

A Meeting of the Town Council was duly convened and held in the Council Chamber at 1 Chapel Street St Just on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor M Nicholls – Town Mayor  
Councillor M Thomas – Deputy Town Mayor  
Councillors Mrs S James, Mrs S Olds, Ms S Angove, B F Angwin, B Rees,  
C McClary, K McFadden, N McFadden, D Stevens, W East together  
with  
the Town Clerk (Mrs E George).

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The Mayor welcomed Councillor William East to the Town Council.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Nil.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M Thomas declared an interest in planning application 08/1090/P.  
Councillor B Rees declared an interest in planning application 08/1097/HP.  
Councillor M Nicholls declared an interest in application 1129/HP.  
Councillor S Angove declared an interest agenda item 10(g) re highway at Bosorne Road/Regent Terrace.

#### **3. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Town Mayor gave a verbal report of his appointments since the last full meeting of the Town Council.

22<sup>nd</sup> July – meeting of the Working Party

24<sup>th</sup> July – meeting re Unitary Authority Community Networks at Penzance

27<sup>th</sup> July – Hayle Town Mayor's Sunday

29<sup>th</sup> July – Working Party (shortlisting)

1<sup>st</sup> August – Photographic Exhibition at Botallack Count House

6<sup>th</sup> August – Mayor's Parlour Group meeting

8<sup>th</sup> August – Interviews

14<sup>th</sup> August – Town and Parish Forum.

#### **4. DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Thomas stated that he had deputized for the Mayor and presented prizes at the recently held Strong Man Event held at the Community Sports Hall.

## **5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS**

Councillor James reported that she had attended a meeting at the Centre of Pendeen on the 5<sup>th</sup> August.

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## **6. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Thomas informed the Council that from 1<sup>st</sup> September funding was being made available from the Government to the CAB for a Court Desk Service. Publicity on the matter would be available soon.

## **7. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Angove spoke on the proposed Post Office closures. The County Council would be launching a legal challenge although this is in the early stages.

The Implementation Panel continues to work towards the re-organisation next April.

## **8. REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICER**

In the absence of a Police Officer the Town Clerk read the report.

There had been a total of 17 reported crimes compared to 39 for the same period last year.

4 criminal damage to vehicles, 1 dwelling burglary, 1 criminal damage, 1 assault ABH, 1 Drunk and disorderly, 2 thefts, 2 possession of drugs. 5 reported domestic related incidents.

Other issues: Complaints of youths in the Playing Field causing noise nuisance at night.

Motorbikes using coastal footpaths and moorland areas. Parking concerns, alleged lack of enforcement. Dangers of driving at speed, not using a seat belt and driving while using a mobile telephone are the subject of a joint Operation with Traffic Officers.

## **9. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2008 and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008 (Recess Meeting) were confirmed and signed subject to the following amendment:

Meeting 21/7/08 page 2806 (d) – line 5 –

“Councillor K McFadden stated that he believed approval of the payment should have required prior discussion by the Council.”

Meeting 18/8/08 page 2815 – An apology for absence for Councillor S Angove.

## **10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### a)One Cornwall – update

Councillors had been circulated with a copy of Issue 12 Newsletter.

A News Release stated that the Boundary Committee have accepted the proposal for 123 Councillors for the new authority but the timescale does not allow the proposals to be implemented in time for next year's elections. A decision will have to be made on when the proposals will be brought into effect and that could mean further elections before the end of the normal four year cycle.

Information had been received on proposals for twenty-two One Stop Shops to be up and running by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. These will be located all over the County where public can walk in and gain information, advice and guidance.

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### b) CCTV – commencement of maintenance contract.

The Clerk invited the council to suggest a date for the commencement of the contract.

The Council resolved that the 2 six monthly inspections be carried out at the end of September and the end of March approximately. The Clerk to inform the contractor accordingly.

### c)Result of recent election of Councillor W F East.

As a result of the recent uncontested election Councillor W F East of Higher Botrea Farm Newbridge was elected as a St Just Town Councillor after signing his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### d)CCC Carn Bosavern – No waiting restrictions and limited parking bays

County Highways had written to inform the Council that the Police have requested that the Limited Waiting Parking Bay outside the Recreation Centre be reduced by four metres at the western end to reduce the risk of obstructive parking on the bend. The works to be carried out by Cormac in the near future.

### e)PDC – construction of footpath at Tregiffian/Trevedra cliff

A letter of response from the Sustainable Development team had stated that the letter would be passed to the appropriate officer when he returns from annual leave.

f)Bosorne Road/Regent Terrace – proposed stopping up of highway – referred from last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

This matter was reconsidered in the light of new information relating to objections to the proposal.

On a proposal by Councillor C McClary seconded by Councillor B Rees the Council resolved to reverse their decision on 21/7/08 page 2810 and now resolved to refuse to consent to the application being made for the stopping up of the highway as detailed.

Abstaining from voting on the matter – Councillors S Angove, D Stevens and Mrs S Olds.

The Clerk to inform the County Council of this decision.

g)PDC – letter re BT consultation – removal of telephone kiosks

The First notification has been sent to BT and the Secretary of State as required by the regulations.

h)Energy from Waste Incinerator at St Dennis – reply from GOSW

An acknowledgement had been received from Matthew Taylor MP and from the Government Office for the South West stating that a decision on whether to call-in this application will not be made by the Secretary of State until the Cornwall County Council has made a decision.

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i)W H Lane – revaluation of paintings etc

The Clerk reported that the revaluation had been completed and the Council's Insurers had been contacted to adjust the cover as appropriate. Noted.

j)Postwatch – Post Office closure programme – Cornwall area plan.

Communication had been received from The Consumer Council for Postal Services expressing their comments on the proposals.

## **11. FINANCE**

a)Application for financial assistance Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act

1. Neighbourhood Police Team – re part funding for laser gun.

The Council resolved not to support this application stating that they believed this was a law enforcement issue and should be dealt with by the Police authority budget.

Proposed by Councillor B Rees seconded by Councillor K McFadden.

b) Letters of thanks

Letters of thanks for recent donations had been received from:

1. St Marys Haven
2. Cape Cornwall School FSA

c) Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

1858.66	Totalling	£
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d) Change of address for the Audit Commission. Noted.

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## 12. PLANNING

**Councillor 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:

08-1043-P

Demolition of extension and construction of 2 storey extension at Forge Cottage, Tregiffian, Sennen for Mr Kelvin Collins.

The Town Council had no objection.

08-1090-P

Change of use to convert workshop/garage and store to two self-contained holiday units at Radio House, Higher Bosavern, St Just for Mr Philip Saul.

The Town Council had no objection.

08-1097-HP

Installation of replacement windows and door at Greystones Carn Bosavern St Just for Mr B Rees.

The Town Council had no objection.

08-1129-HP

Construction of double garage at Tinnors Way Botallack for Mr R Collins.

Councillor Nicholls declared an interest and the Deputy Mayor (Councillor M Thomas) assumed the Chair for this item of business.

The Town Council objected to this proposal believing it to be an inappropriate location within the site.

08-1148-P

Replacement of window with French doors on west elevation at The Old Sunday School, Cape Cornwall Street, St Just for Ms Nancy Pickard.

The Town Council had no objection.

b)Decisions:

08-0890-P

Conversion of barn to form dwelling(amended design 02/P/0918) at Stone Barn, Carnyorth Hill St Just for Mr Andrew Gillilan. Approval. (T.Cl. no objections)

08-0912-HP

Construction of conservatory on rear elevation and removal of garage door and insertion of window on front elevation at 35 Carrallack Mews St Just for Mr P Davies. Approval. (T.Cl. no objections.)

### **13. COT VALLEY STREAM/TREGESEAL STREAM – effect of knotweed spraying on river ecosystem. (CM)**

Councillor McClary raised this subject to express public concern on the possible damage as a result of the above spraying.

The Council instructed the Clerk to initially contact the National Trust and ask if an Environmental Impact Assessment had been done prior to the spraying being undertaken.

### **14. RECLASSIFICATION OF A3071/B3306 to St Just Town Centre (CM)**

On a proposal by Councillor McClary, seconded by Councillor Thomas the Clerk was instructed to write to the Highway Authority to enquire what

procedures were involved in applying for a reclassification of a highway and what were the implications of such a classification.

#### **14. CORRESPONDENCE:**

a)Fitness for all Demonstration – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

The Clerk reported notification from the District Council of this demonstration of fitness equipment for the over 60's which will take place in Bank Square St Just on 29<sup>th</sup> September between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If the weather is unacceptable the event to be held in the Council Chamber. Penwith will be inviting other Parish and Town Councils together with the Older Peoples Forum and other interested parties throughout Cornwall. The media will be invited to attend. Noted.

b)Letter from local resident – Lafrowda Saturday night (copies prev. circulated)

Following this letter of complaint the Council instructed the Clerk to write to the local resident stating that the Town Council has confidence in the Lafrowda Committee who are working together with the local Police to minimise any inconvenience or disruption to local people.

c)Cornwall County Training Partnership – information/booking forms

The Clerk informed the Council of this scheduled and comprehensive list of training programmes for Councillors. Noted. Councillors Angove, Thomas and James asked for the details to be emailed to them.

d)Clean Cornwall Week – 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

This information was noted.

e)CCC – Member Community Grant Scheme info/application form

Councillor Angove offered to assist any group that wished to make an application from the above fund.

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f)Cornwall Strategic Housing Land Availability Survey – Draft Methodology (info. Previously circulated – response by 29<sup>th</sup> September

The Clerk had one copy of the Draft document but it could be downloaded from the internet if required. The Council to consider this subject again at the next meeting.

g)PDC – Regional Spatial Strategy – Proposed Changes to the Draft RSS

The Clerk reported that the Proposed Changes to the Draft RSS was the subject of a 12 week consultation period ending on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008. No hard copies of the document are available but it can be downloaded from the Regional Assembly website [www.southwest-ra.gov.uk](http://www.southwest-ra.gov.uk)

h)CCC – Proposed Creation Order and Extinguishment of parts of footpath 114/184/185/186 not needed for public use at Chyrose Farm Pendeen.

On a proposal by Councillor Rees seconded by Councillor Olds the Council resolved unanimously to support the above proposals for Creation and Extinguishment Orders at Pendeen.

## **16. PUBLICATIONS**

The following publications are available to Councillors upon request to the Clerk.

- a)Geevor Gazette
- b)Outreach magazine
- c)Cornwall Countryside Access Forum
- d)A Guide to becoming a Quality Council
- e)Hocking Descendants Society Newsletter
- f)Bendigo Sister Citizens Newsletter
- g)Home Start Annual Rport 2007/8
- h)Older Peoples Forum – Issue 24 – newsletter
- i)Cornish Assocn. Of Victoria – newsletter
- j)Interlink Cornwall
- k)League of Friends of West Cornwall and Poltair Hospitals
- l)PDC – Evaluation Report on Penwith Senior Lifeskills Exhibition

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

**CONFIRMED THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008.**

Mayor.....  
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