

## WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting took place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011 under the chairmanship of Mr L Davies with 7 Councillors, Phil Tucker Cornwall Councillor, and 6 members of the public present. The following matters were discussed:

### Wind turbines at Week Orchard: meeting with Rob Denman, Director, The Green Company

The Green Company has undertaken to remove the turbine to restore the land to agricultural state, after 20 years. Each turbine will generate up to £70000 per year. The Green Company are working to a deadline, whilst the current system (tariffs) remain in place. No planning requirement for Community benefits applies, but many applicants do offer sums to communities. Cornwall Council should introduce a policy for a community levy from all wind turbine schemes. Applications from different companies for wind turbines are presently with Planning for 2 at Jacobstow, 1 at St Gennys, 2 at Week St Mary and 1 at Whitstone. The danger of cumulative impact must be sensitively handled by planners. The fear is of proliferation that will damage essential tourism in the area.

The Planning application Land At Week Orchard Farm Cottage Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0HT Construction of two 100 kW 37m to hub wind turbines with a triple blade rotor with a diameter of 21 m to include access track and other associated works. - Miss Sarah Robertson - **PA11/06448 (Case Officer - Cheryl Stansbury)**

The Parish Council objects to the proposal on the following grounds:

- The applicant appears to have used a map which does not show the nearest unrelated properties, namely Josh, Higher Josh, Grovesend (or Wits End) and BillRose Park. The Parish Council is therefore concerned that the distances stated in the application to the nearest property are inaccurate, and therefore measurements of noise, shadow flicker and the overbearing nature of the turbines on these nearby properties may have been underestimated.
- Week St Mary Village, a conservation area, falls within the zone of theoretical visibility, thus the turbines would alter the character of a conservation area.
- The turbines fall in an Area of Great Landscape Value, thus compromising incomes from tourism. PPS22: "The wider environmental and economic benefits of all proposals for renewable energy projects, whatever their scale, are material considerations that should be given significant weight in determining whether proposals should be granted planning permission."
- The Parish Council does not consider that local consultation has been sufficiently carried out, as, although a representative of the Green Company attended a meeting, he was not able to answer many questions conclusively. PPS22 : "Local planning authorities, regional stakeholders and Local Strategic Partnerships should foster community involvement in renewable energy projects and seek to promote knowledge of and greater acceptance by the public of prospective renewable energy developments that are appropriately located. Developers of renewable energy projects should engage in active consultation and discussion with local communities at an early stage in the planning process, and before any planning application is formally submitted."
- View points chosen for the photomontage of visual impact do not all appear to be representative of the area.

Phil Tucker undertook to ensure that this application goes to Committee.

Moving seat from beside the Glebe –the seat will be moved to the corner of the church tower and porch.

Grit bins: it was agreed to purchase a filled salt bin and place it outside Trekelland below the leylandii on the verge.

Dog from Burdenwell is still getting out, and there is photo evidence to prove it. Dog Warden has advised that he can only act if contacted as soon as it is spotted. Members of the public would therefore have to take responsibility to do this.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee : A street party and celebrations will be held to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>-Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012, and that the Parish Council is fully behind the event, and will be registering the event with Cornwall Council. The event should be self-financing. The Beacon event will also be registered through the Parish Council.

Football Club: the first match has been held on the new field – it was a good occasion and the pitch is an asset to the village. The gates are still not being shut and tyre tracks have been noticed on the top (amenity) field. It may be necessary to lock half the vehicle gate. The Football Club needs to fit a gate to the lower (new) field

Poor Man's Piece –Clerk to meet with the Trustees and Peter Burton of Cornwall Rural Community Centre, who has expertise with charity work, to see if a better return for parishioners can be found.

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; Cornwall Council - Loan repayment 9<sup>th</sup> instalment ; EDF Energy - electricity at Playing Field. External audit completed – no issues. Internal audit meeting report raised question of long term repayment of loan; insurance for new play equipment; clerk's workload.

Public Toilets- .-Mr P Sachs will replace broken glass at toilets and will repair broken seat at West Week Close.

Highways – water leak at Lambley Corner reported to South West Water; drain at North Corner House is awaiting the Highways engineer with the gully emptier

Community Policing –Lester Marland has retired due to ill health; a new PCSO will be appointed in January

### Planning

The following information has been received:

1. Regent House Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6UJ Change of use from shop and residential to residential only together with construction of a new rear extension and remove/demolish existing shop front/window to the street elevation and replace with bay windows – Mrs Helen Reynolds - **PA11/04613 REFUSED** Parish Council voiced its disappointment at this decision.
2. Grigham House Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 0XL Construction of steel framed agricultural building for the storage and safeguard of implements, logs and hay - Mr J Grigg - **PA11/05588 APPROVED**
3. Fuchsia Cottage Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6XJ Erection of dwelling - PA11/06556 **WITHDRAWN**
4. PA11/05459 To create a fresh water pond in bottom field to make use of unfarmable area to encourage wildlife Field no 4371 Land at Week St Mary for Mr John Grigg (Case officer Steve Bacon) **APPROVED**
5. Enforcement case received: Felling of TPO tree Land Adjacent To Hillside, Week St Mary Holsworthy Week St. Mary EN11/02348 27.09.2011.

6. PA11/03159 Installation of a 3.84 kWp ground mounted solar photovoltaic system (16 panels) on farmland adjacent to farm buildings at Tor View Farm together with construction of garden shed to house Mastervolt Inverter with automatic isolater and AC & DC isolation switches **APPROVED**
7. PA11/03965Lambley House Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6XN Construction of 7 bedroom country house **APPROVED**

The following planning applications have been received:

1. PA11/07079 at 2 Glebe Court for JLO Properties: conversion and extension of outbuilding to form a dwelling (Case Officer – David Tapsell) Parish Council **objects** to the application
2. Week Orchard Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0HT Proposed conversion of redundant agricultural barn to form residential dwelling - Mr And Mrs C Congdon - **PA11/07230** (Case Officer – Steve Bacon) **Supported**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 in the Parish Hall**

*Nicky May - Parish Clerk*