

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held on Line, Zoom on Monday 21 September July 2020 at 7.15pm

**THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS
(CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE
AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS
2020 No. 392**

Present

Marna Blundy Town Mayor

Councillors

Farmer Morris
Jonathan Manser
Debbie Shephard
Zoe Baxter
Constance Moore

TC.19 Public Address at Council Meetings

One registered public speaker Mr Marsden (Neighbourhood Plan) who attended the early part of the meeting. One member of the public was also in attendance.

TC.20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received on behalf of Sue James, Brian Clemens, Chris Denley, Grenville Prowse, Daisy Gibbs and Louise Paine.

TC.21 Declarations of Interest

None.

TC.22 Dispensations

None.

TC.23 Minutes

RESOLVED: That, the Town Mayor signs as a true and accurate record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 1 September 2020.

TC.24 Matters Arising

Invoice of payments had duplicate items and the total was lowered down to £6,533.75.

TC.25 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts **£5251.07** for payment as set out on the attached schedule.

(b) Financial Assistance. Two Grant applications from St Just Football Club and the St Just Boxing Club.

RESOLVED: the St Just Football club were awarded £1,500.00.

The St Just Boxing Club were awarded £2,000 subject to: (1) if they agree to get permission to put the AED on outside of the building; to enable wider community use of AED. (2) Take responsibility for all parts and the upkeep of the AED equipment. (3) The officials and trustees of the Boxing Club must reply agreeing to these set conditions in a signed and dated letter: addressed to the Town Council.

(c) Letters of thanks (None).

TC.26 Tin Coast

10-minute Presentation on (Footpaths) was given by Jill Stott Tin Coast /Matt Watts Access Officer Penwith Landscape Partnership. Documents were forwarded to all councillors and discussed by the Property and Amenities Committee in advance of the Presentation.

TC.27 Planning

a) **Applications**

1. **Application** PA20/06231

Proposal Conversion of disused barn to dwelling

Location Little Hendra Farm, Hendra, St. Just. **(T. CI. No Objection).**

2. **Application** PA20/07060

Proposal Change of use of building as an independent self-contained residential unit.

Location Bollowal Farm, The Bulls House Bollowal St Just. **(T. CI. No Objection).**

b) **Decisions**

None

c) **Appeals**

None

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TC.28 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Debbie Shephard outlined the Neighbourhood Plan progress having had a recent joint meeting between the Town Council and Neighbourhood Planning Team.

RESOLVED: The Town Council decided to:

1) To accept the draft Neighbourhood Plan, enabling this to proceed to public consultation.

2) Not to adopt a Principal Residence Policy, as there is insufficient evidence currently to support this, and there is uncertainty that either Cornwall Council or the Inspector would agree to this. However, this could change following the public consultation aiming to commence on 12th October, after which amendments to the draft could be made.

TC.29 Library

St Just Library, was re-opened on 14 July 20, to provide the public with a restricted Foyer Service and is continuing to do so; both recent Staffing and Property Committees discussed the issues; which outlined below.

TC.30 Christmas Trees and Decorations

The subject of ordering Christmas Trees was brought forward from the last meeting. The Council discussed the matter along with a request to have Christmas Lights put up in the Town by volunteers; The Council would be extremely delighted if Mr Philip Wilkins and the community volunteers did this activity following the restrictions in place on social distancing.

RESOLVED: The Town Council decided to use its Contractor CGS to provide the trees in line with its costing provided for £1,650.00 and inform Mr Wilkins they would be delighted with his activities to light up St Just at Christmas time; but not to have a formal switching on event.

TC.31 Coronavirus Report

The Clerk is continuing to send emails from the various bodies such as CALC and Cornwall Council to councillors on advice the Town Council should take. New Government Guidance was due to be outlined later in the week.

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TC.32 Mayor's Report

"Since the last meeting, it has felt like the start of term! The Emergency Plan has taken up most of my time, along with queries from residents on a raft of issues – unregistered campsites, pollution in rivers, bonfires, birds' nests, the flagpole, Lafrowda Club, grass cutting at Truthwall Green, the Plen works,

footpath maintenance, inconsiderate parking... so it goes. Barely any of the issues were really for the Town Council, so I've done what I can to signpost the enquirers to the right place. The monthly Mayors of Cornwall meeting was once again helpful in hearing from other communities. There was much concern about the inadequacies of the Government's testing programme; and discussion about Remembrance and Christmas arrangements (Callington has a new take on visiting Father Christmas in these COVID times – not going to a grotto but offering 'a Zoom session with Santa'!)

TC.33 Committee Reports

The Council received updates and recommendations from three recent Committee meetings. Climate Change Action Group. Property and Amenities, and Staffing (covered in part two) in the closed session. The Climate Action Group Chair stated the group were working on proofing the NP document sustainability; preparing response to Cornwall Council consultation, and preparing a leaflet for use in its work with the NP which will be shared with Councillors along with costings.

RESOLVED: The Council Agreed to all the Staffing Committee Recommendations/Resolutions including New National Pay Rates from their meeting on 9 September 2020.

RESOLVED: The Council Agreed to all the Property and Amenities Committee Recommendations/Resolutions from their meeting on 9 September 2020 including expenditure on Bin at Pendeen.

TC.34 Correspondence

Correspondence received, and sent to all Councillors such as Cornish Buildings at Risk document and Mr Percy's email. Councillors had a chance to raise any matter resulting from these and any other correspondence.

TC.35 Plain an Gwarry

The on-going use of the Plain-An-Gwarry venue, was considered by the Council. The clerk mentioned he was currently working with Events Organisers for October's planned event and Cornwall Council Community Link Officer who had looked at Risk Assessments and Crowd Control documents and were complimentary about the work the organisers had done.

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The clerk had confirmed photographs of material (stones) had been seen and approved. However, issues on drainage needed to be addressed before moving forward with the planned work.

Post Meeting Note

The Event's Organisers later in the week decided to postpone their event.

TC.36 Information Items and Matters to Report

New Bus Stops - discussion took place on this item.

TC.37 Nominations

The Town Council were asked to provide nominations to Lord Lieutenant for consideration for Coronavirus volunteering awards.

The Town Council put forward the "The Daisy Chain" - a community warden scheme for the entire parish of St Just and Pendeen (some 2660 homes)

Daisy Gibbs (who initiated, and Jo Warburton who worked with her to develop, the scheme, starting on 13th March. Daisy and Jo gathered a team of over ninety volunteers who between them served our community by doing shopping, collecting prescriptions, gardening, helping with practical tasks, organising flour deliveries by bicycle, dog-walking, amongst other ways of supporting particularly the elderly, vulnerable or the self-isolating.

TC.38 St Just Council Nominations for Feast Event.

The Town Council considered the nominations for its annual awards, and resolved that the following would be awarded:

Citizen of the Year - Mo O'Brien

Rowed across the Atlantic in a team of three women, breaking the record for an Atlantic row from 60 days to 49, entering the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest woman to row the Atlantic, and significantly being the first deaf person to row the Atlantic. The row also raised a considerable sum for three charities: Cornwall Blood Bikes, Care Free, and Exmouth & Lymptone Hospice Care. Mo works as a dispenser at Cape Cornwall Surgery.

Junior Citizen of the Year - Riley Rivett (aged 7)

He wanted to help people in Pendeen during lockdown, and delivered essential food supplies like bread and milk. He decided to make a poster and put in the local shop advertising his services. He was given the Headmaster's Award at Pendeen School for his efforts and his thoughtfulness.

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Sportsperson of the Year - Archie Prout

He was promoted to playing for Cornwall Rugby prior to lockdown and works extremely hard. I think he's sixteen, and has just finished at Cape Cornwall School.

Community Group of the Year - The Daisy Chain

Initiated by Daisy Gibbs who worked with Jo Warburton to set this up, this community warden scheme covers the entire parish with over ninety volunteers who offer their services to help their neighbours. This has included shopping, collecting prescriptions, assembling furniture and dog walking, amongst many other things. It started when vulnerable people were recommended to shield at home and has continued through lockdown and beyond, with the aim of becoming a permanent scheme.

The meeting closed at 9.29pm.

Chairman's signature _____ Date _____