

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 1 Chapel Street, St Just on Monday 8 October 2012 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S James – Town Mayor
Councillor D Stevens – Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Ms P S Angove	M Nicholls
C S McClary	Mrs S Olds
K McFadden	M Thomas
N McFadden	

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Chris Goninan, Cornwall Council
Debbie Pepper, Bosavern Community Enterprise
Andrew Corser, Bosavern Community Enterprise
Kenny Casley, Co-option Candidate
Andrew Exelby, Co-option Candidate
Geoff Roberts, Co-option Candidate
Adrian Smith, Co-option Candidate

TC.142 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Morris.

TC.143 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Town Mayor declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC.148/12 (Bosavern Farm & Allotment) as Chairman of the Lands' End Peninsula Community Land Trust who was currently the lessee of the farm, and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor K McFadden declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC.152(a)/12 (Grant Applications) as member of the St Just Rugby Football Club Committee, and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Councillor Nicholls declare a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC.162/12 (Consideration of Council Vacancies by Co-option) as he was related to one of the candidates and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item, and take no part in the ballot.

Councillor Thomas declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. TC.148/12 (Bosavern Community Farm & Allotments) as a Director of Bosavern Community Enterprise but referred to a partial dispensation which he had been granted enabling him to speak but not vote on the item following which he would withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

TC.144 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 24 September 2012 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.145 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.146 Boswedden & Porthledden Sewerage Treatment Scheme

The Town Clerk informed the Council of the response received from South West Water regarding the condition of the Porthledden outfall and the remaining eight properties which had not been included in the proposed new sewerage treatment scheme (minute no. TC113/12 refers).

The Council was advised that the existing outfall was to be repaired and extended to enable discharge at the bottom of the rock face where it met the beach.

South West Water had also confirmed that six of the remaining properties did not pay sewerage charges and therefore were not connected to a public sewer, a further two properties could not be identified but it was unlikely that they too did not pay sewerage charges. The Town Council was advised that there was no requirement for the listed properties to be connected to the proposed projects for Boswedden and Porthledden, but that there were options regarding connection to the public sewer which were available to the owners of the properties.

The Town Council noted the response which addressed previous concerns and agreed to take no further action.

TC.147 PARKING IN MARKET STREET

Councillor Goninan referred to the problems of the illegal parking of cars in Market Street, St Just which had been previously raised as part of the monthly Police report at the last meeting.

Councillor Goninan reported that he had received complaints from First Buses and the Fire Service about the problems of traffic congestion which was affecting bus timetables and emergency response times. He had discussed possible options with Mike Peters, Cornwall Council Highways who had concerns about introducing "Keep Clear" markings to address the current problems. It had suggested designating the area from the Commercial Hotel to the Post Office as a loading area.

The Town Council expressed concern at this proposal as it felt that it would worsen the situation and sought confirmation on the authority the Police had to issue parking tickets.

Following detailed consideration of the issue it was

RESOLVED : That

1. Mike Peters, Cornwall Council Highways be invited to the next meeting to discuss options to resolve the current traffic congestion problems in Market Street, St Just; and
2. The Town Clerk is requested to seek clarification on Police enforcement powers regarding traffic congestion for the next meeting.

(Action by : Elaine Baker / Chris Goninan)

TC.148 BOSAVERN COMMUNITY FARM & ALLOTMENTS

In accordance with the disclosure of a non-pecuniary interest the Town Mayor withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the item and the Deputy Mayor took the Chair.

Andrew Corser, a Director of Bosavern Community Enterprise (BCE) provided the Town Council with an update on the progress of the community farm project. A formal offer had now been received from the National Lottery towards the purchase cost of the farm and a share issue which had raised an additional £17,000. BCE had also applied for a mortgage for the remainder of the purchase price. Once approved, the freehold would be transferred from Cornwall Council to BCE and the project could go ahead.

Debbie Pepper, Director, BCE advised the Council that a meeting had been held with Adam Birchall, Cornwall Council regarding allotments which had discussed the possibility of BCE taking over responsibility for the delivery of allotments at Bosavern Farm with a consequential transfer of the lease to BCE.

Councillor Thomas in accordance with his partial dispensation made a statement in connection with the proposed allotments and then withdrew from the meeting in advance of the Council's consideration of the item.

Councillor Thomas confirmed that Cornwall Council was seeking written confirmation from the Town Council that it had no objection to BCE taking the project forward.

Following consideration of the issues the Town Council

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to Adam Birchall, Cornwall Council confirming that the Town Council has no objection to the responsibility for delivering allotments at Bosavern Farm being transferred to BCE.

(Action By : Elaine Baker)

TC.149 RURAL SERVICES WORKING GROUP

Councillor Ms Angove gave an update to the Council on the work of the Rural Services Working Party which had been established by Cornwall Council to review the provision of local community services.

Unfortunately, publication of the final report had been delayed but one of the conclusions was that a “one size fits all” solution would not fit well across Cornwall, and that “face-to-face” services were a costly option.

Each Community Network Area would be asked to review the final document. It was also unclear what impact the provision of “shared services” would have on rural services.

Councillor Angove agreed to circulate the report to Town Councillors when published.

TC.150 A3071 & B3306 SPEED LIMIT REVIEW WORKS & ORDER CONSOLIDATION (REGION WEST)

The Town Clerk advised the Council of the results of the recent consultation on the speed limit review in respect of the A3071 and B3306 and drew the Council’s attention to the proposed extension of the 40 mph speed limit on the B3066 from St Just to Kelynack to Little Kelynack Farm, and a new speed limit of 50mph on the A3071 between Newbridge and St Just, together with consequential upgrading of the Traffic Regulation Orders and new signage.

The Town Council expressed its disgust at the results of the consultation, which in its view had not taken into account the views of local councils. The Council was also concerned about the costs involved in carrying out the consultation and implementation on a project which did not have local support, particularly when other historic schemes had been precluded due to cost.

Following detailed consideration it was

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to Graeme Hicks, Cabinet Member for Transportation, Highways and Environment Operations (Delivery) outlining the Town Council’s concerns regarding the consultation process, and the reduction in speed limits.

(Action : Elaine Baker)

TC.151 CHRISTMAS TREES

The Town Clerk sought the Council’s approval to the purchasing of the Christmas Trees for St Just and Pendeen, and arrangements for their installation.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk, in consultation with Councillor N McFadden be authorised to purchase Christmas Trees for St Just and Pendeen; and agree the arrangements for their installation.

(Action by: Elaine Baker / Neil McFadden)

TC.152 FINANCE

(a) Grant Applications

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which gave details on applications for grant funding which had been received from St Rugby Football Club, Just Fun (Parent & Toddler Group) and Pendeen Silver Band, consideration of which had been deferred pending the receipt of additional financial information.

RESOLVED : That the following grant be awarded:-

In accordance with his non-pecuniary disclosure, Councillor McFadden withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the grant request from St Just Rugby Football Club.

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| (a) | St Just Rugby Football Club | £1,000.00 |
| (b) | Just Fun (Parent & Toddler Group) | £250.00 |
| (c) | Pendeen Silver Band | £1,000.00 |

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £3,926.84 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

A Letter of thanks had been received from the Children's Ark, Pendeen for the Commemorative Mugs which had been given to the children by the Town Council to mark the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

TC.153 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA12/06756 Application for Agricultural Barn to replace existing approved yet un-built stables at Glen Moor, Tregeseal, St. Just. Applicant: Miss Nicola Knight. **(In the absence of any evidence justifying the barn, the T CI raised a strong objection to the application as historically this had been a controversial site.)**

PA12/08295 Construction of extension to rear of garage to provide garden store at 14, Carrallack Mews, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Hitchcock. **(T CI no objection)**

PA12/08593 Replacement of an existing outbuilding and covered area with a 30 x 10 outbuilding ancillary to the use of the existing dwelling at Silverly Cottage, Crippas Hill, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. M. Head. **(T CI no objection)**

PA12/08156 Erection of a dwelling on land adjacent to The Shed, rear of Ambleside, St. Buryan. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. T. Savage. **(T CI objection, development in the countryside)**

PA12/08387 Continued use of land for caravan and camping park (all year round holiday occupancy) at Trevaylor Camping/Caravan Site, Truthwall Lane, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. C. & M. Blaken. **(T Cl no objection)**

PA12/08633 Conversion of barn to self-contained holiday accommodation at Leswidden Barn, Leswidden, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Maule. **(T Cl no objection)**

(b) Decisions

PA12/07118 Erection of a single storey extension at The Farm House, Bollowal Farm, Bollowal, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas. **Approval** (T. Cl. Support).

PA12/07441 Domestic side extension and external fire escape stair/balcony to existing dwelling at 24, South Place Gardens, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. P. Round. **Approval** (T. Cl. Support).

PA12/07632 Demolition of existing two storey rear extension and replacement with new two storey rear extension at 22, Bosorne Road, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Ewan Mackintosh. **Approval** (T. Cl. Support).

PA12/07982 Replacement of roofs on Maisonette at 18, Bank Square, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. F. Dymond. **Approval** (T. Cl. No objection).

TC.154 TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL SUMMIT

The Town Council considered an invitation from Cornwall Council to attend the first Town and Parish Council Annual Summit on 3 November, 2012 in Bodmin.

RESOLVED : That attendance of the Town Mayor at the Town and Parish Council Summit is approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.156 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP

The Town Council considered sending a representative to a neighbourhood planning landscape workshop on 25 October 2012.

RESOLVED: That Councillor N McFadden is nominated as the Town Council's representative at the workshop on 25 October 2012.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.157 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.158 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor K McFadden referred to the signage in Market Square following the recent request by Cape Cornwall Surgery and suggested Councillors viewed the signs already located in the square.

TC.159 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the business specified in the following item.

TC.160 STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Town Council received the minutes of the Staffing Committee held on 17 September 2012.

TC.161 NOMINATIONS FOR THE CITIZEN, JUNIOR CITIZEN AND ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORT AWARDS

Town Councillors considered nominations for the annual citizen, junior citizen and achievement in sport awards which would be announced following the Feast Sunday Service on 4 November 2012.

TC.162 CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION

In accordance with his disclosure of a non-disclosable interest, Councillor Nicholls withdrew from the meeting for consideration of this item and took no part in the ballot.

The Town Council undertook a process which included a secret ballot to fill the two current vacancies on the Council by co-option.

RESOLVED: That Andrew Exelby and Adrian Smith be co-opted on to the Town Council to fill the current casual vacancies on the Council. The terms of office to expire four days after the local elections in May 2013.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Town Mayor