

## WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting took place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr L Davies with 7 Councillors – also in attendance was C Cllr P Tucker . The following matters were discussed

Clerk's contract A draft contract has been prepared which will be circulated.

Planning Meeting Unfortunately no one had been able to attend the Local Planning Forum at Bodmin and a report of the meeting will be requested.

CC re Democracy An email had been sent to CC expressing the council's concerns. On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012 there had been a vote of no confidence in CC Leader, A Robertson and the Vice Chairman, John Curry was elected as the new leader. It is understood that he is in favour of a slower journey relating to outsourcing services.

Week St Mary Housing Survey. The Clerk has emailed A O'Brien CC, CC Affordable Team Leader and asked for more clarification about some matters in the report. Mr W Morris, CC Affordable Team has advised that it is important that all people in need of housing apply to Homechoice and that it does not apply to only people on benefit.

Christmas Tree in the Square. Mr P Sachs offered to place Christmas lights on the trees in the square in addition to the Christmas tree and it was agreed to use the solar powered lights in the lower square.

Annual Council Dinner. Suggested dates and venues were made.

Playing Field – Investigation re a skateboard park has been on-going; prices for a permanent skateboard are prohibitively high and a portable apparatus sold in modules is favoured. Cllr Mr P Tucker has advised that a grant from Community Chest funds would be available. The benefits of a modular apparatus are that it would be suitable for young children on skateboards and scooters as well as older children, it can be added to and is interchangeable and can be removed. The poor state of the fence around tennis court was discussed and it was agreed to discuss further when the precept and budget for next year has been agreed.

Football Club –The side of the shed has been vandalised and that the roof is leaking and it was agreed to organise repairs.

Parish Hall – The Christmas Draw and Bingo is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Work has been carried out to improve the facilities for the Coffee Pot Club.

Cllr P Tucker a) advised that solar farms will be discussed at CC Strategic Planning meeting on 20.11.12. Councillors commented that it does not seem appropriate that the meeting is so far from N Cornwall and Mr Tucker advised that all Strategic Planning meetings are held in Truro as the meetings are recorded and webcast. b) advised that 2 planning applications for wind turbines that had gone to Appeal have been approved. During the discussion that followed councillors expressed deep concern that so many wind turbines have been given approval and that the cumulative impact will be devastating for Week St Mary and for the whole of Cornwall in general. The parish councillors are unhappy that, despite the Localism Act, parish councils' recommendations are discounted. Mr P Tucker added that decisions must be made in conjunction with the Government's Green Energy policy and that if plans that are refused by CC planning department are then granted approval at Appeal stage, CC are liable to pay expenses. c) advised that Jim Curry has been appointed CC Leader and that CC have to save £20million so outsourcing of some services will inevitably take place.

Correspondence discussed see list on noticeboard or village website for previously circulated correspondence. Other correspondence dealt with included Bude Community Network Panel

minutes 08.10.12 + Planning for Energy in Cornwall presentation notes; CC's Gambling Act 2005; Cornwall AONB – The Great South West Walk to celebrate the SW Coast Path Association's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and information and enclosure(SEAP) from North Cornwall Group of Council's. A short discussion took place relating to the offer (earlier in the year) of a Jubilee Oak tree and it was agreed to follow this up

Finance Cheques were raised for the following: R Wood - toilet cleaning; Week St Mary Parish Hall - quarterly donation; PD Painting - Parish Office conversion work; Jag Signs - Parish Office; Congdons Carpets - Parish Office and Public Conveniences floor covering; Steve Cunningham Electrics - Parish Office; RBL Poppy Appeal - Poppy Wreath

Precept. Following a long discussion and taking into account reluctance to increase the precept, it was agreed that it was prudent to increase it by 1.5% to £13,104 to take into account inflation.

Income A cheque to cover elect city and water costs was received from Week ST Mary Football.

Monmouthshire B/Society Arrangements were made to update the signatory mandate.

Financial Regulations. A draft copy of the NALC Financial Regulations will be circulated.

Code of Conduct A guide for city, community, town & parish councillors, a Code of Conduct Update, a draft Code of Conduct and a Guide to awarding Dispensations 2012 had been circulated to councillors. It was agreed to defer until the next meeting.

Standing Orders - Deferred to the next meeting

Parish Office. The ECLAG Claim together with the require paperwork must be submitted by the end of the month. The parish council equipment and paperwork that had been stored in Week St Mary Parish Hall has been transferred to the parish office.

Highways CC has confirmed that the carriageway and footways at Ashbury Grove have been adopted.

Transport - The community minibus scheme in Holsworthy has been extended to Week St Mary. Users must register and then they can request for the minibus to come to Week St Mary to collect for the onward journey and return. The service is not free, the charge is 40p per mile.

Planning – Decision Notices

1. PA12/08009 Construction of an agricultural building for the storage of animal feed Land West of Flooden Tor Boyton Mr Keith Bailey APPROVED
2. PA12/08650 Construction of extension to free range poultry building (shed 3) Land North West of Week Orchard Marhamchurch Mr Chris Congdon APPROVED
3. PA12/08652 Construction of extension to free range poultry building (shed 2) Land North West of Week Orchard Marhamchurch Mr Chris Congdon APPROVED
4. PA12/09013 Application for Prior Notification for the construction of an agricultural building used as a feeding area for cattle Trefrouse Week St Mary Mr & Mrs JA & EA Retallick. Prior Approval not required

Planning – Applications

1. PA12/09430. Change of use of The Old Garage from a former garage and separate residential unit to three residential units (one affordable to let), including the erection of an extension. Week St Mary Garage Week St Mary. Mr K J Bromell. The parish council recommended approval and CC will be advised that investigation must be done regarding the petrol underground tanks and land that was used on the site when it was a garage as it may be contaminated.
2. PA12/09226 To cover a small feed yard outside of a cattle shed in order to reduce diffuse pollution from run off. The works to be completed with the aid of a grant from the Catchment Sensitive Farming Initiative. The roof to be constructed of Cement Fibre

Sheeting on a steel frame. Sea View Farm Week St Mary. Mr & Mrs Peter Johns. The parish council recommended approval.

3. PA12/10065 Installation of a single 55 kW wind turbine on a 24 m monopole tubular tower (up to 35 m tip height) with three blades and a rotor diameter of 19.2 m and associated equipment Exemoor Week St. Mary. Mr Andrew Mills. The parish council recommended refusal and the clerk will write to CC setting out the reasons.
4. 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.
5. APPEAL re PA12/00444 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.

Following publication of details about the negative effect of wind turbine noise, letters had been sent on behalf of the parish council to The Appeal Inspector re the above two appeals respectively. The letter also incorporated details about the numbers of turbines visible from the parish and the adverse cumulative effect it has on the area.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall