

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 24th June 2019 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Marna Blundy - Town Mayor
Sue James - Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Jonathan Manser	Geoff Roberts
Farmer Morris	Zoe Baxter
Brian Clemens	Debbie Shepherd
	Bev Strick

LOCUM TOWN CLERK

Mrs D James

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE

12 Members of the public
Local Tri services officer and manager

TC.37 PUBLIC ADDRESS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

A member of the public addressed the Town Council on a planning application for land at Wheal Owles advising of the slight changes made.

TC.38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Constance Moore, Louise Paine and Grenville Prowse

TC.39 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr Geoff Roberts – PA19/03421 own property

TC.40 DISPENSATIONS

None

TC.41 MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th June 2019 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.42 MATTERS ARISING

The door on the defibrillator has now been fixed – Thanks from the Town Council to Cllr Roberts.

TC.43 TRI-SERVICE OFFICER

The new local Tri-Service Officer and area manager gave an overview of the role; to respond in 3 capacities, relevant Police, SW Ambulance and Fire Service calls. The local officer is now live in every capacity. They have a vehicle which is stationed in St Just.

The Town Council agreed to move the Planning item (TC46) to this part of the meeting, however, for ease of reading the item is recorded in minute order

TC.44 FINANCE

- (a) Grants:
Grants - to consider the following grant requests:
a) The Children's Ark £1400

Resolved: That the Town Council agree a grant of £1400.00

b) Lafrowda Festival £2500

Resolved: That the Town Council agree the full amount of £2500.00

- (b) Letters of Thanks
a) Twinning Association
b) Centre of Pendeen

The Locum Town Clerk advised that a further letter of thanks had been received from - Trustees of St Just Miners' Chapel for the grant of £2188.00

The Town Council noted the letters.

- (c) Local Purchase Order:
To confirm and sign the Local Maintenance Partnership Order for 2019/2020.

Resolved: that the LMPO was agreed and signed

- (d) Accounts for Payment
Resolved: That the accounts to the value of £6269.23 be approved for payment.

TC.45 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Locum Town Clerk reported that the Monitoring Officer at Cornwall Council had advised that 2 complaints had been received against Town Councillors, no breach had been found in either case and the complaints had not been progressed.

TC.46 PLANNING

Applications:

Cllr Geoff Roberts left the room (at the relevant part of the meeting) prior to item (a) (1) below

- (a) 1. Application PA19/03421
*Proposal Use of land for parking space for No.18
Location 18 The Turnpike Tregeseal St Just Cornwall*

Resolved: No objections

The Town Council requested that a flood risk assessment was requested from Cornwall Council.

Cllr Geoff Roberts returned to the room

2. Application number: PA19/01717
*Proposal: Proposed variation of conditions 3 & 4 and the removal of condition 5 to allow Boscean County House to be used for holiday accommodation.
Location: Boscean Country House Access To Boscean, St Just, Cornwall TR19 7QP*

The Town Council allowed the agent to address the meeting, under Standing Order 3e

Resolved: That the Town Council strongly support the application

3. Application PA19/04571
*Proposal Proposed extensions
Location The Byre B3306 Higher Bosavern Higher Bosavern St Just*

Resolved: No objections.

4. Application PA19/04798

Proposal Use of part of caravan site for the storage of caravans and use of paddock for seasonal camping with non compliance of Condition 4 in relation to decision notice PA13/06515 Condition Number(s): Condition 4 - Holiday accommodation use Conditions(s) Removal: Removal of condition - please refer to supporting statement. Removal of condition 4 only. Location Kelynack Caravan Park Access Track To Green Acres Crippas Hill St Just

Resolved: No objections.

5. Application PA19/04683

*Proposal Conversion of Existing Barn to Form Dwelling House
Location Dowran Farm Road From Dowran Commons To Dowran Dowran St Just*

Resolved: That the Town Council support the application

6. Application PA19/05015

*Proposal Replacement windows and doors to front and rear elevations
Location Chy Men 2 Lafrowda Terrace St Just Penzance*

Resolved: No objections

7. Application PA19/05132

Proposal Partial demolition of north elevation in order that it may be consolidated and reconstructed to match the current external appearance and make the dwelling safe for access. Location 12 Boscaswell Village Pendeen Penzance Cornwall

Resolved: No objections with the condition that a bat/owl/wildlife survey is done.

(b) Decisions:

PA18/12011

Application for a proposed agricultural shed for the storage of seed potatoes on land at Kelynack Farm, Kelynack, St. Just. Approval (T. Cl. Originally Objection but finally Agreed with Planning Officer's recommendations).

PA19/01854

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of traditional dwelling, reduction in ground levels, landscaping and associated works at Pengelly, B.3306 Bosavern, St. Just. Approval (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA19/02974

Extend and replace existing kitchen extension and construction of bin storage at Tremorran, Truthwall, St. Just. Approval (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA19/02415

Construction of porch, rear extension and associated works at Nanquidno House, Road from Newtown to Nanjulian, Nanquidno, St. Just. Approval (Objection – Scale of garage, exterior staircase in the wrong place

Noted

(c) Appeals

None

TC.47 LIBRARY

Councillors reported/discussed:

New signage for the library building when the Town Council takes possession.
The library refurbishment project is currently due to have an over run of 10 days.

Agreed: The Town Council agreed that Cllr Manser investigates the potential to re-use the existing Town Council signs with the addition of 'and library'.

The Locum Town Clerk advised the Town Council of the request by Friends of St Just Library and Lafrowda to hold a 24 hour readathon in the library in September 2019.

Resolved: That that Town Council agree in principal subject to a new fire risk assessment, building works, the transfer of the library and insurance provision.

TC.48 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

An update was received – over 2800 surveys had been distributed and at the time of the meeting around 715 had been completed and returned.

The Town Council wished to thank all those who had given their time in preparing the consultation, organising distribution and collection, a brilliant job had been done by all.

TC.49 PLAIN-AN-GWARRY

To consider the following applications received:

a) Federation of Old Cornwall Societies - Saturday 6th July 2019

Resolved: That the Town Council agree the application

b) Lafrowda Festival - 6th to 20th July 2019 and 21st July 2019 (for clear up) - electricity also required

Resolved: That the Town Council agree the application

Matters with regards the work scheduled needed to be chased with English Heritage.

(c) Gorsedh Kernow - Saturday 7th September 2019

Resolved: That the Town Council agree the application

TC.50 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORT

CC Cllr Sue James: I'll start with a very brief but hopeful update re Pendeen surgery – I do have my fingers firmly crossed as I speak though! Cornwall Council is working with NHS England, Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group and the partners at Morrab surgery to explore options. An investor has expressed an interest and this would be for continued use as a branch surgery. This is clearly the preferred option, so all partners are working hard to secure this. A full brief will be available once discussions have moved further on.

In terms of Cornwall Council's work on Climate Change, an extraordinary meeting of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny committee took place on 31 May to consider work so far, on the plan that will go to Cabinet on 24 July. It is fair to say that meeting wants the Cabinet to be ambitious in its plan, with them recommending "That Cabinet maintains a scale of ambition consistent with the Climate Emergency declaration at full council." The scrutiny committee also want to have a role in working with other scrutiny committees to

further develop the Council's ambition for change throughout all aspects of the Council's operations. It is fair to say that the public are questioning the Spaceport announcement and, given that money has not yet been allocated to this and it would need to go through Full Council for a capital uplift, this is not as certain as some, including some of Cornwall's MPs, suggest.

At Cornwall Council's AGM, on 21 May, Julian German was elected Leader and appointed Adam Paynter as his Deputy. The other changes were that Rob Nolan took my place in the Cabinet so holds the portfolio of Environment and Public Protection but without County Farms that have moved to the Deputy Leader or Climate Change given to Edwina Hannaford. This has therefore created a new portfolio for Climate Change and Neighbourhoods. All other Cabinet positions remained roughly the same.

There are a few public consultations that councillors may be interested in, either individually or as a Council. They are on Climate Change, how to move Cornwall rather than just the Council to net zero carbon by 2030 and that closes on 11 July. The next, with a closing date of 17 July is the Community Governance review that we will consider during the next agenda item but individuals can also make submissions, including residents. Ending a little after that, on the 29 July, the new proposed polling districts and stations, for elections from 2021 is out for consultation. For our Parish, it proposes reducing the polling districts from 4 to 3 and polling station locations from 3 to 2, thus removing the district that voted in Trewellard. Some of those voters would be asked to vote in Pendeen and some in St Just.

Launched last week was the consultation over the Council's future County Farm strategy. With food security becoming an issue in the face of extreme weather events due to Climate Change, this is a critical time to think about the direction of our farms estate. This consultation closes on 5 August. And the final consultation running is about the Council's Homelessness strategy. The current strategy ends in March 2020 so it is time to consider, with partners, what arrangements should be beyond then.

It has been good going to County Hall less often although I am staying engaged with environmental and climate change matters as I have found that residents are still looking to me, particularly if they have concerns, perhaps because they are not yet sure about the new Cabinet Members. To date, I have only agreed to serve on the Council's pensions committee and be a substitute for West Planning and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny committee.

TC.51 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Discussion took place.

Agreed: That the Town Council has previously had conversations with neighbouring parishes during which none had wanted to join with St Just. The Town Council do not want a hostile take-over and will not be requesting changes to their boundary. However, if circumstances change, they would be open to conversations with other Parishes.

TC.52 INFORMATION ITEMS

Dark Sky consultation – Cllr Sue James read the following to the meeting:

I want to make sure you are all aware of the Proposal to achieve an International Dark Sky Designation for West Cornwall which I started leading when in the Cabinet but I have been asked to continue with. This will be to seek recognition of the quality of our Dark Skies and protect them for the future. It does require the gathering of a lot of evidence, community engagement and being able to show we have community support. There has to be a commitment to ongoing outreach and education on how to minimise light pollution that can be harmful to human health and disruptive to wildlife. Dark skies benefit UK areas that are internationally recognised through autumn/ winter tourism, particularly but not exclusively from astronomers. I'll pass round some leaflets that Councillors can consider

at their leisure and I hope many of you, along with family, friends and neighbours might come to the drop-in event in July, to discover more and to give your support to the project.

TC.53 MATTERS TO REPORT

Cllr Sue James: Since our last meeting I stood in for our Mayor by attending the Feast of St Johns parade and Service yesterday. A topical theme of Leadership, encouraging those seeking such roles to question their own motivations and exploring the notion of leaders as 'servants of the people'.

Cllr Brian Clemo: Had received an enquiry from a member of the parish with regards moving their display for St Just in Bloom further up the bank in the Plain-an-Gwarry. The Town Council requested further information.

Cllr Bev Strick: Reported a pavement to kerb edge near Radjel and would report it to Cornwall Council.

Cllr Marna Blundy: Enforcement: One benefit of delivering and collecting the NP surveys was the opportunity for residents to share concerns with me. One in particular was about several outstanding enforcement notices which have not been enforced.

The Locum Town Clerk will check with Cornwall Council regarding the enforcement issues.

TC.54 EXCLUSION OF THE 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(s).

TC.55 STAFFING

The Chairman of the Staffing Committee gave the meeting an update.

The Office Assistant had received their appraisal.

The Town Council wished to thank the new Locum Town Clerk for taking the position and the previous Locum Town Clerk for their hard work during their time with the Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm