# Week St. Mary Parish Council

# Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

## Public question time (15 minutes allowed for this

Two trustees of Poor Man's Piece were present to discuss its future. The trustees would like the Parish Council to become the sole trustee of the site. They are looking to update the trust deeds in order for the Parish Council to be able to take it on. At the moment the Parish Council are prohibited from doing so due to legal reasons. Cllrs discussed the matter in Agenda item 10.3.

One member of the public was present to discuss the playpark. They were disappointed about the lack of access to the slide for pre-school children. Cllrs discussed the matter in item 8 Portfolio reports.

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

CCIIr Chopak reported the following;

- The Bude Area Network Panel Chair and Vice Chair will be visiting the next meeting.
- There is a £70 million shortfall at Cornwall Council. 10% of staff are currently under the threat of redundancy. Significant staff reductions are likely by March.
- Affordable housing consultation live on the website.
- Consultation on future of Launceston Leisure Centre finished last week.

# 2. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by the Chair Cllr S May, with 10 Councillors present, Cllr M Johns, Cllr S Gubbin, Cllr S Peters, Cllr Ward, Cllr Richardson, Cllr Cluney, Cllr S Wickett, Cllr C Slade, Cllr Stephens. Beth Sachs – Clerk

# 3. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

No apologies

# 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 7th October 2021

Proposed: Cllr Slade Seconded: Cllr Wickett unan 21/049

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

The playpark opening will take place on Saturday 6th November at 10am.

#### 7. Planning

Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

PA21/10344 | Works to tree subject to Tree Preservation Order: Beech T1 - Crown reduction (up to 2 metres) to leave a well-balanced shape. Reason - to improve amenity value, reduce overhanging and excessive shading, and to allow removal of deadwood. | The Rectory The Glebe Week St Mary Holsworthy EX22 6UY

Cllrs resolved to support the application.

Proposed: Cllr May Seconded: Cllr Gubbin unan 21/050

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PA21/10680 | Two-storey side extension. | Trefursdon Week St Mary Holsworthy EX22 6UX Cllrs had no objections to the proposal.

Proposed: Cllr Wickett Seconded: Cllr May unan 21/051

PA21/10438 | Proposed change of use of existing live work unit to 2 no. unrestricted residential dwellings. | 3 The Old Garage Week St Mary Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6UP. Cllrs had no objections to the proposal.

Proposed: Cllr Johns Seconded: Cllr Wickett unan 21/052

#### 7b. Decisions

None

#### 8. Portfolio Reports:

**Public Transport –** nothing to report

Community Policing – nothing to report

Playground –. The tennis net has been taken down and is in the shed. Trevor has mended the self closing gate and the skate ramp. The concerns raised during public questions, regarding access to the slide for pre-schoolers, were discussed by Cllrs. Cllrs acknowledged the comments but would like to see how the playpark functions once officially opened, before any potential changes are looked at. Fundraising for future improvements and additions could be a possibility. \* since the meeting Cllr Peters is in the process of requesting a quote from TK play, to find out how much it would cost to change the current set up of the play equipment to make it easier for pre-school children to access the slide.

**Highways**, **Footpaths & Greens** – Cllr Richardson will check the salt bins. CCllr Chopak gave an update on the issues at the top of back lane regarding incorrect sat nav directions taking large vehicles down narrow lanes/footpaths. Residents have been advised to erect their own advisory signs as unfortunately it is outside the remit of Cornwall Council highways. Parking issues around the lower green were raised but as the road is unadopted it is not a matter for the council.

**Adult Social Care** – A new private care provider has offered their services in Week St Mary. **BAN** – The chair and vice-chair will be attending the next meeting.

#### 9. Correspondence

Email regarding playpark – circulated to Cllrs and discussed.

# 10. Agenda Items

1. To discuss Lawrence's bench.

Cllrs discussed the recent vandalism of the bench at the top of back lane. Jeff Roberts will be collecting money for a replacement.

Proposed: Cllr Slade Seconded: Cllr Wickett unan 21/053

2. To discuss speeding issues.

Speed monitoring has taken place and the data has been analysed. Highways are intending to extend the 30mph limit further out of the village on all three access roads. The new limits will be going out for consultation in the next few weeks. The new 30mph signs will be bright yellow.

To discuss Poor Man's Piece.

Cllrs discussed the trustees request. In July Cllrs agreed to put a previous request on hold until after the playpark and playing field have been finished, and this is still the case. The clerk will write to the trustees and confirm that the Parish Council is not in a position to take it on at this time, due to ongoing commitments. However, this does not preclude them from changing the charitable deed for the future. Cllrs resolved to defer the item until the new year.

Proposed: Cllr May Seconded: Cllr Slade 8 in favour and 2 against 21/054

4. To discuss investment opportunities.

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Cllr Peters discussed an investment plan. It was felt it was not worth putting money in a long-term savings account at this stage. It was resolved to discuss capital expenditure projects at the next meeting.

Proposed: Clir Peters Seconded: Clir Cluney unan 21/055

## 5. To discuss parking issues opposite Old Orchard Inn

CCIIr Chopak advised there will be a new keep clear box marking on the junction, which will prevent people parking there. Cllrs were unanimously in favour of this proposal.

Proposed: Cllr Gubbin Seconded: Cllr May unan 21/056

### 6. To discuss Treetops

Countrywide Park Homes have not responded to the emails sent requesting a meeting on the site. Cllr Slade has made contact via their head office and the Clerk will follow this up. Their intention is to clear the bungalow and the pub, put up security fencing and security cameras.

## 11. Accounts

# Balances 1st November

Current Account £ 29,702.50 (£4413.04 to be repaid to Whitstone PC)
Reserve Account £ 44,006.12 (includes £30000.00 ringfenced for playpark)

Monmouthshire £ 7605.49 – closure notice on account

# 11a. To approve Accounts for Payment including:

Beth Sachs	Clerk	Chq	£306.70
Virgin Money	Clerk pension	Chq	£25.83
Week St Mary Football Club	Grass	Chq	£375.00
The Play Inspection Company It	td Inspection	Chq	£360.00
TK Play	Playpark	Chq	£39,375.60
Whitstone Parish Council	Monies in error	Chq	£4413.04

#### 11b To note Income

Proposed: Clir May Seconded: Clir Slade unan 21/057

#### 12. Items for December

Quarterly donation to Parish Hall Tax Capital Expenditure Projects Solar park CB Money BAN

# The Meeting closed at 21:30

The date of the next Ordinary Meeting will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7:30pm

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