

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting took place on Monday 18th February 2013 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr L Davies with 7 Councillors, the Clerk, Cornwall Councillor P Tucker and 26 members of the public present.

The following matters were discussed:

PARISH HOUSING SUMMARY -the final draft is still awaited.

JUBILEE OAK TREE –No news.

OPEN FORUM – There was extensive dialogue relating to a Parish Green Energy Survey. Several concerns were expressed among them, the timing of the survey and risks from such a survey depending on the number of responses and whether in general parishioners had enough knowledge to enable them to make an adequately informed response. A request was made to delay sending out a survey for at least 6 weeks. The Chairman thanked the public and confirmed their views would be considered.

GREEN ENERGY PARISH SURVEY There was a short discussion about whether to proceed with a survey. It was agreed that Mrs Smith will forward a copy of the survey to the Clerk who will send copies to each councillor for a discussion at the next meeting.

FOOTBALL FIELD LEASE & TIPPING LICENSE PLANNING APPLICATION The football club had been given a copy of the draft lease and they had itemised some points which they wished to be addressed. Each item was discussed and the councillors agreed whether or not to accept the football club's requests. Mr P Sachs will contact Mrs L Mason to discuss amendments. Cllr P Tucker advised that he has been liaising with the planning department in relation to a planning application for tipping but they are waiting for documents showing the scaled cross section for the area.

SKATEBOARD PARK A half pipe skate ramp and accessories have been ordered. The grant from CC and the funds already raised will not cover all the costs and Week St Mary youths have agreed to continue to fundraise to cover the costs which will go towards the installation, the required safety checks and notices.

CODE OF CONDUCT & DISPENSATIONS The new Code of Conduct was adopted and it was agreed that granting of dispensations will be decided by the parish council.

STANDING ORDERS As a result of the new Code of Conduct, the Standing Orders need to be amended. The Clerk will forward copies of the Standing Orders recommended in 2011 with the 2013 recommended amendments for discussion at the next meeting.

CARAVAN - WEEK GREEN It was noted that there is caravan that appears to be in permanent use and the Clerk will enquire from CC if planning permission is required.

WEEK ST MARY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held on 15th April 2013 with the normal Parish Council meeting a week later on 22.04.13.

PLAYING FIELD – The Chairman advised that the swing seats are old and beyond repair.

CORRESPONDENCE was dealt with and in addition to the list on the agenda, items circulated at the meeting included: mail Nicky May re survey, East Sub-Area Planning Committee 2.02.13, Forestry Commission Green Connect 3 on 2nd March 2013 at Plymouth.

FINANCE Cheques were raised for the following toilet cleaner; toilet consumables; IT & Broadband and parish office chairs. Income was received from CC for Footpath Local Maintenance Partnership and ECLAG grant for the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE – Official opening 16.03.13. There will be a presentation in the Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, the parish office will be open and refreshments will be available. Mrs M Smith advised that there is, after many problems, a telephone line and broadband. Mrs Smith read a letter of complaint she will send to BT cataloguing a list of incidences of mismanagement by BT throughout the entire process. A BT invoice addressed to the parish office will be returned with the letter.

PARISH GREENS – C Cllr Tucker is still looking into the transfer of ownership of the greens in Ashbury Grove.

FOOTPATHS LMP – deferred to the next meeting.

HIGHWAYS have been informed about overgrown hedges in the parish.

PLANNING Decision Notice:PA12/11965 Prior Notification for the construction of an agricultural barn Westcott Farm Week St Mary Mr J Grigg Prior approval not req'd (AF/TEL/DEM)

PLANNING application PA13/00182 Conversion of and extension to old school building to dwelling (amended scheme to PA12/04371). Land east of Glebe Court Week St Mary. Mr D Short. It was noted that the parish council had recommended refusal of PA12/04371 due to the reduced parking. The Clerk was directed to respond to CC that there are concerns that with an increased number of bedrooms there is the likelihood of more residents' cars needing space to park and that the overall height of the building should not be increased.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 18th March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

B Heathcote Parish Clerk