

Week St. Mary Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting Thursday 5th September

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

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this)

Two members of the public were present to discuss a matter relating to a relative no longer being given free access to the Jacobstow School Bus.

They have had free access to the designated school bus since starting school, with the main bus stop for the village a 2 minute walk from their house. In May they received a letter stating that free school transport would be withdrawn as the distance from their house to the school had been measured at less than 3 miles.

They appealed this decision on the grounds that the walking route measured was not a suitable daily walking route. The shortest walking route involves walking through the middle of a farmyard (Ashbury), across fields, and through a ford (Bury court), for which there is no foot bridge. The first stage appeal was dismissed.

They have recently walked the route themselves (which includes 8 gates and 3 styles) and it took them 1 hour 55 minutes.

The stage two appeal form has been submitted and they wish to obtain Parish Council support on the unsuitability of the proposed walking route for primary school aged children.

CCllr Chopak mentioned there is currently a similar case in Delabole and a motion is being put forward at Full Council next week to request re-examination of all cases where free school transport has been removed.

Cllrs gave their full support and will send a strongly worded letter to the Pupil Transport department at Cornwall Council.

1a. **To receive County Councillor's report on Matter's Arising**

CCllr Chopak reported the following:

- A public meeting regarding the Community Governance Review is to be held next week at The Parkhouse. CCllr Chopak suggested that neighbouring parishes affected by this review would welcome the support from Week St Mary Parish Council. Cllr Ward will attend.

2. **The Opening, Councillors present**

The Meeting was opened by Cllr Ward at 1930, with 5 Councillors present; Cllr Pearce, Cllr Slade, Cllr Johns, Cllr Peters, Cllr Smith. Beth Sachs – Clerk

Cllr Peters signed his Declaration of Office.

3. **To receive Apologies for absence with reasons**

Cllr May - work

Cllr Stephens – work

Cllr Harris - personal

It was **resolved** to accept the apologies

Proposed: Cllr Slade Seconded: Cllr Johns

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4. **To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations**

None

5. To receive and approve the Minutes of:

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th July 2019.

Proposed: Cllr Slade Seconded: Cllr Johns unan 19/035

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

Estimate for playing field fencing – an estimate for a new post and rail fence at the playing field has been received. It was suggested this be put as an agenda item next month.

Toilet update – There have been no further reports of anti social behaviour in or around the public toilets since the last meeting.

Jacobstow School Bus – discussed during public question time.

Cornwall Air Ambulance – a request for a donation has been received. This will be discussed at next month's meeting.

7. Planning

Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

7a. To discuss and make a Consultee comment on Application:

PA19/05484 | Reserved Matters Application following Outline Approval PA16/01197 for Plot 2 and 3 - New Dwellings (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) | Land At Stewarts Road Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6XA

Cllrs resolved to make no comment.

Proposed: Cllr Peters Seconded: Cllr Smith unan 19/036

PA19/07492 | Non Material Amendment in respect of PA16/08049 for a proposed dormer window in lieu of a rooflight on the west elevation. | Penfold House Stewarts Road Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6XA

Cllrs resolved to make no comment

Proposed: Cllr Peters Seconded: Cllr Smith unan 19/037

7b. Decisions

PA19/05081 | Prior Approval for conversion of agricultural building to dwelling | Land East Of Brendon Cottages Boyton Launceston Cornwall. Prior approval not required. Full application needed.

8.Portfolio Reports:

Public Transport – CCllr Chopak reported some anti social behaviour on the Budehaven School Bus.

Community Policing – Nothing to report.

Playground – Cllr Johns reported no new repairs are needed.

Highways, Footpaths & Greens – Nothing to report.

Adult Social Care – Cllr Slade reported another care agency are now operating in the village.

BAN – Nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing to report.

9. Correspondence

CALC Newsletter

Cornwall Air Ambulance - request for donation (discussed earlier)

10. Agenda Items

1. To **discuss** and **resolve** on Community Benefit and applications received.

None

2. To **discuss** village gateway improvement options (Community Chest Grant).

This agenda item will be discussed at the October meeting.

3. To **discuss** the purchase of new play equipment for play park.

Cllr Smith has done some initial research and suggests we need to aim for equipment suitable for infants (4-8 years). It was suggested asking local children what they would like in the park and Cllr Smith will make arrangements to go to Adventure Church and Bright Sparks to speak to the children.

4. An **update** and to **discuss** arrangements for Heritage Day.

Arrangements were discussed for the forthcoming Heritage Day on the 14th September, in collaboration with the Landmark Trust. A Heritage Trail has been put together for people to follow, alongside the opening of The College. The Parish Hall are providing refreshments.

11. Accounts

Balances 31st August 2019

Current Account	£28,181.72
Reserve Account	£ 0.69
Monmouth BS	£7,584.31

11a. To approve Accounts for Payment including:

Clerk	Wages & mileage (Jul & Aug)	Chq 1533	£144.46 (July) +
£112.05 =	£256.51		
HMRC	Tax Due	Chq 1534	£ 114.60
MGS	Laptop clean	Chq 1535	£ 30.00
J Sachs	Toilets, Grass, Spraying	Chq 1536	£ 1080.00

11b To note Income

£600 Community Chest Grant

Proposed: Cllr Smith Seconded: Cllr Johns unan

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12. Items for October Agenda.

Budget 2020/21

Emergency Plan

Playing field fence estimate

Village Gateway improvements

Cornwall Air Ambulance donation

Remembrance Bench ceremony

Parish Hall donation

The Meeting closed at 21:15

The date of the next Ordinary Meeting will be on Thursday 3rd October 2019