

# WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 11th September 2014 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mrs M Smith with seven Councillors and the Clerk. C Cllr N Chopak was in attendance. No members of the public were present.

The following matters were discussed:

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS** there were no declarations and no requests for dispensations were received.

**MATTERS ARISING** – Ashbury Grove holding tanks - Pearce Construction has advised that it is not their company's policy to give out technical information.

**Underuse of Stratton Hospital:** The Clerk has written to ND Healthcare Trust, CEO Peninsula Community Health and J Beer, N & E Cornwall Peninsula Community Health Locality Manager but not any responses yet received.

**Response to letter re Police cutbacks.** No further news.

**Delay to Superfast Cornwall in Week St Mary.** The response from Superfast Cornwall Project Manager confirmed that Fibre to Premises is confirmed for the village and it is hoped the network will be completed by the end of November. Various challenges such as private wayleave agreements, technical and engineering issues have caused delays.

**NO OPEN FORUM**

**DISCUSS CORNWALL COUNCIL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPENDING** - concerns were raised that some departments within CC are posting information by Royal Mail despite a previous agreement to do so by email and that some items in the post are unnecessary and/or duplicated. Cllr N Chopak offered to make enquiries.

**PLANNING** – 1 Decision Notices. PA14/06456- Agricultural machinery storage building. Stonyfold Farm Week St Mary. Mr Stuart May.

**APPROVED.**

1 x Application. PA14/07264 – Proposed extension and new garage. Greenleigh Week St Mary. Mr Jak Gubbin. The parish councillors agree to make no comment.

**Queries & Other Planning Matters** - PA14/08307 - Proposed alterations to existing shop front to form new bay window to match the existing bay window. Regent House Week St Mary Week St. Mary. Mr & Mrs Nicholson. Details had just been received and will be dealt with at the October parish council meeting.

PA14/02107 - Wind farm development of up to 11 turbines (up to 125m to blade tip) along with attendant equipment and infrastructure including 132kV substation, underground cabling, access tracks, crane pads, temporary construction compound, meteorological mast and off site highways work. Land At and Adjoining Creddacott, Week St Mary. The Big Field Wind Farm. Mr John Colombi. Additional information has been submitted subsequent to the submission of the original Environmental Statement provided in support of this planning application. Therefore in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2011 these further details which include additional information in respect of landscape impact, ecology, noise, transport, heritage, alternative sites and agricultural land classification are being consulted on. Details had just been received and will be dealt with at the October parish council meeting. The Strategic Planning Committee meeting in Truro will be 23.10.14. Planning Conference at Trethorne Leisure Park 08.10.14, 2 – 8pm. £10 per delegate. .

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Mrs N CHOPAK advised that there are lengthy discussions being held at County Hall to best find ways of making the £196 million cuts that CC are required to make by 2018. Prior to the budget being agreed there is a public meeting on Monday 13 October from 7pm in the Falcon Hotel. Bude. Regarding the Mobile Library, 1 van has been scrapped and of the 2 remaining, 1 will probably go in 12 months; a borrow box scheme has been introduced whereby free eBooks can be downloaded.

Cllr Chopak is still planning to have a meeting in the parish with CC Highways staff to discuss road issues in the parish.

Cllr Chopak advised the parish council to consider community benefits in respect of the Big Farm Wind Farm proposal.

Cllr Chopak advised that no community benefits had been agreed in respect of the Canworthy Solar Wind Farm. A Unilateral Undertaking had been drafted by Kronus but it had never been ratified by CC. Kronus has since sold the Solar Farm. Suggestions were made for Week St Mary, Warbstow, Jacobstow and North Petherwin parish council to liaise and Cllr N Chopak offered to contact the Solar Wind Farm Company.

CORRESPONDENCE– 22 items had been circulated.

PARKING ISSUES - PCSO S Ross and other officers have been visiting Week St Mary whenever possible and checking the area and she will endeavour to visit evenings and weekends. There are still concerns about vehicles at Box Tree House as there is a car parked at the entrance to the footpath.

DAMAGE TO WAR MEMORIAL BASE - Mr I Barriball offered to attend to getting the base repaired.

PLAYING FIELD - It was agreed that there are several items that are old and need painting and/or varnishing and generally given a facelift and hedges both sides need cutting. Estimated costs to cover labour and materials are £3,000 - £4,000. The councillors will discuss how best to manage funding the work when the 6 monthly budget figures are analysed.

Tennis Court Fence. – It was agreed to tender for the old fence to be removed.

SITE OF DERELICT CARAVAN - It was noted that someone is clearing the site and the councillors were wondering who has given permission.

FINANCE - Payments were approved; income and bank balances were noted.

The Clerk advised that at the training session she had recently attended that it is recommended to record in the minutes details of relevant Government Acts used to expend parish council funds.

#### COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Parish Office - PIR light not working

Dog bins –The Clerk will contact the relevant CC departments and request that a dog/wastebin is placed on the grass by the electricity substation by Glebe House.

Parish Plan – Mrs M Smith advised that she had attended a meeting at Werrington who are doing a Neighbourhood Plan

Parish Assets – A hard-backed book has been purchased in order to have a permanent record of assets.

Highways – The Clerk will check if all the work in relation to the damaged drain near Glen Grant was completed. CC has confirmed that the uneven road by the Methodist Chapel will be investigated.

Public Toilets, Parish Greens, Footpaths LMP, Community Policing,

Transport – Nothing to report

#### REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS:

Parish Hall – There was a discussion relating to VAT legislation and whether the Parish Council can claim VAT reimbursement on behalf of the Parish Hall.

No reports from the Football Club, Magazine or Poor Man's Piece Trustees

CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE Local Government Act 1972 ss15 (5) & 35 (5) – It was agreed to consider when setting the next precept.

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL EXPENSES WHEN ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL Local Government Act 1972 S173, s174 & s175 – The Clerk will enquire if councillors would have to ensure they have to insure their vehicles for business if they accepted reimbursement payments.

CLERK'S CONTRACT & ANNUAL REVIEW - Deferred to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA – Consider items for the Precept. Clerk's Contract & Annual Review, Councillors' Travel Expenses reimbursement, Review dogs on leads walking on the path in playing field.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING October 9th 2014**

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