

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 June 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K McFadden - Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs F Cock Deputy - Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Mrs M Blundy	F Morris
B Clemens	G Roberts
T McFadden	Mrs G Salmon
Mrs G McQueen	D Stevens

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs S James – Cornwall Council

TC.34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N McFadden and Cllr D Roberts.

TC.35 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

TC.36 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.37 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 26 May 2015 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.38 MATTERS ARISING

On minute no. TC.29/15 (Applications), the Town Clerk reported that in respect of PA15/03665 & 04452, extension to Bosavern Cottage, Bosavern, amended plans had been submitted by the applicant and that the extension would now be granite faced. Therefore, the Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Council's objection had been withdrawn.

On minute no TC.32/15 (Matters for Report), the Town Clerk confirmed that both alleged planning breaches in Botallack had been formally submitted to Cornwall Council's Planning Enforcement Team for investigation. The Town Council would be kept advised on progress on both issues.

TC.39 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2015 - 2018

The Town Clerk reported that two quotations had been received for the Grass Cutting Contract 2015 – 2018: namely Cormac Solutions Ltd at a total cost of £9,560.52 (excl. VAT) p.a. and Far West Gardening Services at a total cost £4,540.00 p.a.

The areas covered in the contract were the Plain-an-Gwarry, Boscaswell Corner, Pendeen, Closed Churchyard, St Just, areas around the public conveniences in St Just and Pendeen and Carnyorth Bus Shelter. The invitation to tender had been advertised on both the Council's public notice boards and the website.

RESOLVED: That the three year contract commencing on 18 July 2015 be awarded to Far West Garden Services at a total cost of £4,540.00 p.a. as it represented best value for money.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.40 CCTV CAMERA

The Town Clerk reported that the camera on the Fire Service tower was in need of replacement due to water ingress which was impeding the effectiveness of the camera for the Police, and that a quotation had been received from Ellis Security for the installation of a new high resolution camera.

RESOLVED: That the quotation from Ellis Security for the installation of a new high resolution camera at a cost of £498.00 (excl. VAT) be accepted.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.41 DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE

The Town Council completed a questionnaire from Devon & Cornwall Police as part of its consultation on engagement activity with town and parish councils.

TC.42 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

The Town Council considered a report by the Town Clerk which set out a request for financial assistance from the Centre of Pendeen towards its MAPP Project and additional PC software.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £1,500.00 is awarded to the Centre of Pendeen.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £797.10 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

(c) Letters of Thanks

There were no letters of thanks.

TC.43 PLANNING

(a) Applications

PA15/04288 Removal of Condition 3 attached to Planning Decision PA12/08633 dated 08/11/12 for conversion of barn to self-contained holiday accommodation, in order to remove occupancy restriction at Leswidden Barn, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Maule. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA15/04482 Felling one of two sycamores at 14, Tregeseal Terrace, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. David Pring. **For Information Only.**

PA15/04546 Replacement of existing upvc and timber windows with upvc sliding sash windows and demolition of garden shed at 10, Bosorne Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mrs. J. Barnett. **(T Cl No objection)**

PA15/03854 Demolition of existing rear single storey extension, building of two storey extension on same footprint, addition of rear sunroom, replace all windows and doors, removal of 2 chimneys and alter roofline on existing side extension at 27, Trewellard Hill, Trewellard, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. J. Hobbs. **(T Cl No objection but would prefer to see the use of wooden windows rather than plastic)**

(b) Decisions

PA15/02097 Increased access to parking at Meeting Place, North Row, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. David Hall-Davies. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

TC.44 APPLICATION TO USE THE PLAIN-AN-GWARRY

RESOLVED: That the application by Jo Eccleston to use the Plain-an-Gwarry on 28 July 2015 from 5.00 – 8.00 p.m. for a community drum circle event be approved.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.45 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that the annual audit had been completed and that no issues had been raised by the external auditor in respect of the Council's financial transactions.

The Town Mayor reported that the lighting of the Midsummer Bonfire was due to take place on Tuesday 23 June and that the annual Mayor's Sunday event was to be held on 6 September 2015.

The Deputy Mayor reported that she had attended a meeting of the Penzance, St Just, Nevada and Bendigo Twinning Committee.

Cllr Stevens commented that it had come to light that the Council's list of local groups and organisations was in need of updating and he circulated a copy of the list to the Town Councillors for amending.

Cllr T McFadden commented that the hedgerows along Joppa Lane were in need of cutting back. The Town Clerk reported that responsibility of maintaining the hedgerows lay with the landowners and not Cornwall Council.

Cllr G Roberts asked about the maintenance of the footpaths and repairs to the Tregeseal Footbridge. The Town Clerk reported that the first cut on the gold paths had been completed and that two further cuts would be carried out this year. The first cut on parts of the S W Coastal Path had also been completed. The request for repairs had been passed to Cornwall Council's Highways & Environment Team and a decision on whether the bridge was to be repaired or replaced was still awaited. Cllr Mrs James agreed to investigate and report back to the Town Clerk.

(Action by : Sue James / Elaine Baker)

Cllr Mrs Blundy explained that she had attended the Royal Cornwall Show and had picked up a copy of Cornwall Council's "A Case for Cornwall" document and she urged other Town Councillors to familiarise themselves with the document as it contained some interesting points and information.

Tc.46 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Town Clerk advised the Town Council that with effect from September 2015, Cape Cornwall School was to enter into a formal collaboration with Humphrey Davy School, Penzance as part of the Penwith Education Trust (PET) for a trial period of two terms. During that period Chris Denley would become Head of the School, following the departure of Julie Nash at the end of this current term. Mr Bill Marshall, PET Headteacher at Humphrey Davy School was to become the Executive Head at Cape Cornwall School providing strategic direction for both schools.

Meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Town Mayor