

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL
held on Line, Zoom on Monday 11 May 2020 at 7.15pm

**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 Zoe Baxter
Chris Denley Daisy Gibbs
Debbie Shephard Constance Moore
Jonathan Manser

TC.342 Public Address at Council Meetings

No public speakers. Judith Summers attended part of the meeting.

TC.343 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received on behalf Louise Paine, Brian Clemens
Grenville Prowse. Zoe Baxter left at 8.30pm.

TC.344 Declarations of Interest

Sue James Planning item PA20/03240 (friend).

TC.345 Dispensations

None.

TC.346 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 20th April 2020.

TC.347 Matters Arising

TC321 correction to Planning application comment. Replace the word
Hardstanding with the word Footpath.

TC.348 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts £896.05 for payment as set out on the
attached schedule.

(b) Financial Assistance

Grant applications Air Ambulance £2,000

RESOLVED: That, the Air Ambulance were granted £2,000. That the Lafrowda Festival had been requested to provide more information before the next meeting.

(c) To consider renewal of annual Insurance £1881.95 due 1 June 2020 with Zurich

RESOLVED: To renew the annual insurance with Zurich Annual Insurance at cost £1881.95.

To note: Clerk will also seek an amendment of policy; because some of Council assets have lower value.

TC.349 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.

Planning Protocol

Cornwall Council Planning Authority have released a planning protocol which addresses the issues for planning applications. This was previously shared with Councillors by email. Sue James highlighted some points from the Protocol such as when disagreements happen in some controversial planning cases.

Update on Application PA20/01046 Change of use from a workshop into a holiday let - Single bedroom.

Location Chase End House, Truthwall Lane, Truthwall, St. Just.

Not enough detail was submitted with this application for the Town Council to consider it at the last meeting. More details were requested. The Planning Officer has since agreed and deferred this application until more information is gained and will notify the Council once those details are submitted, so Town Council can consider it at a future meeting.

Applications

1. Application PA20/03014 Proposal Replacement of rear single storey extension with two storey extension and replacement of single storey side and front extension

Location 4 Bollowal Place St Just **(Town Council No objection)**

2. Application PA20/02850 Proposal Alteration to terraced cottage to include internal re-ordering, construction of external utility/store range and forming a sun terrace over existing dining room extension.

Location 7, Boswedden Terrace, St. Just. **(Town Council No objection)**

3. Application PA20/03389 Proposal Construction of Timber Shed

Location 24 South Place St Just **(Town Council No objection)**

4. Application PA20/01452 Proposal Loft conversion with dormer.
Location. The Old Manse, Access track to Vounder Veau, Jubilee Place,
Pendeen. (Planning Officer Comments) **(Town Council objection) comment over
size development for the site.**

5. Application PA20/03240 Proposal Rebuild an existing outbuilding, extend and
partially enclose existing roof terrace and change use of double garage storage to
single level auxiliary bedroom and living space for family use. Location Gorsefield
St Ives Road Pendeen **(Town Council No objection) Sue James left the meeting
before discussion and returned once decided and took no part in this
particular application.**

b) Decisions

Application PA19/10650 Proposal: Listed Building Consent for Retention and
completion of greenhouse.

Location: Porthledden Cape Cornwall St Just
APPROVED (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA20/00912 Proposal: To demolish the existing 4 Bedroom Bungalow and replace
with a 3 Bedroom Chalet Bungalow with an Indoor Swimming Pool, Solar Panels,
PV Solar Panels on the existing outbuilding roof and clad the outbuilding to match
the new build with provision for a Wheel Chair Lift.

Location: Pans Teg Calartha Road Pendeen
APPROVED (T. Cl. No Objection).

PA20/01619 Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and
construction of 4 no. terraced dwellings and associated works.

Location: The Bungalow Boswedden Road St Just.

WITHDRAWN (T. Cl. No Objection to demolition of bungalow but feel a terrace of 4
dwellings would be overdevelopment of the site).

c) Appeals None

TC.350 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

The Neighbourhood Plan budget (below) was circulated before the meeting along
with the Report which is shown below.

- We have not had any Steering Group meetings since the last report, for
obvious reasons but we have been working by email and are now setting up
Zoom meetings.
- Drafting our policies document is almost complete, except for policies on
Climate Change and Renewables. We have revisited these for several reasons.
It has become clear that a future Cornwall-Wide Development Plan Document
(DPD) would be highly unlikely to include wind turbine sites in this Parish

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because of the constraints on scale (due to the landscape sensitivity in the AONB) and poor grid connectivity. Therefore, relying on the Cornwall DPD would mean that we couldn't use an important source of energy for a community energy scheme. We are therefore reinstating a wind turbine policy, subject to the many constraints in the Parish. We are also reviewing the solar energy policy and amending other policies to encourage use of the full range of renewables which were supported in the Household Survey (e.g. ground source heat pumps, air source heat pumps, micro hydro). We do not know whether the decision on a wind turbines policy will necessitate a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

- Following this work, we will organise a Zoom meeting to review the whole policies draft document. I'm pleased to report that we continue to get advice from Cornwall Council colleagues.
- In March we reported that we intended to write to landowners to tell them about our proposed 'green gaps' policy. This has not yet been done because we felt it would be inappropriate at the start of the lockdown. However, we intend to do so this month.
- Our Treasurer has completed our budget (below) and the funding bid for this sum will have been submitted by the time the TC meets.

Minutes of meetings are on the website
<https://www.stjustandpendeen-np.org.uk/>

NP Proposed budget 2020-21

Venue hire (2hrs per month x 12 months)	£ 144
Consumables (ink/paper/stationary)	£ 200
Web hosting	£ 75
Graphic design of plan	£1500
Printing of plan	£1850
Printing of A5 leaflets/A2 posters	£ 265
Public consultation – 2 venues x 5 days	£1500
Display materials – boards & 4 banners	£ 500
TOTAL	£6034

TC.351 Correspondence

Lands' End Airport ACPLETC Mr Pearson's correspondence which outlined the matter had been discussed and noted in the previous meeting. The Clerk was informed by Mr Pearson the consultation period has now been extended which the Council also noted.

Planning applications. Appeal Notification PA19/10014 email circulated before meeting was noted.

TC.352 Committee Reports

Premises/Amenities had received the ROSPA Play Safety Company On-Site Inspection Report for Pendeen Play Park. Having noted several issues to improve the Committee will be meeting shortly in June to discuss what work will be done?

RESOLVED: The Clerk would arrange the Zoom meeting in June 2020.

Skate Park Committee Report (Jonathan Manser)

No recent meetings due to current situation but great news came through recently that subject to providing documentation we have been awarded £100000 from Sport England. This means we have reached £146k of a £250k target. We are re applying to the National Lottery having been turned down at the first attempt. Following discussions regarding the lease we think it best to pursue the LEPCLT option first as it is likely to be simpler/quicker than asking the TC to take it on.

If that doesn't work for any reason it will be back on the TC agenda.

Food Bank Report

Donations have been flooding in to the Library porch on Saturdays and Mondays – there seems to be more every week - along with rising levels of cash donations. Last week cash donations totalled £364. The National Trust and Emily from the Red Box campaign, have also been generous in their support. From the man who brought a large box full of supplies, to the lady who offered a tin of beans, every donation means a lot. Costcutter at Pendeen has also seen an increase in donations.

Alongside the donations are the growing number of recipients who need support. We understand that demand has risen by 50% since the lockdown, and the impact of this crisis is likely to become more pronounced as time goes on; so continued support is vital.

Additionally, a community effort in Carnyorth, setting up a roadside bring and buy charity stall where people are trusted to leave appropriate donations, has raised over £350 for local Food Banks in just three weeks.

All donations are initially taken to the storage depot in Penzance, where requests are processed and arrangements made for deliveries across the area, including to St Just and Pendeen. All fresh foods are sourced in Penzance, and deliveries made on Thursdays. Be assured that residents in St Just and Pendeen benefit hugely from all this. Finally, something for us to consider is the suggestion that the Library could remain a donation point for the Food Bank once the building re-opens. This has come from our Library staff, and I for one would support this.

Climate Action Group Report (Constance Moore)

The Group met on 6 May, and welcomed Charlotte Goodchild from the Wheal Buzzy project, which has been working with local schools, Bosavern Farm and St Just in Bloom to encourage habitats for bees and more wild flowers. They have been asked if they would be interested in doing something with the grass and flowerbeds around the library, and I hope the Town Council will be interested in supporting a grant application which they will be putting in.

We also discussed the Cornwall Council climate change document, which is online and asking for responses, and I have circulated a list of the items we think most important, for the members to add to and which will be sent to Cornwall Council. Any other TC members can download the document and send their own responses.

TC.353 Library

The Clerk is still receiving regular up-dates from the Library Information Service (LIS).

TC.354 Car Park and Toilets

Covered in TC357 below.

TC.355 Plain-an-Gwarry

Planning Authority and English Heritage have contacted the Co-op and its Agents will inspect the site to gauge the work involved. The Clerk will contact Adam with reference to his role with Plain an Gwarry.

TC.356 Coronavirus Report

The Clerk is continuing to send emails from various bodies to the Council on advice and services being offered by organisations.

TC.357 Mayor's Report

I continue to be very proud of the strong community response to the COVID-19 pandemic, aware of so many acts of kindness and generosity across the parish. I have reported earlier on the ever-growing support for the Food Bank, both in Pendeen and in St Just, along with the fundraising efforts in Carnyorth. But alongside these visible efforts is the quiet and unnoticed support being given to neighbours in phone calls and practical help.

The issue of the men's toilets in St Just has just reinforced my desire to get them sorted and ownership transferred as soon as possible. The most recent response from Cornwall Council regarding devolution demonstrated little progress, and I will wish to pursue this again in the coming weeks. You will recall that we sent our response to the draft Heads of Terms back in November, long before Coronavirus interrupted everything; so we have been waiting a reply for six months now.

I'm also aware of concerns about the lack of a date for reopening the Recycling Centre at St Erth, which needs adding to our concerns about the future of recycling services in St Just.

The Mayor of Bude launched a new initiative last week, inviting Mayors across the county to a Zoom meeting to share news and thoughts. It was rather interesting (not least because we covered everywhere from St Just to Torpoint, and the meeting was a 'first'). It is hoped that these will continue perhaps monthly or quarterly.

And I've heard from Ian Watling, who should shortly be able – finally – to paint the town clock door, now that he has been able to purchase the materials for it. I have offered the Community Nativity road barriers so that he can be secure and socially distanced while he works.

I continue to field enquiries from the public on a range of issues, and was particularly encouraged by a comment by a member of the public who brought donations to the Food Bank last week. He wanted to congratulate the Council on its website and its leadership through this crisis. We are often criticised rather than complimented, so this was a pleasant surprise.

TC.358 Clerks Report

All other information is constantly being shared with Councillors on a daily basis given the current situation. Next meeting using Zoom will be 8 June 2020.

To follow the CALC suggestion; to introduce the new remote meeting arrangements into Standing Orders to comply with new legislation, an Email with the supplement was sent to all Councillors in April 2020 and the supplement will be added to Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: Council to adopt CALC suggested amendment.

TC.359 Information Items and Matters to Report

The Clerk had nothing sufficient to update the Council on regarding the Toilets and Car parks from Cornwall Council.

It was reported that St Just toilets were locked but not clean.

Sue James highlighted Penwith Landscape Partnership event

15th May – **Virtual Garden Bioblitz**. We're inviting Penwith residents to identify the wildlife in their gardens, to help improve our knowledge of Penwith's biodiversity.

TC.360 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).

TC.361. Confidential Finance Items

It was decided to leave Grass Cutting around the library for time being; given the interest shown by volunteer groups in using this space and item TC 352.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.

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Chairman's signature _____ Date _____

