

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 16 October 2017 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr Brian Clemens - Town Mayor
Cllr Marna Blundy – Deputy Town Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Zoe Baxter	Grenville Prowse
Sue James	Geoff Roberts
Jonathan Manser	Debbie Shephard
Farmer Morris	Bev Strick

ASSISTANT TO THE TOWN CLERK

Shirley Darby

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah and Michael Phillips – Planning Application No. PA17/09100
Lydia and Graham Forrester – Planning Application No. PA17/09100
Lorraine O’Sullivan – Planning Application Nos. PA17/09100 and PA17/08978
Charles and Denise Hosking – Planning Application No. PA17/08978
Ian Sharpe – Planning Application No. PA17/08673
Ginny Marsh – Friends of the Library
Kim Williams – Friends of the Library

TC.125 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Louise Paine and Constance Moore and James Hardy, Cornwall Council.

TC.126 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

TC.127 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations granted.

TC.128 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 02 October 2017 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Town Mayor.

TC.129 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

TC.130 REPORT OF THE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

The breadth of my portfolio means I have been in the news a little more than some of my Cabinet colleagues and I want to spend a few moments on those broader issues.

First, there is the fact that in many of our towns there is concern about an increase in the numbers of homeless people and, not necessarily a related fact, more visible street drinking and drug taking. This is causing people to feel less safe although I have found that if you take the time to speak to people on the street they are often more sad than dangerous. Those wanting more information on what is being done regarding anti-social behaviour and how to report it, should go to Cornwall's Safer Cornwall website - www.safercornwall.org.uk.

In terms of waste, the inquiry that has been taking evidence on how we reduce the amount of waste households generate and increase the % they recycle, has just concluded. Their report will be published this week but I can give you the heads up that their suggestions include collecting recycling and food waste weekly and residual waste fortnightly. The full report will be on the Council website, under the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny meeting agenda, due for publishing on Thursday. Members of the public can attend the meeting on 27 October when this will be discussed and formal recommendations will be made to me, as the relevant Cabinet Member.

A couple of local facts for you, in the West Penwith Community Network area we recycle 23% of our household waste through doorstep collections. That compares with Truro and the Roseland that recycles 30% and the China Clay area that recycles 15%. In our Parish, the figure is 21.2% recycling. However, to look at the full picture it is necessary to study figures on the total amounts people throw away and, in very broad terms, the areas with lower recycling rates generally discard less 'stuff' overall too. Food waste is 35% of what the average household throws away and I find that a scary figure as that is money that individual families could be saving if they shopped more wisely.

I have had very little take up of my Community Chest fund so far so do remind groups it is there, especially now they could use Crowdfunder to raise more money from it. Also, any local groups looking to do something with an open space to make it more wildlife friendly and to increase public access then the Seed Fund is open through the Crowdfunder site, in partnership with Cornwall Council.

Tomorrow, with my Community Land Trust hat on, I'm meeting with members of the Pendeen Cemetery Committee who are interested in working initially as part of the Trust, to enable them to move forward more quickly.

Thank you for the support of Town Councillors for the St Just Recreation Ground, especially Grenville who has agreed to Chair the newly formed committee and Jonathan who will become their Treasurer. There is a diverse and talented section of our community involved and they will hopefully keep our young people on board. They have yet to have their first meeting and decide their best way forward, in terms of

becoming a constituted group that can apply for grant funding.

Finally, our agenda has the Local Government Boundary Commission review on it later. I will say more under that item but I just want to let people know at this point that Cornwall Council will be holding public information/ engagement events which might help people digest information and its implications for Towns and Parishes. I have put some links on my website for people that want to get reading.

I attended the retirement celebration of Clive Williams after 42 years Service as an on-call fire-fighter and Station Manager in St Just. It was very well attended.

"A stop press item that has arisen today is that 2 local men will face criminal prosecution after early morning raids on homes by Cornwall Council's Trading Standards, HMRC and the Police. They seized cash, a vehicle and tobacco, following local tip offs."

TC.131 FINANCE

(a) Financial Assistance

There were no applications for financial assistance.

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: That the accounts to the value of £8,521.25 be approved for payment.

(Action by: Shirley Darby)

(c) Letters of Thanks

None.

TC.132 PLANNING

CLlr Mrs James made the following statement: -

"As both a Cornwall Councillor and Town Councillor for the St Just-in-Penwith Electoral Division, I wish to make it 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 additional information and be in a different role."

(a) Applications

PA17/08673

To replace the existing porch with a new one at The Old Vicarage, Pendeen.
Applicant: Mr. Ian Sharpe. **(T. Cl. No Objection).**

PA17/08875

Three sycamore trees in rear garden. Reduce height to below telephone wires

and cut back branches hanging over fire station yard at 43-44 Cape Cornwall Street, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. Roger Cargeeg. **For Information Only.**

PA17/08978

Construction of two dwellings at Trevaylor Caravan and Camping Park, Truthwall Lane, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Blaken. **(T. Cl. No Objection in principle but would prefer a 2 metre gap rather than 1 metre between the new and neighbouring building).**

PA17/09188

Work to trees at 3, South Place, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. E. Bowers. **For Information Only.**

PA17/09066

Use of cart shed for educational purposes at Nanquidno Farm, Road from Newtown to Nanjulian, Nanquidno, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. A and S Thomas. **(T. Cl. Strong Support).**

PA17/09100

Construction of dwelling and garage at Trevaylor Caravan and Camping Park, Truthwall Lane, Truthwall, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Blaken. **(T. Cl. Strong Objection – Building in the countryside).**

PA17/09398

Fell 1 x Monterey Pine and remove dead branches from 2 others at Atlanta, Penzance Road, Pendeen. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Trevaskis. **(T. Cl. Will support the Tree Officer's comments).**

PA17/09210

Application for the change of use from a redundant garage and store to a single bedroom residential property at Garage/Store, rear of 6, Chapel Street, Boswedden Road, St. Just. Applicant; Mr. Giles Trembath. **(T. Cl. Objection based on the finish of the building, would prefer granite finish completely to the top).**

PA17/07220 – Resubmitted following receipt of further comments from the Land Agent.

Construction of stable block and hay barn with associated hardstanding area – Land East of Tamarisk, St. Ives Road, Pendeen, Cornwall. Applicant: Mr. Toms. **(T. Cl. agreed Planning Officer's comments to recommend Refusal).**

(b) Decisions

PA17/06432

Listed Building Consent Application for removal of internal, ground floor, non load-bearing, breeze block wall. Alterations to upstairs shower room to accommodate toilet. Opening up existing fire place at 11, Bojewyan Stennack, Pendeen. Applicant: Mr. Simon Hodgson. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA17/07118

Construction of detached dwelling on Plot 1, land adjacent to 21 Falmouth Place, Carnyorth, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. and Mrs. Wason. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA17/07131

Construction of detached dwelling on Plot 2, land adjacent to 21 Falmouth Place, Carnyorth, St. Just. Applicants: Mr. Karl Callighan. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA17/07694

Replacement of existing windows at 25, Nancherrow Terrace, St. Just. Applicant: Mr. I. Crossthwaite. **Approval** (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA17/07604

Proposed 4 bedroom dwelling for alternative design to current approval in place as part of wider 3 property development on Plot/Unit 1, Land N.E. of Queens Arms, Botallack, St. Just. Applicants Mr. and Mrs. Chalwin. **Withdrawn** (T. Cl. Strong Objection – Design not in keeping with World Heritage Site).

(c) Enforcements

EN17/01325

Alleged works not being carried out in accordance with approved plans PA15/11056- concerns regarding proposed height of building on land adjacent to Carn Bosavern Garage, St. Just.

A site visit has been carried out and measurement of the finished floor level and height of the building have been taken. The measurements on site broadly accord with the plans approved under PA15/11056 and are considered to be within building tolerances. The file has been closed as no breach found.

EN17/01910

Alleged large amounts of builders' waste deposited against the hedge on land north of Boswidden, Bosworlas, St. Just.

TC.133 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Following the advice given by James Hardy, it was:

- (i) RESOLVED: That a public meeting be held to secure wider community support for the neighbourhood planning process. This meeting to be held in the WI Hall, St Just, on Wednesday 8th November, commencing at 6.30pm, with James Hardy speaking at 7pm. Publicity to be circulated as soon as possible, and protocols for social media to be checked
- (ii) RESOLVED: That the suggested Terms of Reference for the Steering Group be approved, with fine details being added by the Steering Group once constituted

- (iii) RESOLVED: That councillors be allocated to groups as follows:
- a) Steering Group: Zoe Baxter and Debbie Shephard
 - b) Built Environment Sub Group: Jonathan Manser and Geoff Roberts
 - c) Natural Environment Sub Group: Farmer Morris, Constance Moore and Bev Strick
 - d) Community Engagement Sub Group: Marna Blundy, Zoe Baxter and Sue James

It was further agreed that Neighbourhood Planning would now be a standing item on the agenda for each Council meeting.

TC.134 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION

The Town Council deferred making any decision pending receipt of further information.

TC.135 INFORMATION ITEMS

The Mayor advised the Town Council that the Cornwall AONB were seeking a Chair-person and the closing date for applications was by noon on 30th October as per email details forwarded to Town Councillors.

He also reported that an on-line mapping service geared to Neighbourhood Planning was available and could prove useful in future if installed on Town Council computer.

Action by: Zoe Baxter/Debbie Shephard

The Mayor reported that as the Town Clerk was on sick leave for a further month, we would send flowers to her on behalf of the Town Council.

Action by: Shirley Darby

Councillor Sue James had tabled an enforcement item for information with regard to West Cornwall Removals – Land at South Bosvargus Farm, St. Just.

TC.136 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Assistant to the Town Clerk informed Town Council that a letter had been received from Madron Council conveying their thanks for the invitation to Mayor's Sunday and that they had thoroughly enjoyed the service.

Grenville Prowse reported that he was now Chairman of the Committee of the Recreation Ground and they were working toward improvement plans.

Bev Strick reported that the first meeting of the New Pendeen Cemetery was taking place on 17th October in the Council Chamber with the Land Trust as they were going forward under their umbrella.

Bev Strick also reported that she had attended a meeting at the Centre of Pendeen.

Debbie Shephard reported that she had attended the Stakeholders Meeting with discussion for options for future library usage to which the outcome had been positive regarding the viability, sustainability and flexibility of the library and the library building.

Jonathan Manser reported that he had been appointed Treasurer of the Recreation Ground Committee.

The Mayor reported that the ongoing speeding issues in the parish were being addressed and a meeting was to take place with the new Police Inspector regarding this issue in the near future.

The Mayor reported that a local resident had enquired on the possibility of buying a small piece of land at Pendeen Playing Field from the Council and it was agreed that this item be placed on the next Meeting Agenda for discussion.

The Mayor reported that the door surround on the War Memorial Clock Tower needed replacing and it was agreed that this item be placed on the next Meeting Agenda to arrange for a Contractor to carry out this work.

The Mayor informed Town Council that due to the extended sickness leave of the Town Clerk, a temporary Clerk needed to be appointed to cover.

Action by: Brian Clemens

The Mayor stated that he had attended the Hayle Civic Parade and had a very enjoyable time.

The Mayor informed the Council that St. Just in Bloom had been awarded the Gold award again this year and that they were still seeking volunteers for the coming year.

The Mayor reported that there had been a very positive outcome regarding the Library Stakeholders Meeting where different options had been discussed as to the modification of the building itself and the way the library would run in the future with a Service Level Agreement. More information would be forthcoming and the situation would be discussed as a future Agenda item.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Town Mayor