

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting took place on Monday 21st November 2011 under the chairmanship of Mr L Davies with 8 Councillors, Phil Tucker Cornwall Councillor, and 1 member of the public present. The following matters were discussed:

Caravans – advice from Planning Department is that any caravan being used for temporary accommodation would require some form of planning permission, and otherwise it could be a planning enforcement matter.

Correction to minutes: PA11/03965 Lambley Park not Lambley House

Christmas Tree in the Square: After advice, a smaller tree was planted to let it establish slowly. Thanks are due to Lesley Booker, Mike Goodman and Phil Dorren for planting it. It was agreed to buy insulation material to protect the roots through the winter, and to purchase solar-powered LED lights for the tree.

The Council annual dinner will be on Friday 3rd February, probably at Widemouth Manor.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee : The party in the square has been registered, and Mr L Davies will do the risk assessment. It is hoped the Archdeacon will play a part in the "coronation". English Heritage will provide 100 trees.

Football Club: Changing rooms are exempt from all planning and buildings regulations. The work done by Week St Mary Football Club is a credit and the new pitch is an asset to the village. 3 teams are now using the pitch; parking can be a problem on match days; it was agreed that the football club should approach Highways regarding the possibility of creating an entrance to the lower (football) field, which if agreed would have hardcore standing, and would be lockable, to be opened only on match days. If this is not possible then a geotextile parking area could be created on the upper (amenity) field in the area designated for this purpose on the agreed plans – the Football Club would look into paying for these improvements. Big Lottery Fund have agreed that the report on the play equipment meets all requirements, the grant is signed off and we have two plaques to put up.

Poor Man's Piece – Trustees and Parish Clerk will meet Peter Burton of Cornwall Rural Community Council on Tuesday 29th November at 2pm in the Parish Hall. One suggestion was to create a community woodland and nature trail.

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

- Boundary Commission: consultation on proposed new "Devonwall" constituency: the Parish Council opposes this proposal and would like to see Cornwall kept whole. Keep Cornwall Whole – petition: Clerk to see if the shop will host the petition
- Cornwall Council – Notice of Road Closure from Cherry Cross to Wheatley Road 5th to 23rd December 2011 (0800 to 1615 hours)
- Cornwall County Playing Fields Association AGM – 23rd November: Mr P Sachs will attend
- Cornwall Council Cornwall Council- shaping the new Health Watchdog body, meeting Launceston Town Hall 1st December 10am – 1pm Mrs M Smith will attend

Finance **Cheques** were raised for the following:- Land Registry - costs of search for land ownership of three footpaths; Audit Commission - costs of Audit; Booker Farm Services - paper for magazine; Week St Mary Football Club - grass cutting at Playing Field 1st 6 months (May-Oct); Lesley Booker - Christmas tree; Mr JLA Race- Toilet cleaning.

Precept: it was agreed to request a precept of £12910, which is frozen at last year's level. This to include £250 as a contribution towards the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Saving to pay off the loan: It was agreed to open a Direct 30 Savings Account with Monmouthshire Building Society with £5000, at 30 days' notice at 2.25% variable interest rate – an account suitable for Clubs and Charities and used by other Parish Councils. The account would be operated by post, but withdrawals can only be made electronically to a previously nominated account. There would be 4 signatories: Chair, Clerk and two others.

Insuring new play equipment – It was agreed to self-insure:- the equipment is covered by the manufacturer's guarantee, and there are skilled people on the Council who are able and willing to effect repairs.

Cornwall Council waste collection: from 1st April agreed weekly refuse and fortnightly recycling collection. It is hoped recycling will include all plastics and tetrapaks

Cornwall Council is paying to upgrade **broadband connection** – Launceston already upgraded and Bude will be done by Christmas.

Public Toilets- Mrs M Smith has completed the checklist and will laminate and display it in the toilet.

Footpaths – Cornwall Council has agreed to increase the budget to cover the repairs to the drains at footpath 5 by Mr P Johns

Highways – Phil Tucker will tour the village with Highways Steward 22.11.11 and look at drains.

Planning

The following information has 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**) **Approved**. Discussion about parking problems had not been taken on board this time.
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)** **Approved**
3. 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)** **Withdrawn**

The following planning applications have been received:

1. PA11/08886 Installation of ground mounted 50 kW solar photovoltaic panels (approximately 200 panels with a rating of approximately 250W) with an associated building to house electrical equipment for Mr Dave Fowler at Field adj Appledene Whitstone
2. PA11/08706 Installation of ground mounted 50 kW solar photovoltaic panels (approximately 200 panels) to generate electricity to export to the grid at Field at Appledene Whitstone for Mr Kevin Johns

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday 12th December 2011** in the Parish Hall (early to avoid Christmas week)
Nicky May - Parish Clerk