

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting took place on Monday 16th October 2012 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr L Davies with 9 Councillors – also in attendance was the parish footpath co-ordinator and C Cllr P Tucker for the majority of the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new clerk Mrs B Heathcote.

Cornwall Council housing needs survey in Week St Mary: It was noted that although the figures represented 80% in favour of affordable housing it must be taken into the context that there was only a 23% response rate so it is only 80% of 23%.

It was agreed that this represents a small local need for affordable housing. It was agreed that housing need figures in the Parish Plan which was completed 4 years ago is more representative as there was a better response rate (78%). Week St Mary is a category E village indicating only a small amount of development would be appropriate. The Clerk will respond to CC accordingly.

Playing Field It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to J Sachs in recognition of his hard work cutting the grass on the corner.

Parish Hall – Planned events: Bingo on 19th October; Quiz night on 9th November.

Magazine – Some new volunteers will take over the distribution. Mrs P Johns was thanked for her part in the distribution previously.

Correspondence discussed – see list on noticeboard or village website for previously circulated correspondence. Other correspondence dealt with included details about Local Council Planning Forums and a Budget event for Town and Parish councils.

Finance Cheques were raised for the following and given approval R Wood – toilet cleaning; CC - Loan Repayment; T D Garden Services - Grass cutting; D Johns - Plumbing in Parish Office. Direct Debits were approved for the following EDF Energy & S W Water – electricity, water & sewerage at the Playing Field; SW Water - Water & sewerage at the Toilets. Income was received from Western Power - Wayleave payments & CC – second half of Precept.

Standing Orders It was agreed to amend the order relating to the venue for meetings of the Council, including sub-committee and extraordinary meetings which are normally held in the Parish Hall can from time to time be in the Methodist Schoolroom.

Public Toilets & Parish Office: Due to a variety of reasons the work for the parish office is behind schedule and the launch of the parish office will be early 2013. There are 2 people willing to do the tutoring. A report of the work in progress and planned work was given. A plumber will be asked to repair the leaking tap and dripping water. It was agreed that a new public convenience sign is required & a Parish Office sign.

Parish Greens: There was a discussion regarding the 3 green areas in Ashbury Grove and Cllr P Tucker offered to follow this up with CC officers.

Footpaths: The footpath co-ordinator advised that one of the paths has a lot of gorse which is causing a problem. Clerk will make a request from CC for funds to cover the cost of repairs to stiles and for new yellow markers. Concern expressed that farm gates are left open and stock has escaped and appropriate signs will be requested from CC.

Dog bins: Despite requests and emails, the second dog bin has not been provided and the matter will be pursued.

Cornwall Council Democracy, Cabinet Decision Making & Outsourcing of Services.

Concerns in relation to CC Cabinet's plans to outsource services to a commercial company were discussed. CC is the largest employer in Cornwall by a very wide margin and, if plans for outsourcing proceed, there is the potential for a massive loss of jobs in Cornwall and there would be a negative knock-on effect on the Cornish economy. Other concerns raised related to the possibility that CC have overestimated the savings and underestimated the costs for the changes and that the transfer of power will result in CC losing control of the services and provision. There was also the question of what would happen if the company handling the services was to fail. It was agreed that a letter on behalf of the parish council will be sent to CC expressing the parish council's concerns.

Planning – The following Decision Notices were received:

1. **PA12/05269** Removal of condition 2 (limiting occupation of the dwelling to a qualified local person) of planning application no. 2009/00210 dated 06.04.2009. The Barn Week Green Week St Mary. Miss Tracey Ward. **REFUSED**

2. **PA12/05891** Listed building consent for the removal and replacement of shower partition wall and replace shower basin and toilet. Hayescott Week St Mary. Mr Neil Breen **APPROVED**.
3. **PA12/06367** Construction of extensions to free range poultry buildings. Land North West of Week Orchard Marhamchurch Mr Chris Congdon. **APPROVED**
4. **PA12/07641** S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps. Submission of details to discharge conditions 8, 9 and 11 in respect of decision notice E1/2009/01746. Reeve House Week St Mary. Mr T Colwill.
5. **PA12/05664** Construction of shed to cover existing feed yard as part of the Upstream thinking project by South West water/ Westcountry Rivers Trust. Whiteleigh Farm Whitstone. Mr John Uglow. **APPROVED**
6. **PA12/05669** Construction of a shed to cover existing cattle collecting yard incorporating the re-roofing of existing shed as part of the Upstream thinking project by South West Water & Westcountry Rivers Trust with the aim to keep clean water separate from foul. Whiteleigh Farm Whitstone. Mr John Uglow. **APPROVED**
7. **PA12/05663** Construction of a cubicle shed with underground slurry store and covered feed area for dairy cattle as part of the Upstream thinking project by South West Water/Westcountry Rivers Trust. Higher Whiteleigh Farm Whitstone. Mr John Uglow. **APPROVED**.
8. **PA12/03950** Siting of 1 50kw wind turbine and associated works, with a hub height of 36.4m with three blades and a rotor diameter of 19.2m. Trefrouse Farm Week St Mary. J A & E A Retallick. **REFUSED**
9. **PA12/08483** Application for Non Material Amendment to E1/2009/01746 for the Amended scheme for the change of use of barns to two dwellings following demolition of the attached modern farm building and partial demolition of part of the barns (previously approved under decision 2009/00413); namely minor fenestration changes and provision of slate canopy to Barn 1. Reeve House Week St Mary. Mr T Colwill. **APPROVED**

PLANNING The following planning applications have been received:

1. **PA12/08827** Proposed steel framed building forming cover for existing agricultural yard including demolition of existing corrugated iron shed. Kitsham Poundstock. Mr J Congdon. No comments
2. **PA12/08650** Construction of extension to free range poultry building (shed 3). Land North West Of Week Orchard Marhamchurch. Mr Chris Congdon. Clerk will respond that the parish council request that the hedge moving is monitored to ensure that it is maintained.
3. **PA12/08652** Construction of extension to free range poultry building (shed 2). Land North West Of Week Orchard Marhamchurch Bude. Mr Chris Congdon. Clerk will respond that the parish council request that the hedge moving is monitored to ensure that it is maintained.
4. **PA12/08658** Proposed conversion of redundant agricultural barn to form residential dwelling with a single storey extension (amendment to approved application PA11/07230 and PA12/04894. Week Orchard Marhamchurch. M & Mrs C Congdon. No comments.
5. **PA12/08009** Construction of an agricultural building for the storage of animal feed. Land west of Flooden Tor, Boyton. Mr Keith Bailey, ER, M & KR Bailey. No comments.
6. **APPEAL re PA11/03712** – Kitchen Extension with first floor bedroom and cloakroom, Manciple House Week St Mary. Mr Stephen Cunningham. The Clerk advised that the appeal is being dealt with by the Fast Track Householder procedure, ie no further comments and relies purely on the information already submitted.
7. **APPEAL re PA12/03950** Siting of 1x 50kw wind turbine and associated works, with a hub height of 36.4m with three blades and a rotor diam of 19.2m. Trefrouse Farm Week St Mary. JA & EA Retallick. The deadline to make further representations is 06.11.12. Clerk will write to enquire if there is to be a site meeting and will ask for a copy of the final decision.
8. Matters arising re PA12/07626. Provision of 25mw Solar Park, substation & ancillary infrastructure. Land west of S Wheatley, Wheatley Road Maxworthy, Launceston. Chairman had responded to CC detailing the comments made at the meeting. The response from Kronos-Solar was discussed. A comprehensive response to the concerns raised by the parish council will be submitted by Kronos-Solar soon. Kronos-Solar advised that there have been no objections from Jacobstow and N Petherwin.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 19th November 2012 in the Parish Hall

Bobbie Heathcote – Parish Clerk