

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL held on Line, Zoom on Monday 15 March 2021 at 7.15 pm

**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
Sue James Deputy Mayor

Councillors

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

TC.207 Public Address at Council Meetings

One member of public present Mr T. McFadden.

TC.208 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received on behalf of Brian Clemens, Louise Paine and Chris Denley.

TC.209 Declarations of Interest

None.

TC.210 Dispensations

None.

TC.211 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 22nd February 2021.

TC.212 Matters Arising

The Deputy Mayor wanted to state how good the St Piran's decorations were in the Library; the Clerk will thank the staff.

TC.213 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment of £11532.55 and Neighbourhood Plan £265,80 were presented for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the payments **£11532,55 and £265.80.**

(b) Financial Assistance
None.

The Clerk outlined the spend to date on Community Grants was roughly £13K, At the start of the Financial year (next month) up to £25K is made available for Community Grants throughout the financial year in the budget. Traditionally the Council never uses all that is available and tends to see more applications in the first half of the year.

(c) Letters of thanks:
None.

TC.214 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

24/21 Application: PA21/01057

Proposal: Proposed construction of two dwellings and associated works.

Location: Land rear of Fore Street, Higher Gews Close, St Just
(T .Cl. No Objection)

02/21 Application: PA20/09113

Proposal: Construction of agricultural barn.

Location: Land South of Dowran, Dowran, St. Just
(T .Cl. No Objection)

25/21 Application: PA21/01024

Proposal: Demolition of existing rear extensions, shed and boundary walls and construction of new extension with boundary walls rebuilt together with re-positioning of oil tank.

Location: Driftwood, 4, Truthwall Villas, Truthwall,, St. Just.
(T .Cl. No Objection)

26/21 Application: PA21/01158

Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Use for the technical start of Drainage/Engineering works in respect of Application No. PA17/07389 – Conversion of existing barn to form dwelling and associated works. Determined on 13/10/2017.

Location: Land and Buildings adjacent to Jack's House, Road from Dowran, Dowran Commons to Dowran, St. Just
(T .Cl. No Comment)

- 27/21 Application:** PA21/01884
Proposal: Application for tree works in a Conservation Area. T1 Sycamore – Pollard to 12ft. T2 Ash – Pollard to 15ft.
Location: 3, Market Street Gardens, Market Street, St. Just
(T .Cl. notes the Tree Officer’s advisory comments which seem a more sensible way of carrying out this work and would prefer this action to be carried out which would then attract a “No Objection” comment from the Council)
- 28/21 Application:** PA20/09653
Proposal: Extension of existing dwelling and associated car parking and other ancillary works and refurbishment of existing building to provide ancillary accommodation to Seaward Barn. Conversion and extension of existing agricultural building to create new dwelling with associated car parking and other ancillary works
Location: Land and Buildings North of Scolars, Boscaswell Road, Pendeen.
(T.Cl. No Objection)
- 29/21 Application:** PA21/01991
Proposal: Various works to trees within a Conservation Area..
Location: Wintara, Botallack, St. Just
(T .Cl. Noted)
- 30/21 Application:** PA21/00852
Proposal: Non-material amendment in relation to Decision Notice W1/07/P/0904/F dated 01/10/2007
Location: Corner House, Bosorne Road, St. Just
(T .Cl. No Objection)
- 31/21 Application:** PA21/01288
Proposal: Prior approval to change upstairs (three empty rooms, once a bookshop and a working bathroom) into a living space.
Location: 4, Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just
(T .Cl. No Objection)
- 32/21 Application:** PA20/08268
Proposal: Changes to prior approved Planning PA12/11270. Alterations and extension of existing water tower to be used as a residential unit.
Location: Cape Cornwall Golf and Country Club, St. Just
(T .Cl. No Objection)
- 33/21 Application:** PA21/01474
Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, construction of affordable rented bungalow and associated works
Location: Land South of 60, Boscaswell Village, Pendeen
(T .Cl. Objection – Plot too small and this would be over-development of the site, taking away amenity space from existing residents and new ones)

34/21 Application: PA21/02359

Proposal: Construction of single detached 2 storey dwelling with Variation of Condition 2 of Decision PA19/09154 dated 26/03/2020

Location: Land rear of the Radjel Inn, Boscaswell Terrace, Pendeen
(T .Cl. Strong Objection – Wrong use of materials, not using granite, out of keeping with similar buildings nearby)

b) Decisions

Application: PA20/10641

Proposal: Conversion and extension of a redundant agricultural building to form a dwelling.

Location: Redundant barn adjacent to 11, Higher Bojewyan, Pendeen.

Approval (T. Cl. No Objection).

Application: PA19/02683

Proposal: Proposed porch extension.

Location: 14, Talvenneth, Pendeen.**Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection)

Application: PA20/08498

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and solar panels to the South East facing roof slope of the two storey rear extension.

Location: Chy Men, 2, Lafrowda Terrace, St. Just. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection)

Application: PA21/00190

Proposal: Siting of timber holiday pod with associated works.

Location: Chyvounder, Bollowal, St. Just. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. No Objection).

Application: PA20/11396

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use C3 residential caravan/seasonal camping site.

Location: Brea Veau Farm, St. Buryan. **Granted CAADs, PIPs and LUs only**(T. Cl. No comment).

c) Appeals *None*

d) Appeal Decisions

Appeal No: APP/D0840/W/20/3261786

Application: PA20/01132

Proposal: Proposed construction of a single affordable dwelling

Location: Land at Wheal Owles Lane, Truthwall, St. Just

Appeal Dismissed (T. Cl. Strong Support)

Councillor Shephard raised her disappointment on the recent appeals decision

TC.215 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well and advancing through Cornwall Council. Sue James mentioned that the earliest the Plan could reach the next key stage was July 2021. When the new council is established in May 21 the content of the Plan would need to be shared with all Councillors. Councillors will need to be aware of its contents and in particular to its importance in planning application discussions.

TC.216 Library

The Town Council is providing the public with a restricted Library Foyer Service which is still allowed under the National Lockdown. The Council will monitor the developing situation. The Clerk attended a CALC event on 12 March 21 and it is likely that an enhanced service, depending on further advice, could be provided in May 2021. The P & A Committee had presented the Council with a choice of sign designs for the Office and Library. The Council selected the most popular with all Councillors taking in account the views of staff members.

Resolved: The Council agreed the expenditure of the sign designed by Plus Print

TC.217 Coronavirus Report

The Clerk is continuing to send emails from the various bodies such as CALC and Cornwall Council to Councillors, the latest one was sent today; these give advice/actions the Town Council could take during the crisis.

TC.218 Committee Reports

Climate Action Committee – report, March 2021

The leaflet has now been finalised, and will be sent to all Councillors for approval. Quotes are being obtained from printers.

Lyla has offered to plant some small native trees at the rear of the library (the left-hand side looking from the road) and Council approval is requested for this. She would also like to plant two more trees at the rear of the flowerbed next to the primary school.

The misunderstanding with St Just in Bloom regarding the memorial seat has now been cleared up, and hopefully we can work together on this.

Councillors' opinions are requested as to methods of fixing a seat, as we hope a concrete base will not be necessary.

With regard to the area around the library, as St Just in Bloom are almost non-existent, it is thought that the Town Council will need to have a contractor to plant and maintain the site (not just mow the grass.) Bosavern Farm have plants and seeds they will donate. Will this be a matter for the Premises Committee?

Lyla has been in touch with the farmer regarding the conifers which have been removed alongside the main road, and will be talking to Penwith Tree Planters. The Committee will be looking at the Cornwall Council Development Plan Document, and compiling a reply to their current consultation.

TC.219. Town Vitality Fund Bid.

Feedback on the recent application was discussed. The application was not accepted in its present form but could be with some adjustments. Caitlin Murray - Cornwall Council had a number of suggestions on how they could support the Town Council towards having a successful bid. They would like to link the town to Cornwall Council's Climate Change Team to discuss further the energy project and interest in the Donut Economics model.

In terms of accessing funding monies there is not a need to go through the funding application process again. Instead, they would welcome some revised narrative from St. Just setting out the proposals starting with consultation and engagement leading to other projects – this may lend itself to a two-stage process. There is some work needed to ensure that there is a more structured approach to the funding request and that the journey is evidenced i.e., that project proposals emerge from a town vision type document which has been prepared with the town team.

The panel has indicated a desire to fast track the decision-making process to take the bid further, an existing vision document will be shared with Cornwall Council. A further meeting with them was agreed by the Town Council

TC.220 Tin Coast

The Council did not feel any of the suggested signs needed replacing, photos of the signs would be shared and the Tin coast informed of the Council's view.

TC.221 Mayors Allowance

The Mayor outlined her plans to use the Mayors allowance to purchase some benches and take staff out for a lunch which was not possible at Christmas. The Clerk will work with the Mayor to spend reserve up to £1k on those items.

Resolved: The Council agreed to these plans.

TC. 222 Mayor's Report

You'll know that each year the Mayor is granted an allowance of £1000. Last year I shared most of this between six local community organisations, along with smaller donations to specific projects, and a post-Christmas lunch for our staff.

I am required to allocate my funds by the end of this month, and have decided this year to spend most on public amenities, which residents can enjoy. After much deliberation, and some discussion with the Clerk, I have decided to purchase three park benches – one or two for the Library, and one or two for green spaces around Botallack. The balance will be spent on a lunch for our staff, if possible before May 6th; if restrictions prevent this, it might have to be a bit later.

I'm also mindful that, because of COVID, we've been unable to have a Mayor's Sunday this year. So I've decided to have a Virtual Mayor's Sunday instead to mark the end rather than the start of my second year, and this will be on Sunday 11th April. You will all be invited to attend, with the premiere going out probably on YouTube at a precise time to be decided. This will feature specially recorded performances from local schools, musicians and dancers, along with contributions from several in the local church community. The theme comes from Shakespeare's Hamlet: 'This above all, to thine own self be true'. I do hope you'll all tune in.

As I represent the Town Council on West Cornwall HealthWatch, which I have been committed to since the 1990s, I thought to share with you here some current concerns. The most recent meeting highlighted:

- 1) The difficulty in getting care packages in rural areas in Cornwall
- 2) How 'Discharge to Assess' is working, or not working
- 3) The apparent requirement to sell land at West Cornwall Hospital in order to release funds for a new outpatient build
- 4) The loss of ear syringing on the NHS, and our difficulty in getting the CCG to understand how important this is to so many patients

Two particular activities of mine during the past couple of weeks have not been in my capacity as a Mayor, nor even a Councillor, but might be of interest:

- 1) St Piran's Day was marked by making music on the accordion, at both primary schools where the children in school danced in their playgrounds; and wandering around St Just and Pendeen playing Trelawny. I was rather surprised to appear on the front page of the Cornishman as a result!
- 2) I've had concerns for some time about relationships between some residents in Botallack with the National Trust, and chaired a meeting for both last week. I'm hoping that as a result we can develop more understanding and communication between residents and the NT, and will continue to work for this.

I think we're all viewing with some trepidation the opening up of Cornwall in the coming weeks and months, the influx of tourists and notably the G7 summit in June. There has been discussion particularly with the Tin Coast Partnership and the National Trust, and I feel we all need to be vigilant. In particular there are concerns about unofficial pop-up campsites; as well as the risk of anti-social behaviour which was experienced last summer and may well recur. We'll have to watch this space.

TC.223 Correspondence

The Council noted the following correspondence previously forwarded.

Dog Fouling press release.
M.P. letter on A30
G7 Carbis Bay Policing
Tour of Britain Cycle Event.
Climate Change Planning Policy DPD Consultation
Temporary Campsites.

TC.224 Information Items and Matters to Report

The next devolution meeting date was chased by the Clerk, the last was held at the end of January. The issues of the confirmation of toilets, underground pipes and their cleaner were still outstanding issues that had to be investigated by Cornwall Council before the devolution could be progressed further.

Bus Stops.

The on-site meeting was chased by the Clerk with the CLO.

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The Clerk had made contact with Nick Russell of Historical England who thought he had perhaps found a solution to the drainage work and would be in contact by 18 March 2021.

Memorial Clock update.

The Council had instructed the Specialist Clock Servicing Company, Cumbria Clocks to report on the memorial clock fault. Two options were suggested and Option Two to service and clean all faces was selected by the Council.

RESOLVED: Option 2 was selected and the Clerk will instruct the company to carry out the work outlined.

Daisy Gibbs mentioned detached youth work was planned at the end of the month with a plan to make fuller use of the Nancherrow Centre once Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

Sue James mentioned the issues at Trewellard with the mine shaft and the Bus Stop. All were trying to find a better location for the stop.

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be on the **12 April 2021**.

The Clerk will look at possible venue for 17 May 2021 meeting if it is allowed and Virtual meetings are not.

TC.206. Exclusion of the Press and Public

If necessary, to consider passing the following resolution:

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).

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

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Chairman's signature _____ Date _____