

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 14 December 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor K. McFadden – Town Mayor  
Councillor Mrs F Cock – Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

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

TOWN CLERK

Elaine Baker

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Mrs. James – Cornwall Councillor  
Mr & Mrs Olds – Planning Application PA15/10311  
Other members of St Just Garage staff.

TC.222 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence from Cllr Mrs McQueen

TC.223 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Town Mayor, N McFadden and T McFadden declared a non-registerable interest in min no. TC.229/15 (Applications) in respect of planning application PA15/10405 as the applicant, and related to the applicant, and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

Cllr N McFadden also declared a registerable interest in min.no TC228/15(b) (Payment of Accounts) as the owner of Cornwall Garden Services as a payee on the payment schedule, and he agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

The Town Mayor and T McFadden also declared a non-registerable interest in min no. TC.228/15 (Accounts for Payment) as they were related to the owner of a company on the payment schedule and agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the item.

Cllr Morris declared a non-registerable interest in min no. TC.229/15 (Applications) in respect of planning application PA15/10311 as the applicant was known to him and he agreed to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the application.

TC.224 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.225 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 30 November 2015 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.226 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Mrs Blundy requested that in respect of min no. TC.207/15 (Helston & Lizard Works Project), that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.227 COUNCIL BUDGET & PRECEPT 2016 / 2017

The Town Clerk, assisted by Cllr Stevens presented a report which gave details on a proposed budget and level of precept for 2016 / 2017 (copy appended to the signed minutes).

The report outlined the challenges facing the Town Council in the light of further budget cuts by Cornwall Council and continuing discussions on the further devolution of services, such as future management options for the library in St Just, open play spaces, car parks and public conveniences.

The Town Council was advised that as in the previous two years, the Town Council would receive Council Tax Support Grant in addition to the precept demand, and therefore the Town Council would be reducing its precept demand by the amount of grant it received. On advice from Cornwall Council the level of grant in 2016 / 2017 would be £12,464 a reduction on last year's figure.

It was also likely that there would be further reductions to Cornwall Council's Environment Service and this had been recognised in the proposed increase in the financial provision for Public Amenity as the completion of the transfer of title for Pendeen Playing Field to the Town Council was likely to be completed in the early part of 2016. It was also anticipated that there would be further discussions on the devolution of other open spaces and therefore the proposed increase reflected that position. The financial allocation for the maintenance of the Council's CCTV system had also been transferred into the Public Amenity cost centre heading.

The budget proposed a decrease in the financial provision for public conveniences by £2,500 from £15,000 to £12,500 p.a. as there had been significant annual underspends. However, it was important to retain a reduced allocation as it was likely that there would be further discussion on the transfer of responsibility for maintaining the toilets to the Council in the coming months.

The report set out the assumptions made in respect of each of the proposed financial allocations to assist the Town Council in reaching its decision on next year's budget and these were unanimously approved by the Town Council.

The Town Council expressed its thanks to Cllr Stevens and the Town Clerk for their work in putting together the budget papers.

**RESOLVED** :-That

- (1) the proposed budget for the financial year 2016 / 2017 of £152,050 is approved and that a precept request of £134,336 is made to Cornwall Council by 31 December 2015;
- (2) £40,000 be transferred to the "Capital Asset Reserve" and that the remainder £62,293 be allocated to the "Free Reserve"; and
- (3) The Town Council passes on its thanks to James Hardy, Community Link Officer for his assistance in progressing devolution projects within the parish.

(Action by : Elaine Baker)

TC.228 FINANCE

- (a) Grant Applications

No applications were received.

- (b) Accounts for Payment

In accordance with their disclosure of interests, the Town Mayor, N McFadden and T McFadden withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following item.

In the absence of the Town Mayor, the Deputy Mayor took the chair for the following item.

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £6,420.99 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Elaine Baker)

- (c) Letters of Thanks

The Council received a letter of thanks from St Just Parish Church following the recent grant award for the new floodlights.

TC.229 PLANNING

(a) Applications

**PA15/10143** Extension on land adjacent to Skylark, Crescent Place, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Peter Eddy. **(T Cl Strong objection on the grounds of inappropriate use of materials. T Cl would prefer to see an amended design including slate roof and wooden windows).**

In accordance with the disclosure of their interests the Town Mayor, N McFadden and T McFadden withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following application.

In the absence of the Town Mayor, the Deputy Mayor took the chair for the following application.

**PA15/10405** Variation of Condition 2 in respect of Decision PA14/08337 in order to amend design to Plot 1 of Gews Farm Housing Development (original approval PA14/08337 for construction of six dwellings and four flats, creation of access and associated works) at Gews Farm, Fore Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Kevin McFadden. **( T Cl No objection)**

In accordance with his declaration of interest Cllr Morris withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following application.

**PA15/10311** Erection of building to be jointly used for storage for commercial garage and agriculture on land north of Chywoone Rural Workshops, Road from New Road to Grumbla, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Trevor Olds. **(T Cl Objection: Proposed height of the building, use of agricultural and commercial mix on the site inappropriate which would set an unacceptable precedent in that location and from a highways perspective: increased traffic on the junction).**

(b) Decisions

**PA15/09506** Proposed porch extension at Chynoweth, 24 Boscaswell Village, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Davies. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection),

**PA15/09639** Proposed first floor extension at 13, Carn View Terrace, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. S. Hancock. **Approval** (T. Cl. Objection originally due to preference for extension to be stone faced rather than rendered. The Applicants have now agreed to this change).

**PA15/08513** Alteration and renovation to external appearance to include proposed glazed entrance extension, hanging slate cladding to first floor and external insulation with painted render finish to ground floor, two windows to north elevation of living room, window to first floor landing, replace windows with painted timber sash throughout. Applicant: Mr. M. Currie. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

(c) Appeals

**PA14/08374 and PA14/08375 (Listed Building Consent)** Disused barn on land off New Road, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. W.K. McFadden. **Appeal Dismissed.**

TC.230 INTERIM AUDIT REPORT

The Town Council received the interim audit report for the year ending 31 March 2016 and noted the recommendations contained therein. (Copy appended to the signed minutes)

TC.231 BUDGET MONITORING

The Town Council received details of income and expenditure, together with bank reconciliations for the period 16 June to 8 December 2015, together with monthly bank and petty cash reconciliations which had been independently verified by Cllr Mrs Cock and Cllr Stevens in accordance with Financial Regulations. (Copy appended to the signed minutes)

TC.232 INFORMATION ITEMS

None received.

TC.233 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that Bosavern Community Farm had recently jointly won the "Best Contribution Towards Creating a Sustainable Food Economy – From Nature to Plate Award" alongside Devon & Cornwall Food Association at the recent Cornwall Sustainability Awards.

Cllr Morris reported on the positive comments he had received from local residents in Pendeen about the Christmas Tree.

Cllr G Roberts & Cllr Clemens reported on their attendance at the Cape Cornwall School Awards Evening held on 9 December 2015.

Cllr Clemens also reported on the continuing anti-social behaviour of a number of young people in Pendeen, and the recent damage to the bus shelter. The matter was being dealt with by the local Police.

Cllr Mrs Salmon reported on her attendance at the installation reception for the new vicar at St Just.

Cllr Mrs Blundy reported on the Penwith Dementia Action Alliance Presentation evening and confirmed that another awareness training evening would be held on 21 January 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Town Mayor

