

Week St Mary Parish Council

Minutes – Thursday, March 7, 2024

- 1. Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on matters on the agenda only)
Three members of the public spoke about the anonymous letter that was recently received by the parish council. It was noted that the letter was sent to the football club out of courtesy, and to maintain the working relationship between the parish council and the football club. The parish council had no knowledge that the letter would be put on Facebook and it was disappointing to see it on there. Cllr Slade said the parish council recognises how the parish got the playing field, and it also recognises the hard work of all volunteers in the parish.
One member of the public said, regarding the playing field path, that there was a lot of noise on Facebook about the path becoming a dog facility as well as human. He said this does not form part of a consultation. Chair, Carol Slade said no decision about dogs will be made at this stage, but consultation will be held further down the line. 24/46
- 2. To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak said Cornwall Council had confirmed a 4.99% council tax rise. Although she said Cornwall Council is better off than some councils, there are still savings to be met. Things under threat are school transport, libraries etc. The idea is being mooted that if rural parishes feed into bigger towns such as Bude and Launceston, residents should be contributing to the running costs of these things. The recycling and waste contract will be completed by April 2025. Some local parishes are beginning to get the wheelie bins and seagull proof sacks. The council leader will be coming to see everybody in May, in Bude. The forthcoming CAP meeting will have the main focus on health. Cllr Chopak also noted that the A39 overnight closure has been extended. Also, the Canworthy Water solar farm will be coming up at a Strategic meeting in June. 24/47
- 3. To note councillors present**
Cllrs C Slade (chair); I Richardson (vice chair); T Hamlyn; R Shipton; R Bolt; M Johns; S Gubbin; S May and L Stephens. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak; S Cleave, clerk and five members of public. 24/48
- 4. To receive apologies for absence with reasons**
Cllr Peters (no reason given). 24/49
- 5. To approve the minutes of:**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, February 1, 2024.
Proposed: R Shipton Seconded: S Gubbin Votes: Unanimous 24/50
- 6. To receive clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted. A letter had been received from Cornwall Council regarding an area of land at Ashbury Grove. Cllr Slade said time is needed for residents to feedback. This will be placed on the April agenda and a copy sent to a representative of the residents. 24/51
- 7. Planning**
Any late applications received will be discussed under this section
- 7a. To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:**

- None. 24/52
- 7b. Decisions**
 The following decisions were noted:
 PA24/00012 – Certificate of lawfulness for proposed replacement of existing concrete pathway and construction of additional pathway. The Playing Field, Week St Mary. **APPROVED**
- PA23/09900 – Construction of building to cover over an existing agricultural livestock yard. Higher Whiteleigh Farm, Whitstone. **APPROVED 24/53**
- 7c. Planning - to note**
 None. 24/54
- 8. Portfolio Reports:**
- **Playground**
 No report. 24/55
 - **Highways, Footpaths & Greens**
 Potholes have been reported from Wax Hill to Week Green. 24/56
- 9. Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):**
 The following correspondence was noted: Clean Cornwall newsletter; Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Cornwall Together newsletter; road closure intention Penfound Road to Week Orchard. 24/57
- 10. Community Infrastructure Levy and Community Benefit Fund applications**
 * None (next round – April) 24/58
- 11. Agenda items**
1. Week St Mary path project
 No update. 24/59
 2. Drainage works quotations
 The quotes will be discussed in a closed section of the meeting. 24/60
 3. Football gate water leak
 It was noted that the leak was not in the gateway, but in the next field. 24/61
 4. Lambley Corner
 Cllr Hamlyn has filled the ruts. He has asked Highways what they think would be acceptable to put on a corner. Cllr Hamlyn reported that a land search is being carried out. Checks are going to be carried to see if there was anything in the planning that would stop anything being put on the verge. If no problem, anything put there would have to be one metre back from the road. The parish council will be advised by Cornwall Council. 24/62
 5. The Wylde
 Cllr Chopak said this time last year she was contacted regarding anti-social behaviour (increased traffic, people urinating in hedges) and an impact on the local community. She wanted to encourage communication between the organisers and the parish council. Two representatives from The Wylde were in attendance. They clarified that Leopallooza will not be taking place this year, only The Wylde, consisting of four weekends of shows in June and July. The 10,000 capacity has not changed. They said last year, the traffic met a school bus, so they will try to have a

chat with the bus services, and also more work will be put into parking (with a possible holding area for people who arrive early). Cllr Chopak said Week St Mary takes a lot of the impact, and asked for better signage to be put in place. The parish council will remain in contact with the organisers. 24/63

6. Social media policy
The clerk to email round a proposed social media policy, with approval to be sought at the April meeting. 24/64

7. Anonymous letters
Following the recent letter received by the parish council, it was decided that the parish council will not accept anonymous letters. The council still encourages members of the public to get in touch, and issues will be dealt with in strictest confidence, but contact details must be provided to the clerk. This will be added to Standing Orders when next reviewed.

Proposed: S May Seconded: R Bolt Votes: Unanimous 24/65

8. Community Area Partnership next meeting
All invited to the next meeting on Monday. Invited to share any health issues people have. 24/66

9. Annual meeting
The meeting would be held the same night as the ordinary meeting, on April 4. The ordinary meeting of the council will start at 7, with a 7.30pm start of the Annual Parish Meeting. Reports submitted will be on display from 7pm. 24/67

12. Accounts

Balances February 29, 2024

- Current account £ 3,226.33
- Reserve account £28,857.78

12a. To approve accounts for payment including:

Suzanne Cochrane – Salary February (inc HMRC PAYE)	£ 464.10
Cornwall Pension Fund (February)	£ 90.96
Suzanne Cochrane (mileage)	£ 43.20
Jamie Sachs – toilets February	£ 120.00
Jamie Sachs – toilets January	£ 120.00
WSM Parish Hall (quarterly payment)	£ 250.00
Trevor Hamlyn – petrol/signs for new area/lock for gate	£ 64.94
Carol Slade – sharps bin	£ 6.29
Week St Mary Chapel (hall hire x 12)	£ 216.00

12b To note income

Reserve account interest	£37.78
WSM Football Club – water bill (Sept 7 – Dec 31)	£21.44

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: R Bolt Seconded: M Johns Votes: Unanimous 24/68

13. Items for April 4 meeting

Community Benefit; social media policy; footpath update.

14. Exclusion of members of the public and press: To resolve that under s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely

discussion of confidential information.

Councillors agreed to move into a closed section to discuss quotes for the field work.

Proposed: I Richardson Seconded: R Bolt Votes: Unanimous 24/69

15. Drainage works quotations

Councillors looked at three quotes received. It was suggested that the work be done in stages. Additional quotes to be sought, if less than £1,500, the council would be happy for work to proceed. If more, it will be brought back to the next meeting.

Proposed: S May Seconded: T Hamlyn Votes: Unanimous 24/70

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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