

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 8th May 2014 at 7.30pm under the vice-chairmanship of Mr P Sachs with seven Councillors and the Clerk. C Cllr N Chopak, Mr P Dorren and Mrs L Mason were in attendance, no other members of the public were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Mr J Ward elected as Chair; Mrs M Smith elected as Vice-Chair.

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and conveyed thanks and congratulations to the councillors who handled the GE planning application, and especially to Mrs M Smith for chairing; by general agreement, a difficult situation was handled effectively and professionally and a great deal of preparation and research went into making such a comprehensive response. Mrs M Smith thanked everyone else who had helped.

The following matters were discussed:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were noted and no requests for dispensations were received.

MATTERS ARISING – C Cllr N Chopak advised that that the tanks at Ashbury Grove have not been adopted and it was agreed to investigate further. Mr S May and the Clerk had attended Bude Area Community Network Panel Meeting at which presentations were given by CC officers relating to Neighbourhood Plans and the Library service. The results of CC consultation on the Library service have not yet been published. Copies of the notes and presentations from the meeting had been circulated to councillors.

OPEN FORUM - matters raised included information from the Western Morning News that Holsworthy Hospital bed numbers are to be reduced; Police Commission's plans to reduce the number of non-essential police stations and the long time 'on-hold' when calling the non-emergency telephone number 101. Advice was given that there have been some problems with livestock and people with their dogs while walking some footpaths and that there are many missing Public Footpath signs.

PLANNING – 2 x Decision Approved Notices from CC: PA14/01632 - Application for works to tree subject to Tree Preservation Order namely fell one Ash tree located on South East boundary. Meadow View The Glebe. Mrs Beth Sachs and PA13/08631 - Construction of a cover over an existing dung pit. Trefrouse. Mr and Mrs EA and JA Retallick. 2 x Planning Applications PA14/03100 - To construct a clear polycarbonate sheet, lean to roof over an existing side access path to provide storage and dry access to rear of property. 19 Ashbury Grove. Mr & Mrs Daniel Booker. There are no objections in principle to the lean-to but it was agreed to recommend that the roofing material is more in keeping with the area. PA14/02894 - Application for Lifting of Condition 2 on Decision Notice 96/0245 for the Construction of an Agricultural Dwelling (agricultural occupancy condition). Green Acre At Greenamoor Week St Mary. Mr & Mrs W Hannaford. It was agreed to recommend refusal.

COUNCILLORS' RESPONSIBILITIES - Public Conveniences, Parish Office and Liaison with Jacobstow Primary School - Mrs M Smith. Community Policing - Messrs W Pearce and P Coulson. Public Transport Representative - Mr W Pearce. Playing Field and Football Field - Mr P Sachs. Highways and Streetlights - Mr I Barriball. Finance – Mr P Coulson. Public Footpaths – Mr P Dorren (on behalf of the parish council).

CORRESPONDENCE – 15 items had been circulated

FINANCE - payments were approved and income noted. Annual Audit Return –The Internal Auditor has finalised her undertaking and signed her approval; copies of the annual return, receipts and payments, income and expenditure, supporting notes and bank reconciliation had been circulated and the finance and governance schedules were approved by the council.

RENEWAL/TENDERS for contracts for the village greens, playing field grass and toilet cleaning were discussed.

TRANSPORT - Following Cornwall Council tendering process, the provider for the Week St Mary service, which will remain unchanged, is Summercourt Travel of Newquay. The results of the School Transport Consultation area awaited.

FOOTPATHS LMP PARTNERSHIP – It was agreed that, as the increased public liability cover required by CC has an impact on the premium, the contractor will increase his charge.

HIGHWAYS – More road surface defects have been reported. C Cllr Chopak will liaise with Highways.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 12th June 2014

Bobbie Heathcote