

Week St Mary Parish Council

Minutes – Thursday, April 4, 2024

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on matters on the agenda only)
A number of residents spoke on the Ashbury Grove correspondence from Cornwall Council. One called it a total debacle. They recalled that in 2006 as a parish council, it was mooted that Pearce Construction were to pay £24,000 for the upkeep of the oblong area. The parish council said go for that, but they were trumped by North Cornwall District Council at the time who said they will have it and do it. Then NCDC became Cornwall Council. He thought in that period, Pearce did not pay £24K, but they did. He is in agreement that if ownership is not taken over by Cornwall Council, the £24K or pro rata sum will have to be paid back to Pearce Construction. Another resident did not read the correspondence as such, and felt that Cornwall Council was obliged to take it over. He said Cornwall Council is acknowledging that the cost to maintain it will be £1,333 a year but are trying to dump it on the parish council without giving any money for the ongoing upkeep. One spoke about the tone of Cornwall Council's letter, and said the residents have not been afforded the time or opportunity to give anything due consideration. The feelings of residents have not been canvassed. Cllr Chopak said not enough information has been provided and she has asked for some more time. 24/71
2. **To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak gave a full report in the Annual Parish Meeting that followed. 24/72
3. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs C Slade (chair); I Richardson (vice chair); T Hamlyn, M Johns; L Stephens; S Peters; S May; R Bolt and R Shipton. Also in attendance: Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak; S Cleave, clerk and five members of the public. 24/73
4. **To receive apologies for absence with reasons**
Cllr S Gubbin – work. 24/74
5. **To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispensations**
None. 24/75
6. **To approve the minutes of:**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, March 7, 2024.
Proposed: R Bolt Seconded: S May Votes: Unanimous 24/76
7. **To receive clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted. 24/77
8. **Planning**
Any late applications received will be discussed under this section
- 8a. **To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:**
None. 24/78
- 8b. **Decisions**
None. 24/79

8c. Planning - to note

The following was noted:

PA24/00170/PREAPP – Pre-application advice for the re-siting of approved dwelling under permission number PA23/08270. Land south of Burdenwell Cottage, Week St Mary. 24/80

9. Portfolio Reports:

- **Playground**

The swing is being replaced by T K Play. Mole hills are being treated. 24/82

- **Highways, Footpaths & Greens**

Cllr Hamlyn said he has reported a number of potholes. He attended the recent CORMAC meeting at Launceston Rugby Club. There was a lot said about carbon footprints, which he will elaborate on next month. The swing should be here in the next 10 days or so. 24/83

10. Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):

The following correspondence was noted: Safer Cornwall newsletter; Cornwall Planning Partnership update; CAP housing section of the North Cornwall Plan; Cornwall Council Town/Parish Council newsletter; Affordable Housing newsletter; road closure notification (Penfound Road to Week Orchard). 24/84

11. Community Infrastructure Levy and Community Benefit Fund applications

* None (next round – October) 24/85

12. Agenda items

1. Week St Mary path project

No update. 24/86

2. Drainage works quotations

Cllr Hamlyn said there was a small slippage, with water building up on the top bank. He has cut a ditch along the bottom of the football pitch, and opened up all the football club ditches that discharge that way. It still needs a cross drain at the far end but the stagnant water has been emptied and it is flowing. All ok for the time being. It was agreed to get a price for an outlet and manhole with inlet on both sides.

Proposed: S May Seconded: R Bolt Votes: Unanimous 24/87

3. Lambley Corner

Cllr Hamlyn has spoken to Highways who have said it is their responsibility. They will take on the cutting of it (safety visibility cutting) and they will let the parish council know what will be suitable regarding placing planters there. This was agreed by councillors.

Proposed: S May Seconded: T Hamlyn Votes: Unanimous 24/88

4. Social media policy

Councillors proposed to adopt the circulated Social Media policy.

Proposed: S May Seconded: M Johns Votes: Unanimous 24/89

5. Ashbury Grove

Following the conversation at the start of the meeting, the clerk will write to Cornwall Council, asking for more information and more time to consider all of the facts.

Proposed: R Bolt Seconded: T Hamlyn Votes: Unanimous 24/90

6. Canworthy Water solar farm

