

WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 12th March 2015 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mrs M Smith and Mr J Ward with 4 Councillors and the Clerk. C Cllr N Chopak and 2 parish councillors were unavoidably delayed and arrived soon after the meeting commenced. Two members of the public were present, each for part of the meeting. The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and the following matters were discussed:

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were noted and those with an interest left the meeting at appropriate times and returned respectively when the matter had been dealt with.

DISPENSATIONS - no requests.

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were agreed and signed

MATTERS ARISING It was agreed to send a letter to D Rogerson MP expressing serious concern about the negative impact the cuts to police staff, stations, and front desks are having.

OPEN FORUM AT THE DISCRETION OF COUNCILLORS - Mr K Bromell gave an overview about the background to planning application PA15/01260.

PLANNING - There were no Decision Notices. 5 x Applications: i) PA15/01016 - Proposed extension and garage (resubmission of PA14/07264). Greenleigh Week St Mary. Mr Jak Gubbin. No comment. ii) PA15/01260 – Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings. Land at the Old Garage, Week St Mary. Mr K J Bromell. The parish council did not object in principle to the application but made a formal request that a road safety inspection is undertaken by Cornwall Council. iii) & iv) were dealt with together - PA15/00845 and PA15/00846 – Listed Building Consent Replacement windows in rear elevation, minor repair works and replacement and additional downpipes and gutters on the rear porch. New College, Week St Mary. Mr & Mrs O'Connor. - Recommend approval. v) PA15/01783 – Retention of former shop area as part of dwelling and proposed alterations to existing shop front to form new bay window to match the existing bay window. Regent House, Week St Mary. Mr & Mrs Nicholson. The councillors wholeheartedly recommend approval.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR Mrs N CHOPAK advised that the plans for having a library hub in Week St Mary have been put on hold while staffing and delivery routes are agreed but should progress soon. Cllr Chopak continues to liaise with CC Highways Manager re the various highways matters. It was noted the fly tipping is reduced in Week St Mary, but remains a problem in some areas. Some overgrown hedges have been trimmed and the faulty streetlight in Steel Hill has been repaired.

PRIMROSE SOLAR COMMUNITY BENEFITS - The council were disappointed with the offer contained in the letter from Primrose Solar Management Ltd in

connection with the solar development at Lower Wheatley Farm. It would appear PSM Ltd took no heed of the requests put forward by representatives from the parish councils. It was agreed not to accept the offer and Cllr Chopak and the parish council representatives will continue with negotiations.

CORRESPONDENCE – 12 items of correspondence were dealt with.

A MEMORIAL IN THE VILLAGE IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE MR I BARRIBALL –plans are going ahead for a memorial.

DEFIBRILLATOR - waiting to hear form the British Heart Foundation.

PLAYING FIELD - Review of Play Equipment: the company who installed the play equipment in 2005 have ceased trading. The councillors will meet in the play area to assess and agree a priority list for repairs and painting. Tennis Court Fence – Tenders for the new fence were compared and agreed.

DISCUSS LISTING WEEK ST MARY WAR MEMORIAL – Councillors agreed that as the War Memorial is in an open space in a significant location in the village, that there is no reason to have it listed.

FINANCE payments were approved; bank balances were noted; there was no income. The quarterly financial integrity checks had been undertaken.

COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Public Toilets – The order for the work for a urinal was authorised.

Parish Green – Adventure Church children have been involved with a project collecting rubbish and the Clerk will write a letter of thanks on behalf of the parish council.

Dog bins – a request for a bin to be installed has been placed with CC Environmental, Health and Licensing Department. It has been noted that if there are any areas where there are significant dog mess problems a request for assistance can be made to Cornwall

Council who will monitor and take action. .

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS –The Clerk will request a copy of the letter that the Football Club had agreed to send to the parish council.

ANNUAL PARISH OPEN MEETING - It was agreed to hold the meeting on Tuesday 28th April 2015 at 7.30pm..

PARISH COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION FOR 1 VACANCY – There was one letter of application and it was agreed to follow recommendation from Cornwall Association of Local Councils and invite the candidate to attend the next parish council meeting.

Bobbie Heathcote