

# WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr J Ward with eight Councillors and the Clerk. C Cllr N Chopak was in attendance, no other members of the public were present.

## ***The following matters were discussed:***

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

**MATTERS ARISING** –The information received from Pearce Construction relating to the holding tanks in Ashbury Grove was inconclusive and the Clerk will ask again for copies of a technical drawing/plan. Copies of responses relating to proposed cutbacks from the Police Commissioner, Devon and Cornwall Police Chief Constable and D Rogerson, MP had been circulated. It was agreed that Messrs P Coulson and W Pearce will liaise send a further letter.

**PLANNING** – 5 x Decision Notices from CC: - The following two were approved: PA14/04358 - Single storey rear extension porch. Detached single storey garage and store. The Barn Week Green, Week St Mary. Mr Paul Cartwright & PA14/03262 - Listed Building Consent for front window replacement. Hayescott Week St. Mary. Mr Neil Breen. PA14/04417 - Works to tree in a Conservation Area - namely fell one sycamore (T1)Wentworth House Week St Mary. Mr R Sowerby. Decided not to make a TPO. PA12/09430 - The Old Garage Week St Mary. Mr K J Bromell. S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps. 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 Week St. Mary. Mr & Mrs D Booker. Withdrawn.

1 x Planning Application - PA14/04848 - Works to extend balcony by approximately 0.65m, replace external stairs on the south elevation and make alterations with new finishes to the balustrade and balcony floor. 5 Market Place Week St. Mary. Mr I Barriball. Councillors with an interest left the room while the planning application was dealt with. The parish council had no objections.

Other planning matters: Little Exe Cottage application PA14/12113 will be withdrawn and the date when the Strategic Planning committee will deal with the Big Field Wind Farm PA14/02107 has been deferred to September and may be even later.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Mrs N CHOPAK updated the council on some County matters including: a decision resulting from the Mobile Library consultation is expected 26.07.14. The decision resulting from the School Transport consultation is still awaited but it is expected that there will not be changes affecting rural school transport arrangements. There was no update about the responsibility for the road leading from the Village Square to the Church Gate.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – 31 items had been circulated. A parishioner has written in relation to the noise coming from a wind turbine on land at Week Orchard which is disturbing their sleep and adversely affecting their lives and well-being. Cllr N Chopak offered to contact the Planning Department.

**CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING** - CC is providing free training, covering updates to the Code at Whitstone.

**PARKING ISSUES** - Problems caused by inconsiderate parking were discussed. The areas causing most concern are the roads around the Old School. Problems are also caused by large lorries, tractors and other commercial vehicles parked by the side of the road. The outcome is that in many places there are long stretches where the road is reduced to a single lane with very little room for large, including farm vehicles to pass and accessing from junctions is very dangerous where visibility is exacerbated by overgrown vegetation. The Councillors passed a resolution to investigate having double yellow lines on the worse affected roads. Excessive speed of some traffic was also discussed. The Clerk will advise PCSO Ross about parking and speeding issues and CC about vegetation obscuring visibility. .

**PLAYING FIELD** – parish council representative committee member vacancies, a request for a fundraising event, the tennis court fence and direct debit payments to SWW were discussed.

**SITE OF DERELICT CARAVAN** - CC Environmental Health has visited the site and advised that it is not possible for them to take any formal action.

**CALC TRAINING ON MINUTES AND AGENDA** The Clerk attended training provided by Cornwall Association of Local Councils on Agendas at Bodmin and will attend a session on Minutes in September.

**FINANCE** - payments were approved; there was no income; bank balances were noted. The Bank Reconciliation and Balance Sheet for the first quarter were approved.

**RENEWAL/TENDERS FOR CONTRACTS FOR TOILET CLEANING** - It was unanimously agreed to extend the contract for another 2 years without the need for re-tendering.

**ANNUAL AUDIT** - The Annual Return has been approved and returned.

**COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES** – Footpaths: it was agreed that for safety reasons, (for a trial period) dogs if kept on a short lead and restricted to the concrete path, can be taken into the playing field area for the distance from the Back Lane footpath towards the village to avoid walking in the road.

Highways – it was noted that the raised area around the War Memorial on one corner has been damaged. Transport – the new bus providers are running the service

**POOR MAN'S PIECE** – Two parishioners are the acting trustees and following a discussion about the Trust, it was agreed to check the constitution. Mr S May agreed to become a parish council representative on the trust later in the year.

**NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA** - Financial Regulations, Review Variable Direct Debits, Section 137 & Village Groups Grants, Dog Bins, Building Society, Playing Field Committee, Clerk's Annual Review & Approval of Contract.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** August 14th 2014

*Bobbie Heathcote*