

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting took place on Monday 16th April 2012 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr L Davies with 9 Councillors, Mr P Tucker, and 0 members of the public present. The following matters were discussed:

Consultation on moving 30mph signs at Week Green, Butlers Meadow and Stewarts road

It was agreed the 30mph sign on Stewarts Road does not need to be moved. It was agreed that the 30mph sign on the Canworthy Water road should be moved, together with the ones at Butlers Meadow and Week Green (Launceston road). Mr Phil Tucker will do the consultation with residents.

Playing Field: A lease to be drawn up for Football Club to use the playing field. The agreement would cover the new field and the changing rooms. Access to facilities on the top field (eg the tennis courts) could be granted by priority access at certain times (eg Wednesday evening at set times) but not by tenure.

A Half pipe skate board ramp has been offered by Alan Colwill (20feet x8 feet). It was agreed to involve the youngsters in fundraising to refurbish and install, as there has been a need for it for a long time.

Planning permission must now be sorted out to regularise the position for grant applications – Clerk to look into possibilities.

Diamond Jubilee – a list of children genuinely from the parish (and therefore eligible for a medal) will be made before the event, to avoid difficulties on the day. Bob Johns will do the presentation of medals. Union flags are available for sale from the village shop.

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

- Forming a Neighbourhood Plan will be on the next meeting agenda, as this would be one way to control wind turbine applications in the parish. 50% of the parish would have to be in support of an agreed policy for it to be licenced.
- A letter from Mrs S M Prouse was read out, with objections to Proposed wind turbine at Lambley: the objections (too close to Ashleigh Bungalow) were noted; Parish Council had already objected to this application on the same grounds.
- Cornwall Council – Invitation to Planning Committee meeting re PA12/00444 Wind Turbine at Land at Week Orchard (Meeting 11th April 2012) No-one had attended the meeting, but a site meeting is proposed Thursday 26th April at 2.30pm approx.

Finance

- Cheques were raised for the following Mr JLA Race- Toilet cleaning; The Tower Mint - cost of medals for Diamond Jubilee; Cornwall Association of Local Councils - Membership renewal; Cornwall Council - 8th Loan Repayment instalment; Week St Mary Church Graveyard Account, Week St Mary Methodist Cemetery - Donations towards upkeep; Mr David Martin - Donation to costs of website.
- S137 donations agreed to support the same organisations as last year, to the same amount, namely: Torridge and Bude CAB, Cornwall Blind Association, League of Friends of Stratton Hospital, Cornwall Air Ambulance and Farm Crisis Network.
- Football Club has agreed to carry out grass cutting at Playing Field
- Income received: Cornwall Council - First instalment of precept; Week St Mary Magazine - Contribution to Jubilee medals; Monmouthshire Building Society - Annual interest earned.
- End of year accounts, bank reconciliation and audit requirements: to be presented for approval next meeting after internal audit process.

Highways – Clerk will report pits in the road at Lower Exe on the Goscott road; Phil Tucker will report mains leak at Lambley Corner and between Delabole Farm and Goscott (both previously reported several times) to South West Water

Greens: Ashbury Grove green spaces and 2 central garden areas in front of thatched house should have been adopted by Cornwall Council by now (along with the roads) as by now it is almost 5 years since they were built. If there are outstanding issues these need to be resolved. Clerk to write to Highways, copied to Pearce and Councillor Phil Tucker to urge action.

Community Policing – Clerk to write again to Cornwall Council following police report that the caravans of the late Terry Martin are now a hazard; and copy correspondence to Phil Tucker.

Planning

The following information has been received:

1. Land Owned By Week Orchard Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0HT Installation of a 100 kw Wind Turbine sited on a 37m free standing monopole structure on a concrete base (47.5m to tip) with a triple blade rotor with a diameter of 21 m and associated works. - Mr PA12/00444 (Case Officer - Simon King) Planning committee meeting 11th April has recommended a site visit on Thursday 26th April at 2.30pm (approx). Issues to consider include whether nearby property owners would be able to sleep with their windows open, and flicker (since the turbines would be to the east of the nearest unrelated properties).
2. PA12/00712 Construction of barn for general agricultural purpose with the installation of 49kw solar panels on the south facing side of the roof at Higher Exe Farm Week St Mary EX22 6UX for Mr Adrian Shute, WT and ME Shute (Case Officer Richard White). Phone conversation with the Planning officer suggests the application will be passed. Problems with use that is too intensive should be referred to the Environmental Health Department.

The following planning applications have been received:

1. PA12/02931 Installation of 2x CF15eW wind turbines with 20m masts and 6m long blades at Kitsham, Poundstock for Mr J Congdon (Case officer Gavin Smith) Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that there has been no owl survey; and strongly believes that there should be a bond taken up-front to cover all the costs of removing the turbines at the end of use.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

1. A planning application for The Green Inn, change of use from public house to dwelling Ref PA12/03153 for Mr M Hirst, was received too late to go on the agenda for this meeting. It was agreed that a special meeting will be called for Monday 30th April, unless the Planning Officer (who could not be reached today) was able to give an extension of the deadline till after 21st May meeting.
2. Major/minor village status update: Mr J Ward has had a response and will report back to next full meeting
3. Cornwall Council planning forum in Truro: as the distance is too great for councillors from this area to attend, Phil Tucker will arrange a cluster meeting to cover the same issues.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Monday 21st May 2012 at 7.15 on the playing field, and then 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Nicky May - Parish Clerk