

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL
held in the Library, St Just on Monday 24th February 2020 at 7.15pm

Present

Marna Blundy Town Mayor
Sue James Deputy Mayor

Councillors

Farmer Morris Brian Clemens
Grenville Prowse Debbie Shephard
Constance Moore Daisy Gibbs
Zoe Baxter Jonathan Manser

TC.287 Public Address at Council Meetings

None, three people attended.

TC.288 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Chris Denley and Louise Paine.

TC.289 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

TC.290 Dispensations

No requests for dispensation had been received.

TC.291 Minutes

RESOLVED: That, the Town Mayor signs as a true and accurate record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th February 2020.

TC.292 Matters Arising

TC265: Dark Sky Letter of Support

Sue James referred to the draft document circulated previously to the meeting and asked if councillors wish to amend or suggest changes.

RESOLVED: Council approved the draft which the Clerk will use to form a letter to support to West Cornwall Dark Sky Reserve Designation Steering Group

TC.293 Finance

a) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for £13,282.55 for payment as set out on the attached schedule.

b) Grant applications

No applications had been received.

b) Letters of thanks

No letters of thanks had been received.

TC.294 Planning

Sue James read the following statement:

As both a Cornwall Councillor and Town Councillor for the St Just-in-Penwith Division, I wish to make clear that any views and opinions expressed today will not affect my decision-making at a later stage of the planning process when I might have different information and be in a different role.

a) Applications

1. PA20/00710

Proposal Construction of Replacement Conservatory **Location** Willow Cottage Lower Bostraze Newbridge TR20 8PU **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

2. PA20/00878

Proposal Outline application for a dwelling with some matters reserved **Location** Land To The North-West Of East Levant Engine House Trewellard St Just **(T. Cl. Strong Objection – Encouragement into open countryside – Adverse visual effect on natural beauty in World Heritage Mining Site).**

3. PA20/00401

Proposal Application for works to three sycamore trees to the front of the property. To fell all. **Location** Leat View Boscaswell Downs Pendeen Penzance Cornwall **(Defer awaiting Tree Officer's comments).**

b) Decisions

PA19/09739

Proposed porch on rear elevation of cottage **Location** 5 Bojewyan Stennack Pendeen **APPROVED**

PA19/09745

Listed building consent for proposed porch on rear elevation of cottage **Location** 5 Bojewyan Stennack Pendeen **APPROVED**

PA19/10013

Application for Permission in principle for proposed residential development (up to 3 dwellings) **Location** Land North West of Peacehaven Boscaswell Downs Pendeen **REFUSED**

PA19/10014

Application for Permission in principle for a single dwelling **Location** Land NE of The Pond Leat Road Pendeen Boscaswell Downs Pendeen **REFUSED**

PA19/10495

Replacement windows and doors **Location** Kerrylee Bosorne Road St Just **APPROVED**

PA19/10730

Convert existing garage and link to existing property with new small rear extension **Location** 24 Cape Cornwall Street St Just **APPROVED**

PA19/09691

Two storey rear extension and new garden shed **Location** 57 Boscaswell Village Lower Boscaswell Pendeen **APPROVED**

PA19/10967

Proposed single storey granite faced extension providing new kitchen, utility and dining area **Location** Wesleys Barn Bosavern Farm Bosavern St Just **APPROVED**

PA19/09543

Construction of single storey extension **Location** Curly Tail Cottage Bosvargus Farm Bosvargus St Just **APPROVED**

Appeals

Appeal Ref: APP/D0840/W/19/3243009

The proposal is affordable housing-led residential development of 6 dwellings **Location** Land rear of 31 Boscaswell Village Lower Boscaswell Pendeen TR19 7EP **REFUSED**

TC.295 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

The NP Steering Group will be reporting after 2 March 2020 currently working on policies. There was a broad discussion on possible priorities on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money. The key areas identified were Traffic Improvements i.e. Bus stop at Lower Boscaswell and the creation of a better one at the top of St Just opposite Carn Bosavern. The clerk would also contact James Hardy regarding this site, recreational and sports venues for young people and improvements to St Just Skate Park.

TC.296 Correspondence

- a) The clerk read a letter from a resident on the issues regarding the A17 Bus Service confusion over bus stopping at Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen

RESOLVED: The council would write to the Bus Company to see what could be done to improve the situation.

TC.297 Committee Reports

- a) The Staffing Committee had met on the 10th February and had discussed the new clerk's working pattern and 3 new volunteers.
- b) Constance Moore advised that the Climate Action Group had not met.
- c) The Premises and Amenities Committee had produced a draft document supporting the Tin Coast outing the council commitment to work in partnership. The Council had put in £2,500 from its own budget for 2020/21 to provide autumn/winter cutting of the footpath network and suggested new works from the Coastal Communities Fund.

RESOLVED: The council agreed the presented draft and the clerk would forward the suggested works and reinforce the Council's commitment to the partnership.

TC.298 Library

A Revised Deed of Variation had been received and legal advice obtained. The council are seeking some clarity/changes on some minor clauses.

Noticeboards had arrived and would be erected in better dryer weather. Footfall at the Library in January 2019 was 1892 and is now at 2122 for January 2020. Issues have gone down from 1821 to 1590 for the same period.

TC.299 Car Park and Toilets

The Mayor advised that there was little to report on this matter. Scott Sharples has still to reply.

TC.300 Tour of Britain

Councillor Prowse noted that Cornwall Council was holding a 'Community Briefing Event' on the 27th February at 6.30pm in St John's Hall and it was agreed that a number of Councillors would attend.

TC.301 Mayor's Report

- a) I attended Pendeen Panto, which was as always, a grand evening out. I understand the cast excelled themselves at the Saturday matinee, where they performed the entire show during a power cut, with no lighting and no sound.
- b) Please support the St Piran Events in St Just and Pendeen coming up shortly. The window dressing competition in St Just will be judged this Friday morning. The concert in St Just is this coming Saturday, 29th, at 7pm, featuring Buccas Four, Twin Harmony and the Primary School Choir. The parade is on Thursday 5th March leaving the Primary School at 9.30am. The concert in Pendeen is on Friday 6th March from 6.45pm, featuring St Buryan Male Voice Choir, Buccas Four, and the Pendeen School Choir.

TC.302 Cornwall Councillor Report

It is 6 weeks since I last reported and there seems to be a lot going on.

Dog Fouling It is estimated that one in every ten dog owner **doesn't** pick up after their pet. Cornwall Council has joined forces with Keep Britain Tidy to trial its award-winning 'We're watching you' poster campaign. Penzance is one of the trial towns.

Countering dog fouling is high on Cornwall Council's agenda, and the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued has jumped from 17 in 2018/19 to 84 so far in 2019/20.

There have been almost 2,000 high-visibility dog fouling patrols carried out since 2016, helped by the 100 town and parish councils that have been trained in using a new 'no contact report card' which makes dog fouling easier to report. It can also be reported on-line.

Cornwall Council are inviting town and parish councils interested in being included in the next phase of the 'We're watching you' campaign to register their interest by emailing Business Development Manager James Peck on james.peck@cornwall.gov.uk and I wonder whether this is something this council would like to do?

Consultations

Current consultations include:

Feedback on planning services, Emergency Response Standards, Town and Parish Council level Community Governance Review and The Clean Air Strategy for Cornwall.

Civic Award

It is that time of year when, as a Cornwall Councillor, I am invited to pick a person to nominate for a Cornwall Council Civic Award. I don't like just plucking a name from the circle of brilliant folk I know locally so like to get others thinking and putting ideas to me. So, if you think of anyone that deserves that Cornwall wide recognition for their services to our community then email me something about them so I can consider them.

Pensions Committee Responsible Investor

I'm a member of the Council's Pensions Committee and whereas in the last administration when I spoke of moving our investments away from fossil fuels, I got very little support, now this idea is being taken seriously. Climate Change looks like it will become a significant element of our Responsible Investor Strategy and the Council is investing significant time to research and train Councillors, Officers and Financial Advisers on this matter. This is also in line with our Climate Emergency declaration and takes account of Mark Carney's statement: "All companies and financial institutions must justify their continued investment in **fossil fuels**; warning that assets in the sector could end up "worthless" .

Badger Vaccination Motion

I have a meeting this week, with the relevant Cabinet Member to explain the outcome I am seeking from my motion to promote the vaccination of badgers against TB. The motion is asking the Council to work with the Zoological Society London, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, National Trust and other partners to expand the badger vaccination programme in Cornwall. Whilst the badger remains the focus of Government attention, there is other scientific evidence that shows that better bio-security and earlier detection in cattle would be more effective. I will explain that my ambition is to stop badgers being a source of infection so that attention and resources can focus on cattle management.

Climate Change Resources for the Library Service

Some of you will have heard of the new Climate Change section being provided by Cornwall's Library Service. Over 150 titles are being made available to help people of all ages be well informed. Library users can request physical books or access through e-books or audio books on the Borrowbox app. I wonder whether Councillors would like our Library staff to request a selection to create a local display?

Dark Skies Talk

Carolyn Kennett, who is part of our West Cornwall Dark Skies Steering group has agreed to give a free public talk here on Thursday 12 March at 7.30 p.m., being hosted by the Friends of St Just Library. Carolyn is a respected speaker on the history of astronomy in Cornwall and, will introduce the audience to the wonders of the night sky, describing a journey through time and space.

PA19/1002: Access Track at Tregiffian

To update you, since the last meeting I have been in discussion with the planning department and made a site visit. I am struggling to find planning grounds to call the application to committee, and if any of you have not visited the site, I suggest you see for yourself how a straight surfaced track, through the middle of an arable field, on high visible land, close to the coast, within the AONB, is difficult to justify. To quote the comments from the AONB unit, that are now in, but which you did not have previously, the benefit of, "The relationship between the proposed track and the contours, its uncharacteristic straight alignment, the inclusion of parallel timber posts and rails on either side of the track and the severance of the existing arable field will constitute a conspicuous and uncharacteristic addition to the designated landscape in this area."

Update on Warrens Bakery

I have been advised that both the St Just and Truthwall sites will go on the market this week through Alder King. Both are being marketed, as they currently are as industrial sites. I will contact David James, who shared his vision for the site with us, and another local businessman who is looking to expand his own business and develop a business hub facility locally. In terms of supporting local 'deals' with community benefit, I am advised this is more of a possibility through the Truthwall site.

TC.303

Information Items and Matters to Report

Clerk would approach Library staff to create a local display using a selection of books on Climate Change.

Brian Clemens shared some local crime statistics with Councillors on the local area including Sennen.

Grenville Prowse outlined an incident involving aggressive behaviour at St Just Playpark during half term.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Chairman's signature _____ Date _____