

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting took place on Monday 10th December 2012 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr L Davies who welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year and thanked the councillors for all their work and support throughout the busy year.

A total of 8 Councillors (inc the ChairP were present).

The following matters were discussed:

HOUSING SURVEY- CC Affordable Housing Team Leader advised that although he understands councillors' concerns about the low response rate, it is consistent with other surveys they have undertaken. CC will arrange to edit the report to change the percentages to actual figures and produce the report with the answers in the same order as they appeared on the questionnaire and they will include the conclusions from the Parish Plan.

ANNUAL COUNCIL DINNER will be at River Life Cafe on 08.02.13

PLAYING FIELD – it was agreed to seek tenders for a replacement fence around the tennis court. The shed has been repaired at a cost of £100

OPEN FORUM AT THE DISCRETION OF COUNCILLORS

It was agreed that a message of thanks is placed in the Parish Magazine to Mr & Mrs Dorren for allowing their property to be used for supplying the electricity for the lights on the Green and to Mr Goodman for his assistance fixing the cable and lights. Mrs P Johns was thanked for planting the new fir tree in the Lower Green. It suggested having an electricity supply in the square that can be used for community events throughout the year rather than asking residents to use their private supply and relevant enquiries will be made.

CORRESPONDENCE discussed see list on noticeboard or village website for previously circulated correspondence. Correspondence circulated at meeting: Clerks & Councils Direct, CPRE Countryside Voice Winder 2012, CC Funding Bulletin, copy of draft Financial Report & Cornwall Air Ambulance Request for donation. – placed on file for April.

FINANCE: Cheques were approved for the following: :R Wood – toilet cleaning; Parish Hall – quarterly donation; JA & MC Roberts – toilet clearing consumables; B Heathcote - salary & expenses; P Sachs - repairs to public conveniences door; T Willoughby - CC Footpath Partnership; P Sachs - Repairs to Playing Field Shed.

The Clerk confirmed that the paperwork relating to the Precept has been despatched to CC. There was a short discussion relating to the precept and it was suggested that some parishioners are possibly unaware of how the precept is decided and the amount of care taken by the councillors to ensure that sufficient is requested to ensure that the parish benefits while taking care not to place too high a financial burden on the parish rate. The Clerk was directed to write a short article for the parish magazine.

CODE OF CONDUCT It was agreed that the Clerk will attend the training at Camelford in January and to discuss the new Code of Conduct and Dispensations at the January parish council meeting.

PARISH OFFICE – The office is in use, the sign has been fixed and the storage units and contents have been transferred from the Parish Hall to the Parish Office. Superfast broadband is still not available in Week St Mary and may not be until May 2013. It was agreed not to wait for Superfast Broadband and to go ahead with broadband. The parish council will enquire if ECLAG are willing to allow the grant, that had been agreed for superfast broadband, to be used for broadband. It was agreed that some form of residual low heating is required and that heating is also required when the office is in use.

PUBLIC TOILETS the toilet door has been repaired; the new flooring cannot be laid until a wood edging to level the floor has been fitted. There was a discussion about the urinal and screen - the advantage of a urinal is less water usage but there was concern about the high cost of the screen. For security, safety and efficiency it was agreed to install PIR lights on the

outside of the public toilet and parish office and on the inside of the public conveniences. It was noted that the repairs to the leaking cistern and dripping taps have not been done and this will be followed up.

FOOTPATHS - CC have been liaising direct with the parish footpath co-ordinator. A request will be made to replace the missing footpath signs.

HIGHWAYS – There are several roads in the parish that have drainage issues, potholes and flooding and the Clerk will inform CC Highways Department and ask for them to be inspected.

CLERK'S CONTRACT The Clerk was offered the job on a permanent basis.

PLANNING There were no Decision Notices from CC.

PLANNING – The parish council had no objections to the following applications: a)

PA12/10487 - Proposed steel framed building for dung storage. Land at Greenamoor Week St Mary. Mr W Hannaford. b) PA12/10486 - Extension to steel framed building for livestock feeding gathering area and dung storage. Reeve House Week St Mary. Mr T Colwill.

DATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S MEETINGS The meetings are all planned for the 3rd Monday except in September when it will be the 4th Monday.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2013

Bobbie Heathcote Parish Clerk