

A Meeting of the Town Council was duly convened and held in the Council Chamber at 1 Chapel Street St Just on Monday 16th October 2006 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mrs S Smith – Town Mayor
Councillor B Rees – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillors Mrs B Strick, R Lee, B F Angwin, M Nicholls,
C Williams, M Thomas, D Stevens and A Trezise together
with the Town Clerk (Mrs E George).
P.C. S Humphreys (part mtg)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Casley (holidays) and Councillor H Bennett (sickness). An apology was also received from County Councillor S Angove.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Thomas declared an interest in planning application 06/V/0005.

3. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor gave a verbal report of her official appointments since the last full meeting of the Town Council as follows:

21/9/06 – Mayors Parlour Campaign Team
24/9/06 – Anniversary of the Blind Association in Truro
25/9/06 - CAP meeting on the Agenda off road bikes
26/9/06 – Arthritis Committee – Harvest Festival and Supper
27/9/06 - Mayors Parlour Campaign Team – public meeting at CCC Truro
28/9/06 - Penzance Community Action Panel
2/10/06 – Planning Site meeting at Gews Farm
2/10/06 – AGM at Age Concern St Just.
4/10/06 – interviews for clerical assistant
5/10/06 – meeting with managers at Lloyds TSB Penzance
9/10/06 - CALC – training evening at Town Council
10/10/06 – meeting of the Traders Association
11/10/06 – CAP meeting
11/10/06 – meeting of MCTI
13/10/06 – Mayors Parlour Campaign Team
14/10/06 – Launch of networking for alternative medicine
16/10/06 – Age Concern Cornwall AGM

4. DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Town Mayor gave a verbal report of his appointments:

24/9/06 – Anniversary of the Blind Association in Truro
5/10/06 – meeting with managers at Lloyds Bank TSB
9/10/06 – CALC – training evening at Town Council
12/10/06 – CALC meeting in Truro with Councillor Angwin

5. REPORTS OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

- a)Councillor Williams reported his attendance at the Pendeen Councillors surgery together with Councillor Casley.
- b)Councillors Strick and Trezise attended a meeting of C.A.P..
- c)Councillor Stevens had attended a meeting of M.C.T.I.
- d)Councillor Lee and Stevens had attended the Council Surgery in St Just.

6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Thomas stated that he had attended a meeting at Lloyds TSB.

7. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nil.

8. REPORT OF POLICE OFFICER

P.C. Humphreys read a report to the Town Council and gave a written copy to the Clerk for the record.

P.C. Humphreys reported that there had been 24 crimes compared to 22 for the same period last year.

P.C.Humphreys is now the Neighbourhood Beat Manager for this area and would be attending meetings whenever possible.

- a)Councillor Williams expressed concern at speeding motorists through Pendeen and Councillor Rees stated that the same problem was being experienced at Carn Bosavern.

The Mayor expressed the wish that the Council write to P.C. Guard and thank him for his work as Neighbourhood Beat Manager prior to the new appointment. The Council instructed the Clerk to write accordingly.

9 . CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2006 and 2nd October 2006 were confirmed and signed.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a)CCTV – update

The Clerk reported that an application was being submitted through the Police and JY&CP and the Council would be updated on the progress.

b)Regeneration Project – lease of land at Boscaswell Downs

The surface had now been replaced and the landscaping completed. On a proposal by Councillor Angwin seconded by Councillor Rees it was agreed that the lease could now be accepted providing that the grass on site received a first cut. The Clerk to inform the County accordingly.

c)Appointment of Clerical Assistant

The Clerk reported that the Committee appointed had interviewed as requested and appointed Miss Emma Sanson of Gulval to the post for 16 hours per week. Hours of employment to be arranged with the Clerk. The employment commenced on 16th October 2006.

d)Lloyds Bank TSB – proposed closure of St Just sub-branch

The Clerk reminded the Councillors of the above meeting to be held in the WI Hall on Wednesday next.

11. FINANCE

a)Applications for financial assistance:

Nil.

b)Letters of thanks.

Nil.

c)Accounts for payment:

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Totalling

£6763.97

12. PLANNING

Councillor Morley Thomas made the following statement:

“In commenting on this application I should make it clear that my comments are based on the information currently available and do not commit me to taking the same position when the matter is discussed at the District Planning Committee and full information is available.

a) Applications:

As previously circulated.

The following applications received no observations: 06/P/1046/F 06/P/1150/F 06/V/0005 06/J/0041 and application 06/P/1153/F no objection but asks the Planning Authority to look into the design.

b)Decisions: As previously circulated.

13. PARKING (RL)

Councillor Lee expressed increasing concern at the problem of parking/congestion in the streets within St Just and Pendeen. There appears to be problems in most town and villages and Councillor Williams stated that the same problems were being experienced in Pendeen along the main B3306. It was agreed that part of the problem was that planning permission was now being granted for dwellings without consideration for onsite parking. Councillor Thomas stated that parking was now not an essential planning consideration.

This was a subject to be considered at every level of local government and the Clerk was instructed to contact the Divisional Surveyor and arrange an informal meeting to discuss this matter together with any other highway issues considered important.

14. PENWITH BUDGET(RL)

Councillor Lee enquired if District Councillors were invited to have any input when setting the District Council budget. He felt that consultation with Parishes on what was required by the public should be an important consideration. Also he felt it was not in the interests of this area that no District Councillor was currently on the Resource Committee.

15. FINANCE COMMITTEE(BR)

Councillor Rees felt it would be in the interest of this Council to set up a Finance Committee.

The Clerk informed the Council that this could be considered at the next AGM in May when all Committees would be rescheduled – until then the Internal Audit Committee could undertake items of a financial nature if required. Agreed.

16. SPEEDING TRAFFIC IN FORE STREET(MT)

Councillor Thomas expressed concern that he had received reports of vehicles speeding in Fore Street and causing a real danger to pedestrians particularly. He believed that the road could be reclassified as a B road (instead of the existing A) and then a 20 mph limit could be introduced.

It was agreed that this item could be discussed with the Divisional Surveyor on his intended visit.

17. CHRISTMAS WINDOW COMPETITION(SS)

The Mayor stated that she had been approached by the St Just Traders Group regarding the possibility of the Council organising the above competition and awarding annual cups for the event.

The Council agreed to fund this competition and instructed the Clerk to arrange to purchase 3 suitably engraved cups for the prizes up to the total value of £150.

18. SPEEDING THROUGH PENDEEN AND OFF ROAD MOTOR BIKES ON THE HIGHWAYS (CW)

Councillor Williams raised the above subjects the first part of which had been dealt with under a previous Agenda item (8) and responded by the Police in attendance at the meeting.

Also the second part had been reported directly to the Police so the Council needed no further discussion.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

1) a)Penzance Town Council – letter re World Heritage Site Status

Penzance Town Council had written a letter offer congratulations on the recent Award of this Status. The Clerk to forward a copy of this letter to the WHS Team in Cornwall County Council.

b)CCC – Presentation meeting of LMP meetings.

A copy of the presentation given at the recent meetings of the above was forwarded to the Council for information.

c)PDC Licensing Forums

The Council were invited to appoint a member to join the forum and have an interest in the future licensing policy.

d)Devon and Cornwall Police Authority – appointment of independent member

The Council were notified of the vacancy for an independent member. Posters had been display locally on this matter.

e)CCC – temporary road closure Halestown St Ives – diversion route B3318

The Clerk reported this diversion for information.

20. PUBLICATIONS:

a)Clerks and Councils Direct

b)Pennon Group Report

- c)Sure Start – Newsletters
- d)PHA Annual Report
- e)PDC – Agenda and Minutes
- f)Outreach Magazine
- g)St Just and District Liaison Group
- h)PAROW minutes
- i)DEFRA – Rural Services Review
- j)Childrens Hospice South West
- k)Local Council Review

21. MATTERS OF REPORT

Councillor Strick reported that there was concern at the possible withdrawal of the late night bus service to Pendeen due to an assault on the bus and bad behaviour.

There being no further items of business the Town Mayor closed the meeting thanking the members for their attendance.

CONFIRMED THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006

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Town Mayor

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Present: Councillor Mrs S Smith – Town Mayor
Councillor B Rees – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillors Mrs B Strick, B F Angwin, M Nicholls, C Williams, R Lee
M Thomas, D Stevens, A Trezise, C Williams together with the
Town Clerk (Mrs E George)

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor K Casley (work commitment).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. PLANNING

Councillor Thomas made the following statement:

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The Council expressed support for the following applications:

06/P/1104/F 06/J/0051 06/P/1203/F 06/P/1220/O 06/P/1234/F 06/P/1249/F (would prefer whitewash)06/P/1108/FA 06/P/1109/F 06/P/1242/F 06/P/0852/F.

Application 06/P/1103/FD – the Council objected to the removal of the condition.

Decisions: As previously circulated.

4. CALC – Local Governance in Cornwall.

Councillors were circulated with copies of information which should be retained for reference in the near future.

There being no further items of business the Town Mayor closed the meeting thanking the Members for their attendance.

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