

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 19th December 2013 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr J Ward with 9 Councillors, the Clerk and Cornwall Cllr N Chopak. No members of the public present. The following matters were discussed:

MATTERS ARISING – the response and map from SWW relating to the drainage at Ashbury Gove were discussed. C Cllr N Chopak will pursue the request for someone from CC Corporate Legal Dept to visit and advise on the criteria for councillor dispensations relating to Renewable Energy applications. Unfortunately all the free trees had been allocated to other parishes/groups.

C CLLR N CHOPAK – gave an update on relevant matters: CC have set their budget with a 1.97% community tax rise for 2014/15; the planning application from KRONUS for a solar panel farm in North Tamerton parish has been refused; CC does not have plans for recycling waste food or foil; there may new funds for public transport (to be announced in January 2014) so some bus routes will be reinstated, she confirmed there are no plans to cut the current Week St Mary bus service.

PLANNING - 1 x Decision Notices approved by CC. PA13/07981 - Erection of a temporary anemometry 80m high mast for a period of two years. Land South of Creddacott Farm Week St Mary. Good Energy Cedar Windfarm Limited. 1 x planning applications - Outline application for an agricultural worker's dwelling. Land North West of Week Orchard Marhamchurch. Mr Trevor Congdon. Following a discussion the vote to recommend refusal was unanimous. Queries – C Cllr N Chopak is continuing to follow up matters previously raised.

CORRESPONDENCE – twelve items were placed for circulation.

WEEK ST MARY PARISH HALL - there is a water leak and, to avoid cost, water has been turned off at the stopcock. The hall committee are in contact with SWW to discuss the best way to identify the location of the leak and remedial works. The councillors discussed the possibility of allocated parish council funds to the hall for 2014/15 but a decision was deferred.

WEEK ST MARY PLAYING FIELD - The hedge adjacent to the entrance to the field has been trimmed which has improved visibility and it is hoped the other side will be similarly trimmed in due course. Following a discussion, it was agreed to plan to replace the fence/boundary on the tennis courts.

FINANCE - payments were approved. A draft set of figures for the precept had been circulated. CC has advised that the 2014/15 Local Council Tax Support Grants payable to Week St Mary is £1,111.28 and they predict it will reduce annually in the medium term. After much discussion it was agreed to increase the annual parish precept by 1.97%.

PLAYING FIELD Bude Rural Inter-Parish Shields (BRIPS), setup in 2007 to promote sporting opportunities for the youth in Bude rural parishes by Bude Police has been dissolved, some equipment has been given to groups and the funds shared between Bude area rural parishes with £100 allocated for Week St Mary Skateboard Park.

COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Parish Office: outside lights not working; on-line BT billing will be set up; due to administrative delays getting a business account with the supply company, the heater has not been ordered.

Public Toilets: following removal of the dual flushing system, water usage has decreased.

Parish Greens: It was agreed to organise advertising for tenders in time for the 2014/15 year/season

Highways Cllr N Chopak offered to speak to CC about potholes on parish roads.

Dog bins: The owner of Waxhill has advised that dog owners are letting dogs roam freely down the footpath which doubles as a lane to his farm. In addition to the dog faeces, the farmer is concerned that the dogs will worry his livestock. Although designated a footpath, it does not lead anywhere. The Clerk will notify the dog warden and a suitable note will be placed in the magazine.

Community Policing: a letter asking for a Neighbourhood Beat Officer to be reinstated will be sent.

Transport: There was no response from CC or the bus service provider to the letter sent in November.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 9th January 2014