

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting took place on Monday 21st January 2013 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr L Davies with 6 Councillors, the Clerk, Cornwall Councillor P Tucker and 2 members of the public present.

The following matters were discussed:

Parish Housing Summary -the final draft is awaited.

Jubilee Oak Tree – further enquiries are being made.

Open Forum – There was a discussion between the councillors and a representative from Week St Mary Football club concerning the lease and tipping arrangements and plans that the club have for future.

Bude Community Network Meeting – The Clerk gave a brief report from the meeting which she and the Chairman had attended. Following reports from representative from Cornwall Affordable Housing and Homechoice there was an informal discussion about affordable housing procedures and other matter discussed included matters relating to Bude Canal.

Arrangements for reimbursement for Clerk's use of IT and broadband. The Clerk had sought advice from Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC), IT providers and online accountancy advice and it was agreed that the proposed figures are acceptable to be paid quarterly in arrears.

Playing Field. The grant money for a skateboard area has been received and it was agreed to place the order for equipment.

Correspondence was dealt with and in addition to the list on the agenda, items circulated at the meeting included the Clerks & Councils Direct magazine; a letter dated 16.01.13 from CC re Precept; Parish Council Bank Reconciliation and 3rd quarter Budget Report and information about an Adult Care Support event at Fraddon .

Finance Cheques were raised for the following R Wood - toilet cleaning; Tamar of Launceston - 6 x mortice & 5 cylinder keys; CC Stratton Primary School – photocopying; Martin Group Services – parish office IT equipment; Staples – Stationery; Cornish Tractors - grit spreader; Congdons Carpet & Furniture Centre, Barriball & Co & P Sachs – flooring in public conveniences; JA & MC - toilet consumables. Direct debit details to SWW and EDF were given.

Precept – Following an announcement in December 2012 by the Department for Communities and Local Government it was announced that 2% capping limit will not apply to Town and Parish Councils for 2013/14 but there is no guarantee that parish capping will not apply in the future. CC Full Council will meet on 29.01.13 to reconsider a Council Tax Support Grant Funding for 2013/.14 and they cannot confirm the final tax base figure until after that date.

Financial Regulations are being circulated.

On-line Banking – it was agreed that the Clerk will arrange to have the facility set up.

Code Of Conduct The Clerk had attended training at Camelford in January and it is recommended that all councillors attend the newly arranged training session in Bude in February.

Parish Office – The first part of the grant from ECLAG is expected soon. The IT equipment has been purchased and arrangements are underway for a telephone line and it is hoped that training sessions can commence very soon.

Public Toilets Passive Infra-Red (PIR) lights will be installed on the outside of the building and on the interior of the public conveniences.

Parish Greens C Cllr P Tucker agreed to follow up enquiries about the situation re the grass areas in Ashbury Grove.

Footpaths LMP The claim form was signed by the Chair and Clerk.

Highways – on 17.12.12 O Jones. CC Highways Manager advised he had requested that the road defects in the parish will be checked and dealt with and C Cllr P Tucker offered to follow the matter up.

Planning The following applications have been approved by CC: 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.

The parish council had no objections to application PA12/11667 - Construction of extension to form annexe to dwelling. Higher Whiteleigh Farm Whitstone. Mr & Mrs L Hepper.

Next Meeting - Monday 18th February 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Bobbie Heathcote Clerk