

Week St. Mary Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting Thursday 7th September 2017

All meetings are open to the press and public unless the Council decides otherwise

1. To Note Councillors Present

Cllr Smith opened the meeting at 19.30 with six Councillors present – Cllrs May, Pearce, Harris, Slade, Cluney and Johns. CCllr Chopak. Kate Denton, Clerk.

2. To Receive Apologies for Absence with Reasons

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Ward – Personal

Cllr Colwill - absent

3. To Receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

Cllr May –Water main adjacent to Damar and PA17/4726

Cllr Smith – Football Club

4. Public Question Time (15 minutes allowed for this)

None

4a. To receive County Councillor's report on Matter's Arising

Cllr Chopak said she had been notified that several children at Jacobstow School had been affected by a transport change and it would appear that the bus company charging for travel within the 3-mile limit but some people had received a bill and some had not. Due to the location of many of the villages, it is unsafe for children to walk to school due to dangerous roads, bad weather, dark nights etc. A protest is planned on the A39 to demonstrate the danger to children and if any more information becomes available regarding this, please contact Cllr Chopak.

A drop-in was planned for 13th September between 2 – 7pm at Poundstock Parish Hall regarding availability of new social housing – 8 units are becoming available.

5. To receive and approve the Minutes of:

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting Thursday 3rd August 2017

Proposed: Cllr Smith

Seconded: Cllr Pearce

Unan

17/057

6. To receive Clerk's report on Matter's Arising:

The Clerk had informed Pearce Construction where to find the play area gate and it will be re-hung.

7. Planning

Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

7a Applications

None

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7b Decisions

PA17/04726 REFUSED

Applicant: Mr Peter Verso

Location: Land West Of Flooden Tor Boyton Launceston Cornwall

Proposal: Development of 20MW Flexible Electric Generation Facility

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Noted

8. Portfolio Reports:

Public Transport – Nothing to report

Community Policing – Devon & Cornwall police and Dorset police are looking at joining forces.

Playground/Playing Field – The area and equipment has been inspected and all appears in order. Moles have been digging near the skateboard ramp and the Clerk was asked to contact Kilex to get rid of them. A large silver van has been seen parked near the entrance to the playing field and there is concern that it may make access for emergency vehicles difficult - this will be pointed out to the owner.

Highways, Footpaths & Greens – Weed spraying was apparently carried out mid-July but the weeds do not appear to be dying. The Clerk will contact Cormac and ask them to investigate. The seat on the hill has broken slats which could be dangerous. These slats will be removed and the Clerk will put a request in the magazine for anyone who is willing to repair the seat.

Adult Social Care – None

BAN – None

Neighbourhood Plan – None

Toilets - None

The issue of complaints was discussed and it was agreed to remind parishioners that complaints regarding anything within the Parish Council remit should be put in writing and marked confidential in order that a proper investigation can be undertaken and feedback given.

9. Correspondence

CALC Newsletters – had been received and noted.

10. Agenda Items

1. Standing Orders had been read through but there was a query on one item and it was agreed to wait until the next meeting when Cllr Ward would be present to discuss.

Proposed: Cllr Smith Seconded: Cllr Slade Unan 17/058

2. *Cllr Smith left the room*
Mike Caesar-Gordon and Steve Cunningham attended the meeting on behalf of the Football Club to present a proposal for redevelopment of the tennis courts to provide additional facilities, with a surface that would also be suitable for other sports. Four different plans were under review. After discussion it was agreed that in principle this is a good idea but it needs work and before anything else is done, the proposal should be publicised in the magazine, followed by a public meeting.

Proposed: Cllr May Seconded: Cllr Slade Unan 17/059

Cllr Smith rejoined the meeting

3. Western Power had made a site visit to the Playing Field regarding the removal of the electricity shed. 3 – 4 weeks notice would be required for any alteration and the box can be fitted to a board fixed between two posts. The cost for Western Power to temporarily disconnect the supply is £399.50 and the Parish Council would have to employ an electrician to do the work. Cllr Cluney will check whether the board and posts must be made of wood or whether they can be metal. If wood, then metal post holders will be sunk to prolong the life of the posts. Cllr May and Cllr Cluney will contact local electricians. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. A Land Registry map of Box Tree Cottage had been obtained and this shows that land to the front of the cottage is not owned by anyone and is therefore public land. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the most recent email from the owners, confirming that there is no ownership and that access and use by the public will continue as previously.

Proposed: Cllr May Seconded: Cllr Pearce Unan 17/060

5. *Cllr May leaves the room*
After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the email from Mrs Dennis's Solicitor replying to the first two items and suggesting that arrangements should be made with the Planning Agent concerned.

Proposed: Cllr Slade Seconded: Cllr Cluney Unan 17/061

Cllr May rejoins the meeting

6. No expressions of interest for Co-Option had been received.
7. After discussion it was agreed to join the Heartsafe national database and the Clerk was asked to complete the necessary form.
Proposed: Cllr Smith Seconded: Cllr Pearce Unan 17/062
8. There were no requests for Community Chest funding.
9. There were no Community Benefit applications.
10. There will be a meeting of the Emergency Plan committee on 16th October at 2pm to finalise the details.
11. The Trustees of Poor Man's Piece are in discussion regarding the best way forward for this piece of land.

11. Accounts

Balances as at 31st August 2017

Current A/c	£15,608.58
Reserve A/c	£ 0.69
Monmouth BS	£ 7,569.17 tbc

11a **Cllr Pearce signed the Monmouthshire Building Society mandate and it will now be sent off.**

11a. To approve Accounts for Payment including:

Clerk	Wages, mileage	Chq 001458	£ 251.68
Booker Farm Services	Magazine printing paper	Chq 001459	£ 87.05

11b. Receipts

None

It was **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and note receipts.

Proposed: Cllr May Seconded: Cllr Pearce Unan 17/063

12. Items for October Agenda

- Poor Man's Piece
- CB Policy & any applications received
- Emergency Plan
- Standing Orders

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 1930 on Thursday 5th October 2017.

The Meeting closed at 0835