

# WEEK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm under the chairmanship of Mr J Ward with 6 Councillors and the Clerk. Also in attendance Mr S Cluney. No members of the public were present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Mr S Cluney for applying to join the parish council.

The following matters were discussed:

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

MATTERS ARISING The Clerk's Contract was signed by the Chairman. The Chairman has received confirmation from Superfast Cornwall Project Manager that connection in Week St Mary is imminent.

OPEN FORUM AT THE DISCRETION OF COUNCILLORS – No matters raised.

PLANNING – There was a total of 7 Decision Notices from Cornwall Council – 1. APP/D0840/A/12/2175973 (PA15/01991) - Submission of details to discharge condition 10 in relation to appeal decision. Land owned by Week Orchard Marhamchurch. Applicant: Mr Peter Fusco. Discharge of Condition - Not Acceptable. The following 6 x Decision Notices were approvals: 1. PA15/01016 - Proposed extension and garage (resubmission of PA14/07264). Greenleigh Week St Mary. Mr J Gubbin. 2. PA15/00934 - Proposed extension to existing free range poultry building (shed 4). Land North West Of Week Orchard Marhamchurch. Mr C Congdon. 3. PA15/01260 – Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings. Land at The Old Garage, Week St Mary. Mr K J Bromell. 4. PA15/00845 - 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. 5. PA15/00846 – Listed Building Consent for replacement window on 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. 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. There were no Applications or other Planning matters.

PS SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFITS – unfortunately the company have still not responded and Cllr N Chopak has offered to intervene.

CORRESPONDENCE – the councillors dealt with 23 items of correspondence.

MEMORIAL IN THE VILLAGE IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE MR I BARRIBALL - Mrs N Johns and Mrs P Barriball are liaising regarding the memorial.

PLAYING FIELD -Some councillors had met to inspect the playing field area, there are several items that need attention and it was unanimously agreed to proceed with repairing, painting and varnishing the play equipment first. Requests for Tenders to do the work will be advertised and it is hoped the work can start in June. It was agreed to go ahead with ordering any replacement equipment. More wood chip for ground cover will also be required. The sheds need repairing and the benches need to be treated, returned to their proper sites and secured. Boards will be ordered to provide goal markings in the tennis court area.

FOOTBALL FIELD – The Clerk will apply to have the Tipping License extended to enable the football committee to continue with their planned work.

TENNIS COURT FENCE – It is expected that the new fence will be erected very soon.

MEMORIALS – The idea of having a record of councillors' names and terms of office in a good quality (possibly leather bound) register was discussed. The Clerk will do some research to see how far back the records are kept.

CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - It was unanimously agreed to renew the annual subscription.

FINANCE payments were approved and income figures were noted. The Receipts and Payments, Final Quarter Balance Sheet, Final Account Balances and Bank Reconciliation were agreed. The Notice of Appointment of the date for electors' to exercise their rights was advertised 09.04.15.

HIGHWAYS - Some councillors met with Cllr N Chopak and CC Highways Officer and several areas were visited, unfortunately there were no parked cars in any of the problem areas and there was much less traffic than usual. There was a parked car by Haydah and the CC official agreed this was causing an obstruction, however he stated that obstructions are a matter for the Police. Suggestions made by the councillors in an attempt to improve road safety and alleviate congestion were vetoed by the CC official who quoted facts and figures to back up his case. It was noted that there has been an accident on the junction by the Old Orchard Inn and The Old School House and that there are times when lorries, by this junction, have to reverse back blindly as they cannot complete their manoeuvres due to parked cars. It was agreed to have road congestion and safety an agenda item for the Open Annual Parish Meeting. It has been confirmed that road from the Square to the Church gate has never been adopted by the Local Authority and is the responsibility of owners/residents in the area. Cornwall Council has offered to fill the potholes (when they are doing other pothole repairs in the area) for an estimated cost of £100 and the Clerk will write to the residents/owners to make them aware. It was noted that the broken bollards by Delabole Cottage have not been replaced/repared and the Clerk will chase again.

DOG BINS – Cornwall Council have advised that they do not have any spare bins and there are no plans to order more and the Clerk will enquire whether, if the parish council provide a bin, Cornwall Council will service it.

PUBLIC TOILETS - The urinal has been fitted. The Non Domestic rates bill for £588.00 has been received and it qualifies for 100% small business rate relief. As a gesture of thanks, the windows have been cleaned by someone from SIMS Window Cleaning Bude who is grateful for the facility when working in the area. Mr P Sachs had provided a soap dispenser and soap but someone has taken it and it was agreed to provide a soap dispenser that can be fixed to the wall.

STANDING ORDERS - Copies of the Model Standing Orders and how to use them had been circulated, together with the Clerk's notes and the amendments were unanimously agreed.

#### PARISH MATTERS

Footpaths – It is understood that Messrs P Dorren and J Sachs will continue in their roles as co-ordinator and contractor respectively. Reports were received that some walkers are going over land on Trefrouse Farm that is not a Public Right of Way and it is thought that the paths are shown on out of date maps.

Parish Greens – The Clerk will ask if a note can go in the Magazine requesting that cars are parked so that their noses/bumpers do not overlap the grass.

Parish Office –The contract with BT has expired and the Clerk has negotiated a new 2year term with BT incorporating a reduction.

PARISH COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION FOR 1 VACANCY - Having attended the meeting, Mr S Cluney confirmed his willingness to be a councillor and he was formally co-opted onto the council.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Audit, Electronic summons, Noticeboard, Transparency Act.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Annual Parish Open meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Annual Parish Council Meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015