

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting took place on Monday 18th June 2012 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr L Davies with 9 Councillors, Cornwall Councillor Phil Tucker, and 8 members of the public present. The following matters were discussed:

Ashbury Grove: open spaces: Pearce Construction has agreed to open a debate about control/ownership of the green space. Parish Council needs a response from Cornwall Council on the original s106 agreement and money paid before going ahead.

Neighbourhood Plan: - about planning matters; a big process to undertake; will be vital to protect parish interests; can be done piecemeal and at least 50% of the population must agree to each proposal.

Category E status for Week St Mary: - a Category E village would have development for local housing needs only.

It was noted that **an appeal has been lodged against the refusal of permission for a wind turbine at Week Orchard** for Mr Congdon. The decision will be robustly defended.

Week St Mary Football Club's It was noted that a tenure agreement is in preparation and it is hoped to have a draft by 16th July Parish Council meeting. Gateway: the chief concerns are visibility, safety and liability. In the long run it is preferable that the lower field would be the main parking area for matches especially as older and disabled spectators are having trouble getting access from parking on the higher field. The current planning permission for removal of hedges must be resolved before any planning permission is sought for widening the gateway. Until this can be resolved, access through the gateway in the lower field must be limited to those who absolutely need it, and the Football Club will have a parking attendant in a high-visibility jacket to supervise entry and exit for safety. Phil Tucker will look into possibility of application for disabled access through the lower gateway. The gate across the entrance should be restored. The question of wider access must be sorted before tipping can begin. Parish Council is anxious to avoid VAT liability on payments for tipping. Even without generating payment, the tipping of hard core will provide a useful utility and could potentially include part of the proposed walkway around the field for wider use.

Resignation of Clerk and replacement The Clerk has resigned with effect from 31st July, for health reasons. A sub-Committee was appointed to draw up job description, person specification etc. The position will be advertised in the Parish Magazine, the Cornish and Devon, the web site, the shop and the Parish Notice Board in the first week of July. The full Council will shortlist but the sub-committee will conduct the interview.

Adoption of Interim Code of Conduct and new financial interests register

To adopt a new Code of Conduct for members of Week St Mary Parish Council in compliance with the Localism Act 2011

The majority of members were opposed to the new code's provisions regarding publication of potentially sensitive financial information on the internet, especially that of spouses; and about the curtailment of freedom of speech for councillors in the new provisions. The Clerk was instructed to obtain information from Cornwall Association of Local Councils regarding the consequences of not adopting the code as it is. An extraordinary meeting was agreed for Monday 25th June to resolve the matter.

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

Diamond Jubilee: Thanks were recorded for the team who organised such highly successful events. There are good photos on the village web site.

Finance

Cheques were raised for the following R Wood - Toilet cleaning; Campaign for the Protection of Rural England - s137 payment for membership (justified on grounds of planning advice to the Parish); JA and MC Roberts - Toilet Cleaning materials; Week St Mary Parish Hall - quarterly donation; Week St Mary Football Club - Grass cutting playing field; The Tower Mint - Jubilee medals

Planning

The following information has been received:

1. PA12/03153 Change of use of public house to dwelling at The Green Inn Week St Mary Holsworthy for Mr M Hirst (Case Officer Simon King) **APPROVED**
2. PA12/03383 Roof over silage store and feed yard as part of Upstream thinking project by South West Water/Westcountry Rivers at Stonyfold Farm Whitstone Holsworthy for Mr Stuart May (Case Officer Aimee Williams) **APPROVED**
3. Exemoor Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6UX EIA screening request for proposed single medium scale wind turbine - - **PA12/04782 (Case Officer - Aimee Williams) PA12/04782 Screening Opinion - EIA Not Required**

The following planning applications have been received:

1. Trefrouse Farm Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6XW Siting of 1 50kW wind turbine and associated works, with a hub height of 36.4m with three blades and a rotor diameter of 19.2 m - J A And E A Retallick - **PA12/03950 (Case Officer - Simon King)**

Parish Council decided to object to the proposal on the following grounds:

- It was noted that the distances as quoted on the plans submitted appeared to be wrong (eg 600m not 800m to Church as stated)
 - The plan shows the base of the turbine is only 50m from a public footpath
 - A bird and bat survey has not been done
 - The turbine would be visible from Penhallam, and ancient monument
 - The turbine is in the zone of theoretical visibility for an Area of Great Landscape Value, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and a Conservation Area
 - The noise level at the closest unrelated house should be 35 decibels, not 45 as stated, and the Parish Council therefore has concern for the residents of Waxhill and Tower Hill
 - A realistic assessment of intervisibility and cumulative impact is needed with regard to Bradworthy and the twenty one applications between Morwenstow and Week St Mary: Bradworthy would certainly be visible from this point.
2. Glebe Court Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6UP Conversion of old school building to dwelling (amended scheme to PA11/07079) - Mr D Short - **PA12/04371 (Case Officer - David Tapsell)** Objection on the grounds that more than 10% of the existing building is being developed; and it will entail further reduction of off-street parking in an area where this is critical.
 3. Exemoor Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6UX EIA screening request for proposed single medium scale wind turbine - - **PA12/04782 (Case Officer - Aimee Williams) PA12/04782 Screening Opinion (see above, already determined) NOT DISCUSSED** therefore.

4. Land At Kitleigh Farm Stewarts Road Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall Installation of 49 kw ground mounted solar photovoltaic array with a maximum height of 2.6 m and associated equipment - Mr Andrew Martyn - **PA12/03900** (Case Officer - Richard White) NO comment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Extraordinary Meeting Monday 25th June 7.30pm in the Parish Hall; Monday 16th July 2012 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall

Nicky May - Parish Clerk