

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 11th December 2014 at 7.30pm under the vice-chairmanship of Mrs M Smith with six Councillors and the Clerk present. No members of the public were present.

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following matters were discussed:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were noted and there were no requests for DISPENSATIONS
THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING - BT Telephone Kiosk - D Rogerson MP has written to Cornwall Council asking if they are going to object to BT's proposal to remove rural kiosks. Police Superintendent J Green had not confirmed his attendance for the December in time for the agenda and he will be invited to the January meeting. It was noted that the vacancy notice, prepared by CC, was incorrect and so the process will need to be re-done. A report from the meeting held in Camelford organised by Chacewater Parish Council had been received and circulated.

OPEN FORUM AT THE DISCRETION OF COUNCILLORS – There was a suggestion that it would be appropriate to have a memorial for the late Mr I Barriball which will be discussed at the next meeting and it was agreed to write a Note of Tribute for the Parish Magazine. The danger caused by moon flicker on the road at night from the wind turbine at Trefrouse was discussed CC will be advised accordingly.

PRECEPT 2015/16 – The parish council has kept the precept below 2% for several years, which has led to running at a deficit. There are several extra items of expenditure planned, including a defibrillator and upgrading the play area. Other expenditure is under discussion and the interest rates have reduced. Following careful consideration it was agreed to increase the precept for 2015/16 by £1,269.

PLANNING – 3 x Approved Decision Notices – i) PA14/09128 - Construction of a detached double garage with integral log store and office space adjacent to the house. Living Stone Barn Reeve House Week St. Mary. Mrs Jill Livingstone. ii) PA14/09934 - Works to mature beech tree (T1) covered by a Tree Preservation Order, namely to remove branches overhanging road to give approximately 5 metres clearance. The Rectory The Glebe Week St Mary. Mrs Donna Hazell. iii) PA14/10200 - Application for Non Material Amendment to E1/90/2485 for erection of an agricultural dwelling; namely changes to fenestration on South East Elevation 1) window to patio doors, 2) window to door; 3) increase depth of GFW; 4) increase depth of FFW; on North East Elevation 1) insert first floor window; 2) insert ground floor window; on South West Elevation 1) increase depth of GFW; 2) insert FFW. Land South Of Westcott Farm Week St Mary. Mr & Mrs P Ruskin.

During the discussion and voting on the planning applications, councillors' with interests left the room as appropriate

6 x Applications – i) PA14/10813 - Outline application with all matters reserved: Temporary license for an essential workers dwelling. Week Orchard Marhamchurch. Miss Lisa Congdon. This is a re-application to a similar proposal that the parish council had previously recommended for refusal and CC had refused.

The Planning Officer has advised that the reasons CC had given for refusal has now been addressed. The parish council agreed to make no response. ii) 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. CC has advised that a fresh application is required. iii) PA14/10232 – Construction of Agricultural building. Trefrouse Week St Mary. Mr J D Retallick. The parish council agreed to respond no comment. The following three applications are in adjoining parishes and CC had not consulted with Week St Mary Parish Council. iv) PA14/08270 - Construction of solar photovoltaic park and attendant infrastructure. Land At Hornacott West Ditchin North Tamerton. (North Tamerton Parish). v) PA14/08272 - Construction of photovoltaic park and attendant infrastructure. Villaton Farm and Killarney Boyton. (Boyton Parish). vi) PA14/08271 - Construction of solar photovoltaic park and attendant infrastructure. Northmoor Whitstone. (Whitstone Parish). It was noted that PA14/08271 has been approved by CC. It was unanimously agreed to recommend refusal for PA14/08270 & PA14/08272 and to ask for them to go to committee.

PS SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFITS – A response from PS Renewables is awaited.

CLERK'S CONTRACT, ANNUAL REVIEW & 2014 – 2016 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD - It was agreed to implement the 2.2% Clerk's salary increase as agreed by the National Joint Council. The Clerk's Contract was discussed and agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE - 14 items had been circulated and items dealt with at the meeting included i) Devolution & Decentralisation – the Case for Cornwall and ii) Community Assets which will both be placed on January's Agenda

DEFIBRILLATOR - As there is not a defibrillator within a 5 mile radius, the British Heart Foundation will support the request for one in Week St Mary and the application is progressing.

LIST OF WEEK ST MARY CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

How best to organise getting details was discussed and Mrs N Johns and P Coulson agreed to formulate a list of community building key holders and people with people who can operate 4xwheel drive vehicles.

WESTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION: COPPICING TREES ON LAND ON SOUTH SIDE OF ENTRANCE TO ASHBURY GROVE TO CREATE CLEARANCE FOR ELECTRICITY WIRES - Western Power have contracted Glendale to coppice the trees between Ashbury Grove and the Parish Office.

FINANCE - payments were approved, no income received and bank balances were noted,

COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES Dog bins – It was agreed there is not a suitable site to serve the top end of the village. Dog mess problems in the village was discussed and an article for the parish magazine will be prepared

Public Toilets – There was a discussion about whether or not to have a men's urinal in the unisex toilet and if one was installed whether it should be screened. **Footpaths LMP** – It was agreed to ask the footpath contractor clear the leaves in Back Lane. **Parish Greens** – The lights are on the tree on the Green and the Clerk will thank Mr & Mrs Dorren for supplying the electricity.

Highways – CC has confirmed they are investigating matters relating to the Flodden Tor road, Wax Hill to Treskinnick road and surface water at Meadow View.

Community Policing – The Clerk will follow-up a discussion with PCSO S Ross about speed cameras.

RECORDING, FILMING, BROADCASTING & SOCIAL MEDIA AT COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the new policy and the Clerk will advertise on the noticeboard that parish council meetings can be filmed or recorded.

RETENTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS - It was agreed not to forward any documents to County Archives at the present time.

BUS SHELTER - No further information.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATION - Football Club. Mrs C Slade reported on the meeting that she and Mr J Ward had attended with representatives from the Football Club to hear their plans. It was agreed to ask the Football Club to submit their suggestions and ideas in writing to the parish council before the February meeting. Some councillors expressed concern about the importance that all tipping must be monitored by the Football Club to adhere to the terms of the Tipping License as the Parish Council risk being levied with a large fine if illegal tipping occurs and that due consideration must be given that any tipping does not impair water drainage in the adjoining field.

PLAYING FIELD - The old tennis court fence has been removed. It was agreed to delay further work on the tennis court until the Football Club has provided a written report about their suggestions for the area.

Review of Play Equipment – It was agreed to accept Sovereign Playgrounds no obligations free offer to inspect the play area and provide quotes for any work that is needed.

COUNCILLORS TRAVEL EXPENSES WHEN ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL Local Government Act 1972 s173, s174 & s175 - The Clerk confirmed that travel and subsistence are not taxable if the expenses were necessarily incurred in the performance of the duties of the council and do not have to be declared unless participation allowance and other payments total £8,500 or more in a year.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA - Devolution & Decentralisation – the Case for Cornwall; Community Assets, Bus Shelter.

DATES FOR MEETINGS IN 2015 - The meeting in January will be on 8th and it was agreed to defer setting remainder of calendar until January 2015.

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