

Week St. Mary Parish Council

Minutes – Thursday, March 2, 2023

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this)
None. 23/56

- 1a. **To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak gifted the parish council an 8ft cherry tree to plant as they wish. She noted that Cornwall Council has set a 4.99% on the council tax. It has an overspend of £64-million (£52-million last year). With regards to the Devolution Deal, the government is giving some money, equivalent to what was received from the EU, if the idea of a mayor is approved. She said a lot of councillors are unhappy about it. The final meeting of the Bude Community Network Panel is to be held next week, then it will become the Camelford & Bude Area Partnership – consisting of 29 parishes instead of 11. It is a huge area to cover but there will be some more money available and Cllr Chopak encouraged the council to apply for it. She said the Widemouth crematorium plan had been approved but it is now subject to a judicial review, that could take two to three years. Bude Police Enquiry Office opens on March 11. 23/57

2. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs S May (chair), C Slade (vice chair), R Bolt, R Shipton, M Johns, T Hamlyn, I Richardson, S Peters, S Gubbin and L Stephens. Also in attendance, S Cleave, clerk and Cllr N Chopak. 23/58

3. **To receive apologies for absence with reasons**
None. 23/59

4. **To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispensations**
Cllr Bolt – item 7a Regent House plans; Cllr Cllr Slade – item 7a Church Cottage plans; Cllrs May and Stephens – item 7a Higher Whitely plans 23/60

5. **To approve the minutes of:**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, February 2, 2023.
Proposed: C Slade Seconded: S Gubbin Votes: Unanimous 23/61

6. **To receive clerk's report on matters arising:**
The clerk's report was noted including correspondence with National Grid and the football club regarding the electric in the playing fields; contacted Oliver Jones to say thank you for the work carried out in the parish; pension training; collated Coronation replies and researched other options for commemorative items; spoke with David Martin regarding the website; contacted the play area inspection company regarding the goal posts. 23/62

7. **Planning**
Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

- 7a. **To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:**
PA23/00727 – Siting of No.4 timber shepherds huts for holiday accommodation, No.4 timber shelters and associated works, land west of Higher Whiteleigh Farm, Whitstone.
Councillors proposed no objection to the plans.
Proposed: R Bolt Seconded: C Slade Votes: 9 in favour, 1 abstention 23/63

PA23/00988 – The use of the land as recreational domestic garden forming part of the curtilage to the dwelling known as Regent House, Regent House, Week St Mary. Councillors proposed no objection to the plans.

Proposed: S Gubbin Seconded: T Hamlyn Votes: Unanimous 23/64

PA23/00922 – Listed Building Consent – Repair of C20th single storey lean-to roof with new covering at rear of property, Church Cottage, The Village, Week St Mary. Councillors proposed no objection to the plans.

Proposed: T Hamlyn Seconded: M Johns Votes: Unanimous 23/65

PA23/00931 – Construction of building to cover over existing agricultural yard. Proposed work endorsed to prevent risk of water pollutions from uncovered yards. Councillors proposed to make no comment on the application.

Proposed: S Peters Seconded: M Johns Votes: Unanimous 23/66

7b. Decisions

The following decision was noted: PA22/02077/PRE – Pre-application advice for conversion with extension of redundant agricultural barn to dwelling, land north west of Bowdah House, Week St Mary. **Closed, advice given 23/67**

7c. Planning - to note

None. **23/68**

8. Portfolio Reports:

- **Public Transport**

Cllr May noted the dire situation with the school buses. His daughter is usually picked up at 7.40am but one morning she was waiting until nearly 9am. He said the bus didn't turn up and there needs to be more communication. He said in January it is still dark and so that is a long time for a child to be waiting. It is the Plymouth CityBus 426. Cllr May said it often depends on the bus driver. Cllr Chopak to write a letter and copy in the parish council. **23/69**

- **Community Policing**

No report. **23/70**

- **Playground**

Cllr Johns noted how nice the playing field was looking. Cllr Slade reported that a lot of the boxes had been ticked from the playing field inspection. Advisory work had been carried out on the tennis courts, with some bolts being replaced. **23/71**

- **Highways, Footpaths & Greens**

Cllr Hamlyn said he had reported a few water leaks. He has replaced the bolts on the basketball frames, and has replaced the edging kerbs that were loose. Potholes had been reported and sorted. Goal posts have been removed. Cllr Hamlyn gave the clerk a sample risk assessment form. Clerk to enlarge and then a decision can be made on who needs to fill them out (e.g. if there is a function taking place). **23/72**

- **Adult Social Care**

No report. **23/73**

- **BAN**

No report. Next meeting on Monday evening.

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9. Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):

The following correspondence was noted: Bude CNP info; Chairman training; Week Green to Highmoor Road closure; CALC Community Housing event information; Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Climate Emergency event information.

23/75

10. Agenda items

1. Coronation

Cllr Slade said there was a rough programme in the magazine. There would be games on the playing field and the beacon would be lit at 9pm. There would also be a bring and share supper on the Sunday. Cllr Shipton to share the plans on Facebook. The idea of giving a commemorative item to the children was agreed. It had already been advertised in the magazine, but Cllr Shipton to place a reminder on Facebook with all requests to be sent to the clerk by March 10. The clerk to order enough plus another five.

Proposed: S Gubbin Seconded: R Shipton Votes: Unanimous 23/76

Cllr Slade also queried a Coronation bench. Cllr Chopak said she has more money available from April 1. This will be placed on the April agenda. Clerk to get a quote.

2. Electricity – playing field

Cllr Bolt said National Grid were coming on March 27, and he would have the shed up by then. Two quotes were received from electricians to carry out the necessary work. It was proposed to ask John Browning to carry out the work as discussed.

Proposed: R Shipton Seconded: S Peters Votes: Unanimous 23/77

3. Football club

Cllr May explained that Antony Sachs was due to attend the meeting with ideas on the goal posts, but he received an email from Mr Sachs following the recent removal of the football goal posts. Cllr Peters said he thinks the council behaved poorly in taking the post down, which was not agreed in council, but after the last meeting. Cllr Gubbin believed it would have been done in May after the end of the football season. Cllr Hamlyn said the bottom line was that it is a health and safety issue. Cllr May said he lifted the post out, as he could see the health and safety point of view. He said they were not fit for purpose. The goals are socketed so they could be put back and it not the end of the story. He was disappointed that Mr Sachs had not attended the meeting, and he has put a lot of time to speaking to the football club in his spare time. Cllr Peters said as a council, a plan was agreed, but councillors walked out of the meeting and did something different. Cllr May noted that in January it was agreed to remove the posts. Cllr Peters said the council should have gone back to the football club. Cllr Slade disagreed and said the parish council agreed to take the posts down for health and safety, and said the clerk had checked again with the safety inspection company. Cllr Hamlyn read a piece from the FA and said there had been some serious and fatal accidents because of goal posts. Cllr Bolt said the council discussed building bridges but this has not helped. It was proposed for the clerk to send a letter to the football club apologising for the action that has taken place, explaining the health and safety issues, and asking for the conversation between the parish council and the football club to continue.

Proposed: R Shipton Seconded: M Johns Votes: Unanimous 23/78

4. April 6 annual meeting

Cllr Slade suggested that the clerk asks for reports from parish groups and organisations which are then displayed on the evening. Questions will also be

welcomed. The parish council meeting to be held at 7pm followed by the annual meeting at 7.30pm on April 6.

Proposed: S Peters Seconded: I Richardson Votes: Unanimous 23/79

5. Toilet improvement ideas

Cllr Shipton came up with a poem to be placed in the toilets to encourage users to make a donation. Councillors agreed for this to be printed, framed and displayed. Toilet improvement ideas will be discussed at the April meeting.

Proposed: S May Seconded: S Gubbin Votes: Unanimous 23/80

6. Wildlife area enquiries

Cllr Hamlyn questioned whether there were any grants available for the wildlife area in the playing fields. He said it was a nice area with bird boxes, bat boxes etc. Cllr Chopak said there are often grants available from the Woodland Trust, but she will come back with any information she can find. 23/81

11. **Any other business**

None. 23/82

12. **Accounts**

Balances February 26

- Current account £ 2,075.63
- Reserve account £28,912.13

12a. **To approve accounts for payment including:**

Suzanne Cochrane – Salary February	£327.50
HMRC (PAYE)	£ 82.00
Cornwall Pension Fund (February)	£ 76.57
Suzanne Cochrane (mileage)	£ 32.40
Jamie Sachs (toilets February)	£120.00
Source for Business (water – playing fields Sep to Dec)	£ 31.65
Source for Business (water – toilets)	£ 57.61
Suzanne Cochrane – Magenta ink (Amazon)	£ 21.48

12b **To note income**

Cornwall Council (LMP payment 2022-23) £564.24

Councillors approved the accounts as a true record.

Proposed: R Bolt Seconded: R Shipton Votes: Unanimous 23/83

13. **Items for April 6 meeting.**

Coronation bench; toilets. 23/84

The meeting closed at 10pm.