

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF ST JUST-IN-PENWITH TOWN COUNCIL
held on Line, Zoom on Monday 20 April 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.322 Public Address at Council Meetings

Pre-Planning Presentation: Neil Wall, For and On Behalf of Studio West Architects Ltd. A barn just up behind the sewage works in Kenidjack Valley. It has Planning to be used as a dwelling and with extensions to make a 2-bedroom house. PA18/00338.

TC.323 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received on behalf Louise Paine, Brian Clemens
Grenville Prowse

TC.324 Declarations of Interest

Daisy Gibbs Planning item PA20/01132 Truthwall.

TC.325 Dispensations

None.

TC.326 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 9th March 2020.

TC.327 Matters Arising

TC321 corrected to show attendance at Army Engagement Event.

TC.328 Finance

Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for £12,277.68 for payment as set out on the attached.

Grant applications
No applications had been received.

RESOLVED: That, the Town Council would relax the requirement for any charity/community group to have its own unique bank account provided it was able to use another registered group's account. The measure would be a short-term measure and the Full Council would still need to approve each application.

Letters of thanks (Cornwall Air Ambulance) dated 11 March 2020.

To note payments in **(1)** LDF £4943.00 received for Electrical work, intruder Alarm, Carpet Cleaning. **(2)** 1st instalment of Precept/CTS £ 133,948.65

To consider renewal of SW Councils Renewal Membership
RESOLVED: Not to renew SW Councils Renewal Membership in 2020.

To note National Audit process is extended more time is now allowed to close accounts for 2019/20 an extra 2 months.

TC.329 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.

Applications

1. Application PA19/09899 Construction of concrete base for the siting of a caravan and diversion of Footpath 114/23/2 at Kelynack Caravan Park Access Track To Green Acres Crippas Hill St Just

No Objection provided the Footpath diversion is agreed with landowner.

2. Application PA20/02011 Proposal Single storey rear and side extension.
Location 1 Labour In Vain St Just Penzance Cornwall

No Objection

3. 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 today. More details were needed to be submitted, therefore the Council requests the Planning Officer notifies the Council once these details are submitted, so Council can consider it at a future meeting.

4. Application PA20/02174 Replacement of detached garage.

Location Nanquidno House, Road from Newtown to Nanjulian, Nanquidno, St. Just.

No Objection

5. Application PA20/02696 Proposed single storey granite faced extension providing new kitchen, utility and dining area (Resubmission of PA19/10967)
Location Wesleys Barn Bosavern Farm Bosavern St Just

No Objection

6. Application PA20/01277 Construction of ancillary accommodation for elderly family member.

Location Land East of The Cottage, Kelynack, St. Just.

No Objection

Decisions

PA19/09154. Proposal: Construction of a single detached 2 storey dwelling
Location: The Radjel Inn Boscaswell Terrace Pendeen Parish: St. Just APPROVED
(Town Council: No Objection).

PA19/09277: Proposed replacement porch to front elevation.

Location: 12 Boswedden Terrace Road Between Cape Cornwall Street and Upper Praze St Just REFUSED (Town Council: No Objection).

PA20/00401. Proposal Application for works to prune three sycamore trees to the front of the property

Location: Leat View Boscaswell Downs Pendeen Penzance Cornwall Proposal within Conservation Area. (Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)
(Town Council: No Objection).

PA20/01053 Proposal Demolition of conservatory, construction of single storey rear extension and decking

Location: Bre An 6 Carn Bosavern Close St Just.
APPROVED (Town Council: No Objection).

Appeals *None*

TC.330 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Judith Summers, Jo Forsyth, Tim Wotton, Dave Munday, Adam Sharpe, Neil Taylor, Jill Taylor, Kate Beckley, David Osbourne-Broad, Dave Stevens, Sarah Tieken are still working on the Neighbourhood Plan. There is some amazing hard and very precise work going on the Plan

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TC.331 Correspondence

Cornwall Council invited the Town Council to review their previous comments on two planning application's PA20/01132 Truthwall (Daisy Gibbs left the meeting for this one application and took no part in the discussion or resolution) and PA2000878 Land to The North-west Of East Levant Engine House within 5 days. **RESOLVED:** The Town Council decided to select Option 3 of the Planning protocol: To disagree with the recommendation and request consideration by the Planning Committee.

Lands' End Airport ACPLETC had notified the Council earlier in the month about its proposal which the Council sought clarification upon. New correspondence had arrived today from Mr Pearson and shared with Councillors he pointed out the proposal is more a technical change in the way that the Land's End Transit Corridor (the airspace subject to this ACP) is designated and managed. The aim is to achieve a safer place in which to fly while keeping the airspace as accessible as possible with minimal impact on other users and external factors. The airspace has multiple users and now includes an additional commercial operator (Penzance Helicopters) carrying out Commercial Air Transport passenger and freight movements. Both main commercial users, Skybus and Penzance Helicopters, are in support of the proposal. One way to achieve an increased safety environment would be to try and create a "known traffic environment" within the Land's End Transit Corridor. It is not envisaged that the proposal will change any current flight paths / tracks. Meanwhile, at this difficult time, they continue our lifeline service to the Islands (the only way passengers can currently get to/from the Islands is via Land's End Airport) for both keyworkers (support nurses/doctors/etc.) and essential freight (Royal Mail/Medicines/Basic Supplies). Staff are a very dedicated team (most of whom live locally) who continue to attend work to ensure this essential service can continue.

TC.332 Committee Reports

Premises/Amenities had an on-site meeting at Pendeen Play Park before the lock down and noted several measures to be taken. Having noted several issues to improve they decided to book an inspection in April/May 2020 with the ROSPA Play Safety Company. Which would create a better understanding of what work had been done and what was still needed?

RESOLVED: The clerk would arrange the on-site Inspection by ROSPA Play Safety Company.

Staffing Committee had a meeting to discuss staffing, mainly Library staffing and processes; but the current Coronavirus situation had put plans on hold until things return to normal.

Jonathan gave the latest update on staff well-being, all were well, Cas and Shirley working from home. Annie at home. Julie and Vicky voluntary in the Parish and Sarah volunteering in her parish, Gulval.

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Climate Change

A meeting was held in April where, there were reports of successful tree planting by Marna at Botallack and by the National Trust: with many locals attending. They are continuing to look at the climate action draft plan, and are ready to repair the noticeboard in the square. A piece of plywood has been kindly donated by a member of the public. However, it is not possible to get the repairs done at the moment as the Co-op queue is always there in front of the noticeboard!

TC.333 Library

The clerk is receiving regular up-dates from the Library Information Service (LIS). A lot of information is on the remote activities of LIS such as audio books. An email will be forward to all Councillors Library staff for their information.

TC.334 Car Park and Toilets

See Cornwall Councillor's Report.

TC.335 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.

TC.336 Cornwall Council ReportCar Parks/Toilets

Scott Sharples, Devolution Officer has been asked to produce a Directors report on Devolution projects and tasked with discovering which Towns/ Parishes are fully functioning, which have completely suspended and which are somewhere in between. St Just Town Council is not fully functioning but we would be keen for the work on the toilets to be scheduled so that Devolution can proceed at pace once this crisis is over. A formal update was requested (through an email to clerk) in time for the next meeting 11 May 2020. Scott was unclear whether the work could be undertaken, in terms of the ability to mobilise the contractors but will seek to find out.

TC.337 Mayor's Report

How the world has changed since our last Full Council meeting six weeks ago! Some issues which were of such high importance to us then – like completing on the toilets and car parks, tackling the community recycling points issue, getting the noticeboards up, etc, have dropped down the priority list; whilst other matters, unknown before, have become of critical importance. Obviously, none of us have been out and about taking part in events or activities, and it's sad

that so many planned events, such as the Lafrowda Festival, have had to be postponed or cancelled; but we've been very busy nonetheless.

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One particular triumph has been with Barclays Bank. Following our last meeting when Council agreed I could write to the Chief Executive, I am happy to report that Hannah, his Executive Client Relationship Manager, worked with us to get online banking reinstated (it involved complicated manoeuvres to get all the signatures in lockdown!) until, after six months of writing cheques, Shirley succeeded in making the first online payment on 6th April. Hannah says she will also help fast-track Cas's application once the COVID-19 crisis has passed. I then suggested that we were owed some compensation for the incredibly difficult time we've had with Barclays, and as a result the Council is on course to receive £300 plus a hamper. This should cover the costs we incurred by writing and posting so many cheques, and from lengthy phone calls at premium rates. I will be sending Barclays some further feedback, because I feel Barclays need to change some of their practices to avoid others having the same difficulties that we've experienced. Mindful that we are approaching the end of the Council year, and now that we can settle payments online again, I have allocated my Mayor's Allowance to seven local groups – Pendeen Lunch club, Pendeen Parish Hall, St Just Care and Repair Café, St Just Community Nativity, Outreach magazine, St Piran in St Just and Pendeen, and the Nancherrow Project; with a small sum remaining for community green projects and potentially community celebrations at the end of this crisis when lockdown is ended.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I'm very proud of the work being done by Daisy and her team of 90+ volunteers in covering the parish with support. There is much information and support available online and on local social media, particularly the 'COVID-19 Mutual Aid St Just in Penwith' Facebook page. After checking with Cas, I have also set up a Mayor's page on Facebook, in an attempt to reach more people with relevant information from a Town Council perspective. However, I am aware that there is an information deficit for those residents who are not online, for whom phoning or letters are the only means of communication

Cas also agreed to the Library foyer being used twice weekly to receive Food Bank donations, and this has been much appreciated and well supported. Sue and I, along with Town Council staff Julie and Vicky, and with offers of help from other Councillors where needed, have received both grocery and cash donations for the past four weeks; I suspect that the Food Bank will be increasingly needed for months to come.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the immense community spirit which has come to the fore over the past weeks. Our local businesses have risen to the challenge, and provided exceptional service to residents. And our local volunteers have done their level best to support the vulnerable and the aged wherever they can. Thank you, one and all.

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TC.338 Clerks Report

Clerks Report: The Clerk clarified St Just in Bloom was not taking part in this year event because it was cancelled and the council did not have to consider any quotes.

All other information is constantly being shared with councillors on a daily basis given the current situation. Next meeting using Zoom will be 11 May 2020.

TC.339 Information Items and Matters to Report

The food Bank and skate board Park will be items brought back to the next meeting.

TC.340 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.341. Confidential Finance Items

Cornwall Council Legal Services/ Solicitors emails are now on hold until after the lock down.

Pay and Pensions returns had now been completed.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.