

## WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr J Ward with six 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 were noted and there were no requests for DISPENSATIONS MATTERS ARISING - Response to letter re underuse of Stratton Hospital. Peninsular Community Health have advised that the air quality in the operating rooms had failed the health and safety check and they are working hard to rectify the system and that consultations for some health conditions are regularly held at Stratton Hospital.

Response to letter re Police cutbacks - the letter prepared by Messrs P Coulson and W Pearce will be sent to Devon and Cornwall Police with a copy to D Rogerson MP.

Unnecessary post from CC - C Cllr N Chopak advised that the Adult Education Centre have a system which should avoid hard copies being posted needlessly and they are checking their procedures to ensure that requests for information by email are upheld.

OPEN FORUM AT THE DISCRETION OF COUNCILLOR - The Clerk confirmed that a letter of thanks, on behalf of the parish council, has been sent to Mr R Pearce in recognition of the commitment he gave to the village and parish and for all the fundraising events held when Treetops was open.

It was agreed to enquire where the defibrillator is kept and how the Community Emergency Plan for Week St Mary is progressing.

The Clerk will contact Holsworthy Hamlets parish council for an update re Holsworthy Hospital and ask for Week St Mary to be kept informed.

Cllr N Chopak is meeting with O Jones, CC Highways Manager on Wednesday and will show him all the problem areas, including the path between the Village Square and the Church gate, all around the Old School House, parking on the Public Right of Way at Box Tree Cottage, bollards at Delabole Head, Flodden Tor road, road to Box's Shop and road near Trelay.

PLANNING – 1 x Decision Notice. PA14/06076 - Lawful development certificate for the installation of dormer windows, re-siting of window and installation of door previously undertaken without consent. As approved under application 94/2202. Hillcrest Week St. Mary. Mr P Bromell. Granted (CAADs and LUs only).

4 x Applications. PA14/08307 - Proposed alterations to existing shop front to form new bay window to match the existing bay window. Regent House Week St Mary. Mr and Mrs Nicholson. It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval. 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. Due to there not being a quorum, the application will be dealt with at an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. PA14/08910 - Proposed new access drive with parking (resubmission of previous application PA14/04539 withdrawn 29.07.2014). 3 Week Green Week St Mary. Mr and Mrs K Lewis. There were no objections to the application but it was unanimously agreed to advise CC that a tree had been removed. PA14/09117 – Siting of CCTV cameras to serve approved solar park. Land west of South Wheatley, Wheatley Road, Maxworthy, Launceston. PS Renewables. The plans arrived 09.10.14 and are on the Agenda for the meeting on 14.10.14

1x Other Planning Matters - Parish Council representative at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting in Truro on 23.10.14. It was unanimously agreed that the Vice Chairman Mrs M Smith will represent the parish council and speak at the meeting regarding Good Energy applications.

THE BIG WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT - In the opinion of the parish council, Good Energy have not made a realistic community benefit offer.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR Mrs N CHOPAK has arranged meetings with representative from four parish councils to discuss community benefits with the owners of the solar farm at Canworthy Water.

CORRESPONDENCE - Sixteen items have been circulated.

**DAMAGE TO WAR MEMORIAL BASE** – A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr J Parkin who has repaired the two corners of the concrete base around the War Memorial. Mr J Parkin has also offered to power wash the War Memorial if he can access a nearby power supply.

**PLAYING FIELD - Tennis Court Fence.** – As only one quote, for work relating to the old fence removal, has been received it was agreed re-advertise for one more month. There was a short discussion about the provision of a footpath going round the two fields and whether any progress has been made.

**SITE OF DERELICT CARAVAN** - The Clerk read an email from a Week St Mary resident advising that acting on solicitor's advice, he has taken responsibility for clearing the site and keeping it in a safe and usable condition to provide garden space for himself and neighbours.

**FINANCE** – No income; payments were approved and bank balances were noted. The Bank Reconciliation and Balance Sheet for the half year were approved. 2015/16 Precept –draft figures had been circulated.

**COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES.** Parish Office – Unfortunately the PIR light is still not working.

**Dog bins** – The Chairman advised that a parishioner had contacted him raising objections to the proposed siting on the grass verge by Glebe House. It is proving difficult to find a suitable site at the top end of the village and it was agreed that further investigation is needed. Current consultation with Cornwall Council about the site by Glebe House has been halted. Unfortunately dog mess remains an ongoing problem.

**Public Toilets/Parish Greens/Footpaths LMP** – Nothing to report

**Highways road closures** Cherry Cross to Wheatley Road 3 – 7<sup>th</sup> November re SWW new water services work and Stewarts Road 7 – 21<sup>st</sup> October for pole replacement and tree cutting.

**Community Policing/Transport/Parish Plan/Council Assets** – Nothing to report

**RETENTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS** – Cornwall Council retention schedule had been circulated. CALC suggest that documents should be kept by the parish council for the recommended time and then dealt with according to the schedule. County Archive Department provide the facility to preserve/archive documents.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS:**

**Parish Hall** –The Clerk has checked guideline regarding Parish Councils' claiming VAT reimbursement on contractor work and referred to CALC for clarification. CALC have advised they are doubtful that parish councils can claim VAT reimbursement for work done on village halls but will make further enquiries.

**Football Club** – no advertising money has been received yet this year.

**Magazine/Poor Man's Piece** - No reports.

**COUNCILLORS TRAVEL EXPENSES WHEN ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** Local Government Act 1972 s173, s174 & s175 - Deferred to the next meeting.

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

**NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA** - Standing Order; Precept; Clerk's Contract & Annual Review; Retention of Documents; Dog/Waste bin site.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - November 13<sup>th</sup> 2014