

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL
held on Line, Zoom on Monday 12 October 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	Chris Denley
Jonathan Manser	Daisy Gibbs
Zoe Baxter	Grenville Prowse
Constance Moore	Louise Paine

TC.33 Public Address at Council Meetings

None.

TC.34 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received on behalf of Brian Clemens and Debbie Shephard.

TC.35 Declarations of Interest

None.

TC.36 Dispensations

None.

TC.37 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 21 September 2020 subject to TC.38.

TC.38 Matters Arising

Draft minutes were amended to show Sue James was not present at the meeting and no planning statement was given.

TC.39 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts **£6471.16** for payment as set out on the attached schedule.

(b) Financial Assistance. *None*

(c) Letters of thanks (St Just Boxing Club)

TC.40 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**

1. **Application** PA20/07565
Proposal Single storey rear extension
Location Roslyn, 20, Carrallack Terrace, St. Just.
(T. Cl. No Objection).
2. **Application** PA20/07039
Proposal Erection of a shed
Location Gwel Teg, Bosavern, St. Just.
(T. Cl. No Objection).
3. **Application** PA20/07051
Proposal Listed Building Consent: Construction of lean- to timber green house to south side of house 1.4m x 3.6m
Location 3-4 Chy An Gwyador Bojewyan Stennack Pendeen
(T. Cl. No Objection)
4. **Application** PA20/07884
Proposal Conversion of Existing Domestic Ancillary Building to Ancillary Accommodation.
Location Nanquidno Farm Road from Newtown To Nanjulian, Nanquidno, St. Just.
(T. Cl. No Objection)
5. **Application** PA20/07050
Proposal Construction of lean- to timber greenhouse to south side of house 1.4m x 3.6m
Location 3-4 Chy An Gwyador Bojewyan Stennack Pendeen
(T. Cl. No Objection)
6. **Application** PA20/07785
Proposal External rendering and first floor cladding.
Location 18, Talveneth, Pendeen
(The Town Council would like to see Cedar Natural Board (Wood) used; since that is the most suitable material for sustainability; not Brown Plastic material. The Town council would have No Objection if Cedar Natural Board (Wood) is used).
7. **Application** PA20/07799
Proposal Erection of timber/glass balcony in addition extra ground floor window on the west elevation.
Location Wesleys Barn, Bosavern Farm, Bosavern, St. Just.
(T. Cl. No Objection).

b) **Decisions**

Application: PA20/05290 Proposal: Approval of reserved matters following Outline Approval PA19/04040: Details of the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

Location: Hillside Cottages, Land Between 15 And 17 Road from The B3306 Between St Ives Road And Carnyorth Hill To Whealbal Trewellard, Pendeen.
Approval (T. Cl. No Objection).

Application: PA20/03614 Proposal: Erection of sectional garage on land to front of property

Location: 13, Carn View Terrace, Pendeen. **Approval** (T. Cl. Objection – Do not object to the principle to have a garage just to the wrong use of materials being used).

c) **Appeals** *None*

d) The Council has reserved three named places at the next Planning Conference.

TC.41 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Marna outlined the Neighbourhood Plan progress and the hard work of the Neighbourhood Planning Team in producing the Leaflet 'Voicing your Views' that was sent out to residents and placed on the Town Council website.

TC.42 Library

St Just Library is providing the public with a restricted Foyer Service. On the property side Cornwall Council confirmed the funding for a broken pane of safety glass outstanding since take over has been allocated. This cracked window replacement will be managed by Property Services who will need to confirm the contractor and when the work will be scheduled. Ginny Marsh a long-standing member of the Friends and volunteer is leaving the region and the Council wanted to wish her good luck with her move and thank her for the commitment shown.

TC.43 Coronavirus Report

The Clerk is continuing to send emails from the various bodies such as CALC and Cornwall Council to councillors on advice the Town Council should take. New Government Guidance changes week on week and is sent on to Councillors.

TC.44 Regulations 2018. (item brought back from last meeting)

The Council's aim is to ensure its website is accessible to people with various disabilities. The Council is working with its web site designers. The accessibility statement was placed on site on time on the 23 September 2020. The Council is working with its web designers who have recommended they initially carry out a review of the website following the guidelines in the WCAG document. This would then form the basis of an action plan for the Town Council to implement going

forwards. The Town Council website would have accessibility regulations changes made by the web designers identified in the plan. The Clerk is seeking the Town Council's approval to commissioning the Web Designers to bring the website up to date to meet the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018. The Costing was shared previously with Councillors £560.

RESOLVED: To approve the payment as set out on the invoice.

TC.45 Cornwall Councillor's Report

Although it is 3 months since I last reported formally to you, I am trying to keep this brief.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – relevant to item 13

The weekly West Penwith Network Cornwall Councillors meetings continue although they are more generally networking and problem solving rather than purely Coronavirus focused.

Whilst Cornwall Council remains in the recovery phase, Outbreak Management Plans are having to be activated in some areas. There is also concern that the numbers of cases across Cornwall are rising and, unless our communities are vigilant in terms of use of masks, maintaining social distance and hand washing, we are as likely to have more widespread outbreaks.

Local access to testing is causing our residents great concern, with people having to travel to St Austell and beyond the norm. Home testing kits run out as soon as the website opens each day. There are plans for testing facilities in Penzance, and I am chasing details of a timetable but progress does seem to be slow.

There is a funding pot available for food sustainability, to see us through any future lock downs or Brexit disruption of imports that might arise. This is focused on organisations that might be able to grow or store food that might otherwise go to waste. I have suggested that our Community Farm should be included in any of those plans, alongside the many projects based in our more major towns.

The other issue emerging is that residents feel they are being bounced between the Police and Council on enforcement. I have brought that to the attention of senior council officers who gave me this clear distinction: if it is people breaking the rules e.g large gatherings, it is a Police matter but if it is businesses e.g pubs remaining open after 10 p.m., it is the Council. Sadly, Police are struggling to resource Coronavirus Enforcements AND business as usual, such as pursuing County Lines drug dealers, and those abusing their partners.

Government funding is being made available for Street Marshalls but the detail of this is unclear, other than they will not have enforcement powers. They will be there to educate, inform and report but I am not sure how many Cornwall might appoint, timescales and whether they are only likely to reach Cornwall's larger towns. ***We might want to think about whether we want to push for such a role in our Parish or allow it to pass us by?***

TOWN FUNDS

I had a chance conversation with Tim Dwelly, Cabinet Member for Culture, Economy and Planning re funding pots that seem to become available, with short deadlines. He advised that we, as a Town Council, should have a Parish Plan (not the same as the Neighbourhood Plan), with some easy to cost projects to achieve our vision for the future of the Parish. It could include the Skate Park and other facilities like improved parking, or cycle routes. That way, we would be in a position to bid for funds that come available, with ready to go eligible projects that we can show fit with our overall Plan.

I invite Town Council to consider whether this is something we want to achieve alongside our Neighbourhood Plan, given that things are popping up that are beyond the Neighbourhood Plan remit?

TOILETS

The work in St Just is complete so the portaloos have moved to Pendeen and work is progressing there.

From my 2 brief visits to the ladies in St Just there are problems, as there was no sanitiser in the dispenser outside (or a woefully inadequate supply), and no hand washing facilities working inside, including no running water. I have reported this in but am awaiting a response.

DEVOLUTION

Cornwall Council will be keen to conclude the devolution of the car parks and toilets before elections in May 2021, which will be reliant on Town Council getting the car park order in place. I know Cas has started conversations so I will leave him to update Council at an appropriate time.

I have requested a follow-up Devolution meeting between Town Council representatives and Cornwall Council Officers for November, to ensure a timeline of actions is agreed and followed by both sides.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL TO CHANGE PLANNING SYSTEM

Whilst the worst excesses of the proposed changes will not affect our Parish, due to the historic and landscape protections we enjoy, Cornwall as a whole will be impacted.

If they go through, Cornwall's Local Plan will have to be re-written with a very tight timetable (18 months is being suggested) to avoid Government imposed plans. That plan will be required to show on a map of Cornwall 3 categories - growth areas, renewal areas and protected areas:

- Land suitable for **growth** will be approved for development at the same time that the (Local) plans are prepared, meaning new homes, schools, shops and business space can be built quickly and efficiently, as long as local design standards are met. (No formal planning application needed.)
- **Renewal** areas will enable much quicker development where it is well-designed in a way which reflects community preferences. Suggestion of totally digital planning system with shorter decision deadlines or consent by default.
- **Protected** areas will be as they are now with planning applications that local authorities determine, although there might be more emphasis on a digital process.

The Government is also proposing a larger threshold before any contribution to local needs housing will be required, and the merging of S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy contributions. If the Government Planning proposals go through unaltered, the algorithm for house building targets will increase Cornwall's target from the current 52,500 in a 20-year period to 81,000 – more than a 50% increase.

A motion at Full Council last month gave a mandate to Cabinet and Officers to oppose the changes that would reduce local planning controls and reduce our ability to provide homes that local people can afford to rent or buy. (The Government premise is the more homes *they* enable to be built quickly, cutting red tape, would cause prices to fall to affordable levels – using supply and demand principles.)

PENWITH LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP/ DARK SKIES PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

I hope people are aware that the Penwith Landscape Partnership (PLP) are running an *Outstanding Penwith at Night* Photographic competition, in support of the West Penwith Dark Skies Park bid. Full details can be found on my website or the PLP website but essentially you are being asked to submit a photo taken at night within our AONB. It could feature the stars above our heads, a tree at sunset or badgers or hedgehogs foraging. Many other options are available that show off our wonderfully dark skies. The deadline for entries is the end of November.

CIVIC AWARD

Annually, residents that have made a difference to their communities get nominated and recognised with a Civic Award, with an appropriate ceremony and reception at County Hall. I nominated Daisy Gibbs, back in March before the Pandemic had taken hold. The ceremony got postponed from April then abandoned in September. However, I'm pleased to say that the Chair of Cornwall Council, Hilary Frank, came to St Just yesterday to thank and honour Daisy in our own Plain-an-Gwarry. Photograph attached and I hope we can agree something appropriate for the Town Council website, if I draft some words for the Clerk to consider. Good news item.

TC.46 Mayor's Report

In the past three weeks I have finally completed the draft of the Emergency Plan and this has been sent to Arthur Roberts for comment and checking. I'm grateful to councillors for stepping up on this, and particularly to the many members of the community who have willingly agreed to be included in the provision of emergency facilities and services. Hopefully the process of ratifying the plan won't take too long. It will need revisiting after the May elections when we have a new Council.

There have been continuing issues with parking inappropriately in the parish. The latest incidents have included a bus collision with a parked car outside the Old Chapel in Botallack, and a resident unable to access the post-box because of large vans parked and left right in front of it. Residents are discussing what can be done about this. Trying to position wheelie bins and cones at pinch points have been employed so far.

I was also contacted about a disturbance at Cot Valley the weekend before last, when a lot of cars and campervans overnighted and had some sort of party, which disturbed residents at Bosorne. My disappointment is that the police said it was the responsibility of the National Trust. However, much of the activity was on the public highway, and an attempted break-in of a car at Bosorne is surely a police matter? I have spoken to Clemo about this, and we're agreed that the police response is not adequate in our area.

Finally, I hope all councillors will actively encourage their neighbours and contacts to engage with the Neighbourhood Plan consultation, now running for six weeks. Some of us were busy over the weekend delivering flyers about this to every home in the parish. The team have done a wonderful job, and residents can phone, write or have a socially distanced visit in place of emailing their views.

TC.47 Committee Reports

The Audit Committee report will be brought to the next meeting which will have several financial items on the agenda. The Climate Change Action Group reported on Tree and Flower planting in Lafrowda Close with the provisional approval of Live West and residences. The planting plan is; Trees in the autumn and flowers in the spring. The committee are inviting Holly and Lyla Byrne to join the committee. The committee are working on the leaflet to go out when finalised by the end of the year in January 2021.

TC.48 Correspondence

Pavement Parking Correspondence (previously circulated) the forty questions were open for individual Councillor's to complete; although it seemed designed for more larger councils.

Dogs on Beaches Survey - individual Councillor's to complete if they chose to.

The Town Council wanted the CAB to be invited to a November meeting following the CAB newsletter and information on debt.

Lands End Airport are up- dating the Council on the progress on a Flight Safety Corridor.

Kerri Gendall had sent details on the situation on Edward Hain Hospital. The Deputy Mayor will work on a draft to be shared with the clerk to put the Council support on this matter. The issue of the lack of community hospital beds was a major concern to the council.

Pendeen Community Cemetery correspondence was discussed. Councillor Morris confirmed the situation and the matter will be brought to the next meeting to approve the second of a three-year support plan.

Correspondence was received from Cornwall Council on CIL and the reporting of its expenditure needed in November. This item will be brought back to the next meeting along with the view of having a policy on CIL spend.

Caroline Watling - Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

Had contacted the Council with details on of the Act of Remembrance and the Poppy Appeal.

Due to the current pandemic and the need to provide a covid secure Act of Remembrance the arrangements for this year will be different to usual.

We will meet at the war memorial at 10.55am (no parade). All participants will wear masks and must maintain social distancing of 2 metres. There will be a short religious service, respectful silence, reading of the names and bugle player. The wreaths will be laid one by one commencing with the representative of the Town Council. Afterwards,

we will disburse quickly and again maintain social distancing. There will not be a church service after the wreath laying and no refreshments at the Old Town Hall.

We understand that it is difficult to be with friends and acquaintances that you perhaps haven't seen for some time and not socialise, but it is very important that the Act of Remembrance does not become a super-spreader event for Covid-19.

Please note that these arrangements are subject to change up to the last minute and it would be useful to have up to date contact information to ensure you can be contacted easily.

In order for the wreaths to be distributed in good time I will set up under the portico outside the St Just Miners Chapel on Saturday 17th October between 10-12noon to hand them out. Please bring your payment in either cash or cheque (payable to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal) and I will have receipts available. Please come masked and only approach when the previous person has finished.

The suggested donation for your wreath is £37 (in total)

TC.49 Information Items and Matters to Report

Warrens Site

Sue James informed councillors that, as Chair of Lands' End Peninsula Community Land Trust, she had visited the site twice, to consider its potential for local led housing. The second time she had gone with a local commercial investor, considering the site for more commercial uses.

She reported that the site was probably too complex for the small charitable group to consider alone but there might be opportunity for a small housing project in conjunction with retention of some the commercial elements of the site. Discussions are ongoing but at an early stage.

The Council wanted to send a sympathy Card to its Community Link Officer who they have worked closely with for a number of years on the loss of his father.

The Council discussed the Planning item mentioned at TC.45

The Town Council gave a mandate to the clerk to come up with a draft to oppose the changes that would reduce local planning controls and reduce our ability to provide homes that local people can afford to rent or buy. (The Government premise is the more homes *they* enable to be built quickly, cutting red tape, would cause prices to fall to affordable levels – using supply and demand principles). The Deputy Major would share the motion used at Cornwall Council.

The idea of a Youth Council was raised by Daisy Gibbs. Zoe Baxter and Jonathan Manser had visited the Redruth Youth Council and gave details. The Full Council gave their support to Daisy to develop this concept.

Permission was also given to produce leaflets for the Daisy Chain by the Council.

TC.37 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.38. Grass Cutting around the Library

The Council asked its two contractors to cost for the task of cutting grass around the Library.

RESOLVED: Pip Morse's estimate was accepted

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

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Chairman's signature _____ Date _____