concerned about glare from the solar panel and the impact the solar panels would have on an unspoilt valley.</p> <p>Mr Symons was concerned on the impact another Ice cream van would have on businesses in Port Isaac.</p> <p>Mr John Tackly informed the council that he had owned 17 Church Hill for 49 years. He informed the council he had 20 lead roof tags from all the slates that had to be put back on his property after it</p>	

	<p>had been hit by traffic. He felt that something needed to be done to stop large vehicles going down Church Hill.</p> <p>Mr Childs informed the council he was waiting to hear item 11 regarding new signage for Church Hill.</p> <p>Mr R Harris informed the Council he was at the meeting as it was the clerk's final meeting. He was also pleased to see the car park finished and open.</p> <p>Mr Childs also raised concerns about the bins in Port Isaac</p> <p>Mr Johnny Bamford presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £34,000.</p> <p>Mr Coles thanked Mr Bamford for the donation.</p> <p>Mr Mark Mecheer informed the Parish Council that he would build toilets in the New carpark and could run an Ice Cream van there as well.</p> <p>Mr David Pullen raised objections to application PA13/04287. He was concerned about the loss of agricultural land and felt that Cornwall was in a race to win a prize for the most renewable projects.</p> <p>Mrs Sarah Harris and Mrs Pullen also raised objections to PA13/04287.</p> <p>Mr Horswill felt that it would be beneficial to have an Ice Cream van in the Car park so that people had someone to ask directions from.</p>	
69	FINANCE	
	<p>a) It was proposed by Mr Bell that the Parish Council approves payment to Cormac following 3rd Valuation payment of £200,913.55. This was seconded by Mr M Coles and carried nem.con. The Cheque was signed.</p> <p>a) It was proposed by Mr M Bell that following a request from St Endellion PPC the Parish Council makes them a one off donation of £500 towards the cost of running the Churchyard. This was seconded by Mrs J Townsend. The proposal was turned down 4/5. Mr A Penny Proposed the proposal be amended to state that the Parish Council make a one off donation of £300 towards the running cost of the Churchyard. This was seconded by Mr D Raynor and carried 5/ 4 abstentions.</p>	
70	APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES	
	<p>Application PA13/04287 Proposed photovoltaic (PV) farm with a capacity of up to 6MW at Treswarrow Farm. Treswarrow Farm, Trelights, Port Isaac, PL 29 3TN</p> <p>Case Officer: Ellis Crompton-Brown</p> <p>Miss N Williams read out a list of objections to application PA13/04287 that she felt needed to be made as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All 3 fields (with the exception of a small strip at the bottom of the valley) are graded Agricultural Classification 3a "Good quality land, medium –high yields, especially cereals." According to CC guidelines the developer must state a reason for not choosing a lower grade site. Two written requests by our council for a copy of the Kivell's grading report have been ignored by the applicant. 2. Industrialisation of the landscape. The area is in proximity to the AONB, within Character Area 34- Camel Estuary and also in the Cornish Killas Character Area, and is of a generally unspoilt rural character. CKA classification rates Port Isaac Bay and area particularly highly on the tranquillity scale due to the lack of visual industrialisation. We can see no justification within the application in consideration of the above for citing such a large PV Farm in this unspoilt landscape. 	

	<p>3. Tourism is the key to success of this area, most income is derived from tourism, this application offers nothing in respect of employment, and therefore we regard the large scale of this development at odds with our tourist & agriculturally based local economy. We note that none of the surrounding farmers are in support of this application.</p> <p>4. We find that this application would be harmful to the setting of the Heritage Asset & Grade I Listed Church of St Endellion, an important Cornish cultural venue.</p> <p>5. We note that Natural England find this Application incompatible with the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme under which the land is managed, due to the damage the piling for fixing the panels will inflict, the archaeological evidence is insufficient as not all the proposed trenches were completed.</p> <p>6. We consider the Community Fund offer derisory; at £6k annually it does not add value to this application.</p> <p>7. The use of 3a land for solar is also contrary to the National Policy Planning Framework guidelines.</p> <p>We would add furthermore that we were not satisfied with the process of this application. CC guidelines clearly state that Community Consultation should be carried out before the application process. The consultation was grudgingly provided only when we demanded it. The timescale has had no regard for due process. The visualisation information was poor, none was apparent from any of the tourism based businesses in the area. Furthermore a refusal on the part of the applicant to consider downsizing the application to lessen the visual impact on the near neighbours has led to allegations of arrogance from the community.</p> <p>Finally we note that as The Minister of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change, Greg Barker stated in the House Of Commons during debate on the 11th July 2013, (quotes/Hansard), revised planning guidance will be brought forward in a matter of weeks as “too often local authorities, out of fear of being challenged in the High Court, just roll over, rather than looking at the balance of community interest and visual impact”. The funding balance will be shifted from large scale solar farms to the utilisation of the huge resource of both Government and privately owned rooftop sites. He further added “We need to spell that out in a crystal-clear way that ensures that localism—local opinion—is reflected in the planning guidance. It runs through the coalition like the words in a stick of Blackpool rock. We remain completely committed to ensuring that the voice of local communities is strongly heard in matters that directly affect them. The deployment of renewable energy is a perfect case in point.”</p> <p>Mr D Phelps informed the council that he would be abstaining from making a decision on this application as he remembered the winter of discontentment, where they experienced frequent power cuts. He felt that renewable sources of energy needed to be found.</p> <p>Mr M Bell proposed that the Parish Council objects to this application with all the points raised in Miss Williams report. This was seconded by Mr A Penny and carried 8 with 2 abstentions from Mr D Phelps and Mr R Manders.</p>	
71	TOILETS	
	<p>a) It was proposed by Mr D Raynor that the Parish Council applies for planning permission for pre application for a change of use of the toilets in the New Road Car park, to include a Shop/Visitor Centre still keeping building the same size but reducing number of toilets, to make space for a shop that can be rented out. It will cost approximately £200 to obtain an elevation drawing and submit a pre application. The proposal was seconded by Miss N Williams and carried nem.con. Mr D Raynor reported that the Plans included a turn-stile pay system.</p> <p>b) It was proposed by Mr A Penny that the Parish Council ask Cornwall Council to reopen the New Road toilets for the August and September months at a cost of £333 per week and to remove the temporary portaloo. This was seconded by Mr D Philp and carried nem.con.</p>	

72	BT	
	It was proposed by Mr David Phelps that the Parish Council asks the clerk to contact BT and ask them to either replace or remove the wire and associated ground metal work from the pole on the grass triangle outside the School in Trewetha lane. This was seconded by Mr M Bell and carried nem.con	
73	HIGHWAYS PROPOSALS	
	It was proposed by Mr A Penny that the Parish Council approves Oliver Jones Proposals for new signage for Port Isaac. This was seconded by Miss N Williams. The sign proposed are new directional signs to Port Isaac, directing larger vehicles away from Church Hill. Mr A Penny informed the Council that Ignore your Sat Nav signs are still not available as they have not been approved by the government. The proposal was carried nem.con.	
74	CAR PARK	
	<p>a)It was proposed by Mr A Penny that the Parish Council purchases signs saying 'dog friendly area' directing people away from the playing fields & towards the area below the new car park. This was seconded by Mr D Phelps. Mr D Phelp proposed that the signs state 'This is a Public amenity area which is dog Friendly, please clean up after your dog. This was seconded by Mr A Penny and carried nem.con. Mr D Phelps and Mr M Coles Mr A Penny to meet at the Car park to discuss final wording and positioning of the signs.</p> <p>b)Proposal by Cllr. Bell that the Parish Council write to VOSA in support of any application for a park-and-ride license, emphasising the urgent need for this service for elderly and disabled visitors to Port Isaac. This proposal was withdrawn.</p> <p>c)It was proposed by Miss N Williams that the Parish Council tender out the rights to run an Ice Cream van at the New Car Park. This was seconded by Mr M Bell and Carried 10/1. Mr D Phelps voted against the proposal. The Clerk to put an advert in the Cornish Guardian offering the rights to run an Ice Cream van in the car park between 12th August 2013 -31st December 2013.</p> <p>Mr M Coles reported that he had looked at the Calebriparc data and the new car park at Trewetha Lane, had taken £11,334 between the 6th -22nd July which is an increase of £4,975 from the same period last year. This increase could be put down to many variations, the two years are completely different weather wise and this year we have filming in the village, however sadly no Fisherman's Friends performing as yet. The opening hours are also much longer.</p>	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 11 th August 2013 at Port Isaac The meeting closed at 9.32pm	