

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 13th February 2014 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr J Ward with six Councillors, the Clerk and Cornwall Cllr N Chopak present. Three members of the public present. The following matters were discussed:

MATTERS ARISING – It was agreed that the visit of a representative from CC Legal Services - Corporate Governance had been very worthwhile. CC have advised that they believe the holding tanks at Ashbury Grove are the responsibility of SWW, however SWW have previously advised that the holding tanks did not form any part of the adoption on this site. The Clerk will follow this up.

OPEN FORUM AT THE DISCRETION OF COUNCILLORS – Points in relation to CC School Transport Consultation were raised following letters sent from CC to parents/carer of every child currently using CC home to school transport and a letter from the Headteacher at Jacobstow Primary School. During the discussion it was clarified that the statutory walking distance is defined as two miles for children aged under eight years and three miles for children aged over eight years. Walking distance is measured by the shortest route and this may include footpaths, bridleways and other pathways as well as roads and is not calculated 'as the crow flies'. It was also mentioned that the current bus service is not always reliable.

CORNWALL COUNCIL SCHOOL TRANSPORT CONSULTATION During the discussion the councillors concurred with the points raised during the open forum. The councillors agreed to respond to the consultation indicating why home to school transport should be provided, especially for children living in rural areas, as the reality of primary school children walking up to 2 - 3 miles is not feasible.

PLANNING – 2 x Decision Notices approved by CC – PA13/10056 - Outline application for an agricultural worker's dwelling. Land North West Of Week Orchard. Mr Trevor Congdon. PA13/10467 - Construction of an agricultural shed. Thatched Cottage Week Orchard. Mr Chris Congdon. 1 x planning applications (for information only) PA14/00666 - Western Power Distribution retain and upgrade the existing overhead line between poles 35H87 and 35HBD4 situated in the Parish of Week St Mary. The electric line will be defined as a distributing main suitable for the transmission of three phase current at a frequency of fifty cycles per second and a pressure of 11000 volts. It will consist of three power conductors suspended not less than 5.2m from ground level and will require the addition of one new pole placed in the approximate position shown on plan numbered 1385026B - Mr Geoff May. Trefrouse Week St Mary. Queries – C Cllr N Chopak gave feedback on her enquiries.

CORRESPONDENCE – 17 items were placed for circulation.

MOBILE LIBRARY CONSULTATION – The response from the parish council is that if savings necessary that the mobile library visits are not cut but reduced from fortnightly to monthly visits and that they continue to stop twice in Week St Mary at the existing stops.

WEEK ST MARY PLAYING FIELD – The parish council were successful in their application for a grant from the County Councillor's Community Chest to replace the tennis court fence and have been awarded the maximum amount of £1000.

FUNDING FOR WEEK ST MARY PARISH HALL – the parish councillors agreed to make a grant to the committee towards the costs of a new heating system.

FINANCE - payments were approved and income noted.

COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES - Parish Office – the new heater has been installed. PIR lights not working. Public Toilets - EDF current fixed term period ends 31.03.14. Parish Greens – No tenders have been received and it was agreed to extend the deadline to 13.03.14. Footpaths LMP – A tree has fallen onto a footpath and the Clerk will enquire if clearing it is the responsibility of the owner of the land where the tree fell from or CC. Highways – patching work is planned by CORMAC in February Dog bins - the dog bin by the toilets has been removed and the Clerk will make enquiries about its whereabouts from CC. Concern was expressed that dog mess in the village is very bad again and that there have been cases of dogs attacking sheep.

REPORT FROM BUDE COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING 13.01.14 - The Chairman had attended the meeting and advised it had been very worthwhile.

WEEK ST MARY ANNUAL OPEN PARISH MEETING will be on Thursday 03.04.14

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA Freedom of Information policy, Code of Conduct.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 13th March 2014