

**MINUTES of a MEETING OF PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2017 in Pentewan Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Derek Yeo (Chairman), George Muskett, Mike Ward, Liz Mahoney, Ian Watkins, Miles Avery, Ralph Curr

**In attendance:** Julie Larter (Clerk), Cllr James Mustoe, PCSO Dingle, 6 members of the public.

**Cllr Ward asked those present to take a few moments to reflect on the atrocities that had taken place earlier in the day in London.**

**(16/206) Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Smith and Cllr Cartwright.

**(16/207) Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2017**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February be signed as a correct record of the meeting, with the following amendment: **(16/189 (b) – the final sentence should read “They recommend that a sentry is in position when blasting is to take place”.**

**(16/208) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**

There were no declarations of interest. The Chairman declared he had received hospitality when he attended a presentation event hosted by Little Harbour at the Cornwall Hotel on 17 March.

**(16/209) Chairman’s Announcements**

The Chairman did not have any announcements to make but invited members of the public to speak regarding the planning application they were interested in at the relevant stage on the agenda.

**(16/210) Public Participation**

No members of the public wished to speak at this stage.

**(16/211) Cornwall Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Mustoe spoke about the shocking situation in London and said all credit must be given to the emergency services for dealing with the situation so swiftly.

Cllr Mustoe has met with Luke Jones from the Environment Agency and said that further work proposed for London Apprentice has been postponed until later this year to allow for fish spawning.

The Environment Agency has diverted the river on Pentewan Beach and Cllr Mustoe has met with Cllr Ward to view the further damage to the harbour wall that has occurred. He has forwarded photographs to the Environment Agency.

Cllr Mustoe is chasing Cormac daily regarding the traffic lights at London Apprentice and will ask the MP to get involved if there are further delays in sorting the matter out.

Cllr Mustoe reported that B & Q has offered to give the Parish Council £4,000 towards the cost of a Traffic Regulation Order. A meeting was held on 17 March between Steve Double MP, Cllr Mustoe, Cllr Avery, the Clerk and officers from Cormac to discuss the Traffic Regulation Order issue. Cllr Mustoe was very disappointed at Cormac's lack of preparation for the meeting.

Cllr Mustoe has liaised with Cllr Ward regarding the litter pick on 9 April.

Cllr Muskett was pleased to report that Cormac has scraped the roads in Tregorrick as promised, but the gullies have yet to be cleansed and are overflowing.

### **(16/212) Devon and Cornwall Police Report**

PCSO Dingle reported that 2 crimes had been reported for the period 13 February to 16 March – both burglaries at holiday sites. PCSO Dingle reported that it was proposed to reduce the number of PCSOs in Devon and Cornwall from 330 – 150 in the next 3 years and she will do her best to keep the Parish Council abreast of developments.

Cllr Mustoe said that PCSO Dingle had been very visible in the area since taking up her current post and this was appreciated by the public.

### **(16/213) Planning Applications and Related Matters**

(i) PA17/01656 – Land North of Nanterrow, Lower Tregongeeves: Outline application for proposed residential development

Lisa Solly of Situ8 outlined the application which is for 5 dwellings. She said a further Flood Risk Assessment has been carried out for the site and the Habitat Report has been updated. There are no plans to develop the site further because of drainage issues.

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak about the application.

Mr Vine lives opposite the existing dwelling and the proposed entrance. He said he doesn't feel his previous concerns have been addressed. His concerns are: The visibility splay is inadequate; the land has not been previously developed so is therefore not brownfield; the Flood Risk Assessment is inadequate; he is disappointed the application is for outline permission – residents may have more confidence if the application was full.

Mrs Turner was unsure what the term "small residential development" actually meant. She enquired what the tenure of the properties would be.

Councillors discussed the application and it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the Parish Council objects to the proposal. The Parish Council supports the Environment Agency's objection regarding insufficient information regarding potential flooding on the site. Furthermore the Council feels that there is insufficient information regarding proposed access and it does not feel an outline application is appropriate.**

(ii) PA17/02064 – 3 The Terrace, Pentewan: Works to a tree in a Conservation Area, namely Re-pollard one Holm Oak (*Quercus Ilex*) and pollard 2 Ash trees. This application was for information only.

(b) The Clerk gave an update on the following planning matters

(i) PA16/11994 – Land at Coyte Farm: Outline Planning Permission for the construction of up to 150 homes, public open space, landscaping and all associated infrastructure works, with all matters reserved except access. This application is to be determined by the Strategic Planning Committee on 30 March. Cllr Mustoe said he will be attending the meeting and asking for the application to be refused.

(ii) PA16/07228 – Dairy Quarry, Pentewan: Review of Mineral Planning Permissions First Periodic Review

The Clerk has had difficulty in contacting the Planning Officer and Cllr Mustoe offered to chase.

Enforcement Matters

EN17/00251 – Land West of The Terrace, Pentewan: Alleged unauthorised tree works taking place within a Conservation Area without permission.

The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer has visited the site a number of times but has been unable to witness work in progress. The land is unregistered and Cornwall Council has no way of proving who sanctioned or carried out the work. The case has therefore been closed but the Enforcement Officer has written to occupiers of The Terrace reminding them of their duties and obligations regarding unauthorised works to trees in a Conservation Area.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write to the Trewithen Estate expressing the concerns of the Parish Council regarding the management of the trees and land, and suggest a meeting would be helpful.

**(16/214) Pavement Weed Spraying**

It was **RESOLVED** to undertake bi-annual pavement weed spraying on a permanent basis. Complete Weed Control South West was appointed for 2017.

**(16/215) Cornwall Council Draft Customer Promise**

It was **RESOLVED** not to respond to the consultation.

**16/216) Pentewan Flood Defences (Pentewan Emergency Plan)**

The matter is ongoing.

**(16/217) Coastal Flooding Risk**

The river is undermining the wall and the headland. Sand has shifted and the eastern side of the beach is now very exposed. Cllr Mustoe is to chase whether anything has progressed following the inter-agency meeting held in the summer 2016.

**(16/218) River Banks**

It was noted that the Environment Agency's plans to improve 2 further sections have been postponed until the autumn.

**(16/219) Menagwins Water Treatment Works/Levalsa Pumping Station**

A meeting was held on 16 March. It appears that chlorine from swimming pools and blue flush from caravan toilets could be contributing to odours.

Cllr Watkins reported that he had experienced noise issues some nights at around 1215 hours. The noise persists for 30 minutes and then cuts off. The Chairman reminded members of the need to report incidents to South West Water.

**(16/220) Menagwins Car Park**

The Chairman reported that the Tregorrick Field Trust has fenced the boundary of the car park that borders their field to prevent dogs from entering the field. The Monthly safety report had highlighted a large pothole by the entrance which was about 7” in diameter and sufficient to damage cycles. The Clerk was asked to contact Biffa and ask if they will fill it.

**(16/221) Pentewan Public Toilets**

It was **RESOLVED to accept a quote from Steve Pitcher to paint the exterior of the building and to open the toilets on 1 April and close them on 29 October.** Cleaning hours were determined (see confidential minute).

**(16/222) Highways Matters**

Cllrs Ward and Avery carried out a risk assessment of the new bus shelter and could not identify any risks at that time. There was litter surrounding the shelter and it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should purchase a small bin to be fitted on or near the shelter.** Cllrs Watson and Avery moved the existing litter bin from the pavement to inside the old bus shelter as it was considered a hazard. It was noted that the bus shelters in Tregorrick were green and overgrown. Cllr Yeo has asked the Cornwall Hotel if it will trim around the trees the Parish Council planted at Tregorrick 3 times a year to keep the area tidy. It was noted that Pentewan Hill is due to be closed from 27 March for 2 weeks for patching work.

**(16/223) Meetings/Training Attended**

23 and 24 February – Clerk attended SLCC Practitioners Conference  
2 March – Clerk attended the SLCC Cornwall branch meeting  
17 March – Chairman attended a Childrens Hospice South West presentation at the Cornwall Hotel  
17 March – Cllr Avery and the Clerk attended a meeting with Steve Double MP, Cllr Mustoe and Cormac officers to discuss a Traffic Regulation Order for Lobbs Shop – Pentewan.

**(16/224) Financial Matters**

(a) Asset Register

The Council’s Asset Register was reviewed and considered to be in order.

(b) Insurance

The Council’s Insurance documentation was reviewed and levels of cover were considered to be adequate.

(c) Current balances were noted and the following payments were authorised:

**Cheques**

000 362	Came & Company	Insurance renewal	£331.00
000 363	St Austell Bay Parish Council	Photocopy charges Dec- March	£3.79

000 364	Cornwall Council	Planning Conference (D Yeo & M Smith)	£20.00
000 365	Carlyon Parish Council	1/3 share Clerk's attendance at VAT training day	£31.66
000 366	SLCC	Community Governance course fees	£500.00
000 367	Mrs J Larter	March salary	*
		Postage 13 Dec – 16 March	£22.53
		Mileage Jan – Feb	£70.63
		Milk	£0.94
000 368	HMRC	PAYE collected	*

#### **Automated Payments**

DD	Cornwall Council	Business Rates for Menagwins Car Park	£82.00
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\*Publication of salary payments is excluded under the Data Protection Act

(d) It was noted that Cllr Watkins undertook an internal control check on 21 February and his report is held on file.

#### **(16/225) Correspondence Received**

A list of correspondence had previously been circulated with the agenda papers and the following items had been subsequently received:

- Email relating to The Market House's Lottery bid

#### **(16/226) Dates for the Diary**

29 March – Police Liaison Group Meeting. Cllr Ward was due to attend but is now unable but will meet Inspector Gard separately  
30 March – Cornwall Council Strategic Planning Committee meeting when the Coyte Farm planning application will be determined  
9 April – Parish litter pick

#### **(16/227) Dates of Forthcoming Meetings**

(To be held in the Committee Room, St Austell One Stop Shop unless stated otherwise all commencing at 1900)

19 April – also Annual Parish Meeting (Pentewan Village Hall), 17 May – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August (if required), 20 September, 18 October, 22 November, 20 December.

#### **(16/228) Exclusion of Public and Press**

Under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was **RESOLVED to exclude the public and press for agenda item 20.**

#### **(16/229) NEST Auto Enrolment**

Cllr Watkins has checked the Clerk's accrued gratuity calculation (see Confidential Minute) and it was noted that the Clerk has set up a scheme with NEST. The Clerk confirmed that it will be possible to pay the accrued gratuity into the NEST scheme. A direct debit mandate was signed for monthly contributions.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

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