

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting took place on Monday 21st March 2011 under the chairmanship of Mr J Ward with 9 Councillors, Mr Phil Tucker Cornwall Councillor, and 0 members of the public present. The following matters were discussed:

Dog bin at top of Back Lane -: the dog bin from Week Green has not yet been returned. Clerk to work with Cornwall Council to find a better site for a new bin.

Public Toilets conversion: there has been a hitch with grant funding due to change in administration; this will delay things.

Planning enforcement issues: Clerk to follow up on Mr Terry Martin's caravans. A file has been opened on the trees beside Regent House

Licensing Caravans: Parish Council has a number of grave concerns. Clerk to write to Marshall Plummer, Head of Planning, copied to the Chief Executive Kevin Lavery, and to the local Councillor Phil Tucker, requesting information on:-

- It was pointed out that in other areas caravans are licensed for a fixed period only; what powers do Parish Councils have to achieve this end?
- within a Conservation area there should be a requirement for planning permission, an opportunity for adjoining properties to take part in consultation, and a site visit.
- the Council would like a tighter definition of what "ancillary accommodation" means
- Grave anxiety about the precedent set for a Conservation Area, and concern to limit the damage

Cornwall Council – core strategy consultation : Big questions : how much development and where: 1) concentrate on 13 towns (incl Bude and Launceston); 2) dispersed (incl WSM) 3) economy led distribution (Including Launceston but not Bude). In the light of Parish Plan findings. Which wishes to limit future development in the parish, and the fact that North Cornwall appears to have had a disproportionate amount of housing development without investment in infrastructure over the last 20 years, the Parish Council voted for option 3) first choice, option 1) second choice,

Road gritting It was agreed Mr J Ward will look in further detail into a suggestion that the Parish Council buy rock salt in summer when the price is cheaper, store locally, and spread using a quad bike. Insurance liability would be the greatest risk

Finalise plan for Open Meeting Environment Agency are too short-staffed to send a speaker. Clerk to ask Mr Phil Tucker and Chris Sims to be a panel to answer questions on Cornwall Council matters such as planning. If they are not able to do this, Clerk to try to get someone from CAB as a speaker. Clerk to get as many reports on website beforehand as possible, and for the future to explore cost and feasibility of a March supplement to the Parish Magazine so people have time to read the reports before the meeting.

Post office giros It was noted that the Post Office is likely to lose the ability to cash Green Giros. This further loss of services was deplored. All agreed to write to our MP, Clerk also to write on behalf of the Parish Council.

Playing Field: - Sam Brady will start fencing this week or next; French drains in place on 3 sides of the new field and topsoil should go and seeding start in the next few weeks.

Parish Hall -. Extension is now complete. Thanks to Pat Barriball for a cracking job in making the garden at the front of the Parish Hall so lovely.

Correspondence was dealt with (for full list see agenda on **Parish Notice Board and the village website**)

Finance **Cheques** were raised for the following: Mr JLA Race- Toilet cleaning; Nicky May- Clerk's salary and expenses; Week St Mary Parish Hall - Quarterly donation; Mr SJ Fry - Footpath maintenance; South West Water for playing field and public toilets; EDF Energy for electricity at playing field and public toilets.

Income: HMRC VAT reclaim has been received

Phil Tucker reported he is now the lead member for leisure strategy: a website will be created to help people get access to leisure activities in their area including yoga, pilates etc. He will present this at the Open Meeting. Solar farms are on hold as government is working out community input.

Highways -.drains at North Corner House/the Willows are still an issue. Phil Tucker will ask the Highways Steward to sort the drains and report back to Parish Council. Action is needed on drains before it rains again as there are serious issues for neighbouring properties.

The following planning applications have been received:

1. **PA11/01356** Application for works to trees within a Conservation Area namely the crown reduction to remove overhanging branches on road of a Holly Tree (T1) and partial crown reduction to prevent branches contacting overhead telephone wires of a Sorbus Tree (T2) - Mr Lee Bacchus - Clifton Cottage Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6UH
2. Glebe House The Glebe Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6UY Rebuilding of utility room, rebuilding of sun room, extension to kitchen, construction of new pitch roof over garage and provision of additional bedroom within - Mr & Mrs P Cox - **PA11/01497**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 18th April 2011 At 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

The ANNUAL PARISH OPEN MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2011 AT 7.30PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Nicky May - Parish Clerk