

## WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr J Ward with 9 Councillors and the Clerk. Also present were C Cllr N Chopak PC N Jessop and three members of the public. The following matters were discussed:

**DOG MESS** A small working party of councillors had met and cleared the dog mess Back Lane but more has occurred and other places in the village. Mr A Rathbone, CC Dog Welfare and Enforcement Officer will visit when next in the area and he sent some dog fouling notices.

**PC N JESSOP** praised the organisation and security arrangements at the music festival and advised he has not been called to incidents of anti-social behaviour in Week St Mary. PC Jessop answered questions some of which related to problems arising when roads are blocked by parked cars and he advised that it is no longer a police issue but the jurisdiction of CC Highways and the police can only intervene if roads are impassable for cars. The councillors raised the question about emergency service vehicles being impeded and Cllr N Chopak offered to follow the matter up with CC Highways. PC Jessop confirmed that he and colleagues regularly drive around the 9 villages in his area

**OPEN FORUM AT THE DISCRETION OF COUNCILLORS** - Concern was expressed about Japanese Knotweed infestation in public places and private gardens in the parish and during the discussion it was noted that this invasive weed is a very serious problem but CC only treat public areas and is not a notifiable weed. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to get details of the locations of the weed in the parish to determine how to best tackle the problem. The only way to tackle the weed is with a specific weed killer and it should never be cut, pulled or burnt.

**C CLLR N CHOPAK** advised she will forward grant application details and confirmed that other parishes in her ward are keen to have a joint meeting. She advised that CC will announce the draft budget for 2014/15 early September and there will be open meetings arranged to facilitate discussions about the budget. Cllr Chopak agreed to make enquiries about better recycling services and check on progress relating to the greens in Ashbury Grove in respect of the agreement between NDCD and the developer.

**PLANNING** – 1 x Decision Notice. PA13/05912 Consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 for retention and upgrade of existing 11kv overhead line to 3 phase and to extend the distribution network by constructing new 3 phase 11kv overhead line No objections (OHL/HG apps). Land Owned By Week Orchard Marhamchurch. Western Power Distribution. 1 x Application. PA13/06216 Demolish existing masonry porch, utility and store and replace with new single storey porch, utility, wet room and study. Higher Whiteleigh Farm Whitstone . Mr & Mrs Hepper Week St. Mary. It was agreed to make no comment. 4 x Queries: Installation of pedestrian access to roadway by the Old School House and building works carried out at the rear and side of The Willows – the Clerk will ask CC if planning permission is required and if so was permission granted. It was agreed to query with Cornwall Council the planning status of a caravan that appears to be occupied and the roadside elevation on Old School Barn Conversion.

**FOOTBALL FIELD LEASE & TIPPING LICENSE PLANNING APPLICATION** – The Lease was agreed and Mr P Sachs was thanked for all his work and time spent dealing with the matter and enabling a satisfactory result and a letter of thanks will be sent to Mrs L Mason thanking her for her legal expertise, support and advice. The Football Club committee will install a lock on the large gate and provide a pedestrian gate and stabilise the bank in the north west corner with hard-core; they wish to extend the car park area and will present their proposal in due course

**CORRESPONDENCE** - In addition to the list on the agenda, items dealt with included: the Notice of Approval of the Audit Return. Notification from Good Energy for their second public consultation on the renewable energy farm proposals in Week St Mary Parish Hall on 04.09.13, 12.30 – 8.30pm. CC poster advertising a free Road Safety workshop in Bude aimed to assist older drivers and details about Neighbourhood Planning meetings.

**GOOD COUNCILLORS GUIDE 4TH EDITION** - It was agreed not to buy hard copies as they are available by email.

**CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW** – Following a short discussion about the Code, the Clerk was directed to respond that, in the opinion of the councillors, the downgraded sanctions are inadequate.

**FINANCE** Cheques were raised for the following: toilet cleaner; toilet consumables; magazine paper, annual audit, toilet door repairs and direct debits were approved for electricity and telephone line rental.

There was no income and current bank and building society balances were reported.

One tender was received for Week St Mary footpaths as part of the Local Maintenance Partnership Footpaths. The applicant has the required insurance and certificate cover and experience. The councillors agreed to accept the tender and for the applicant will liaise with the Footpath Co-ordinator.

**PLAYING FIELD** – The skateboard park has been erected and is giving much enjoyment; it was agreed to order safety signs and make some modifications to improve safety; it was agreed to check if the weeds in and around the play area need clearing.

**PUBLIC TOILETS** – There has been problem with a faulty duo-flushing system and the plumbers will be asked to visit and reinstate the single flushing system as soon as possible.

**PARISH GREENS** – It was agreed to organise moving the granite pig trough from its current position to the Green.

**DOG BINS** – CC have advised that a bin (to include servicing) is £85.

**BUDE AREA COMMUNITY NETWORK** – councillors will consider and suggest priority matters for inclusion for the next meeting.

**WEEK ST MARY EMERGENCY PLANNING, INCLUDING FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE NEW LOCALISATION OF HEALTH IN CORNWALL**

Mr P Coulson has made progress and will report in due course.

**TRELISKE HOSPITAL – REPORTED WAITING TIMES TO ADMISSION TO A & E** - It was agreed prudent to delay writing until the Treliske Management/Trustee Board has been determined.

**ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW** -Deferred to the next meeting

**CLERK'S ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW** – Following the review, some changes were approved which the Clerk accepted.

**NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA** – Risk Assessment Review, Japanese Knotweed.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Parish Council Meeting Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

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