

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016 in The Chairman's Room, St Austell One Stop Shop at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Derek Yeo, George Muskett, Liz Mahoney, Vicky Cartwright, Michael Ward, Ralph Curr, Miles Avery

In attendance: Julie Larter (Clerk); Cllr James Mustoe, Cornwall Council Ward Member

(16/001) Election of a Chairman

It was **resolved that Cllr Derek Yeo be elected as Chairman for 2016/17.**

(16/002) Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Yeo duly completed an acceptance of office.

(16/003) Election of a Vice Chairman

Cllr Miles Avery was elected as Vice Chairman for 2016/17.

(16/004) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Ian Watkins and PCSO Hemming

(16/005) Register of Members' Interests

The Clerk reminded members of the need to keep the register up to date.

(16/006) Minutes of a Meeting held on 20 April 2016

It was **RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting held on 20 April 2016 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.**

(16/007) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Cllrs Muskett and Yeo declared interests in agenda item 11, planning application PA16/03454 as they are members of Tregorrick Field Trust and there is a tenuous link with the Cornwall Hotel.

(16/008) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman did not have any announcements to make.

(16/009) Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

(16/010) Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr Mustoe referred to a letter from Steve Double MP about progress regarding Menagwins Water Treatment Works. Cllr Mustoe has tried to set up a meeting to discuss Pentewan Beach/flood prevention. Cornwall Council has requested information from Plymouth University regarding sand movement on the beach prior to holding the meeting. Cllr Mustoe said that the results of a recently conducted traffic survey should be known tomorrow. The Chairman asked Cllr Mustoe about the s106 money from the Porthpean Road development and wondered if it could be put towards speed reduction in Tregorrick. Cllr Mustoe replied

that the Highways element of the s106 money has been allocated for improvements to Porthpean Road, but he offered to pursue the matter with Cllr Bert Biscoe. Cllr Mustoe said that he had met with PCSO Hemming to discuss speeding in Pentewan.

(16/011) Planning Applications and Related Matters

(i) PA16/03454 – Cornwall Hotel Spa and Estate: Removal of condition 2 attached to planning permission 06/01243 dated 5 October 2006 relating to holiday/occupancy use

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the Parish Council strongly objects to the proposal for the following reasons:

- 1. It is an unwarranted permanent residential development in the countryside**
- 2. It circumvents normal planning consideration for such development**
- 3. There is no affordable housing included and no contribution in lieu**
- 4. There is no contribution to offset impacts to local services and facilities such as schools, doctors or hospital**
- 5. The Highways impacts from permanent dwellings are quite different from holiday use. No transportation impact assessment has been provided. There is no assessment of the suitability of existing internal roads to cope with the proposed use. Such assessment should take into account the existing hotel, extended restaurant, spa and conference centre.**
- 6. The proposal is on land subject to flooding and no risk assessment has been provided for the proposed use. In view of the nature of the proposal a sequential test should be undertaken.**
- 7. The proposal is likely to conflict with the existing commercial use of the site, which has been granted the required consents for this use to flourish, by virtue of the loss of accommodation to support the hotel and its facilities.**
- 8. It would create a new housing estate equivalent in size to Tregorrick "by the back door"**

(ii) PA16/03217 – Cornwall Hotel Spa and Estate: Removal of condition 3 (holiday accommodation only) of PA12/10960 – revised design and layout for the undeveloped 36 holiday lodges as per the extant planning consent C2/06/01243

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(16/012) Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement

- (a) The Internal Auditor's report was noted.
- (b) It was **RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement**
- (c) It was **RESOLVED to approve the Accounting statements**

(16/013) Gypsies and Travelling Communities Site Allocations Plan Document Scoping Report Consultation

The document was noted.

(16/014) Proposed A30 Link Road

It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the consultation stating that the Parish Council strongly supports the development of a link road between St Austell and the A30 and that the Parish Council's preferred route is the Roche route.**

(16/015) Section 106 Money for Open Spaces

The Chairman and Clerk together with Cllr Mustoe attended a meeting with St Austell Rugby Club on 11 May to discuss the club's aspirations for the future. The rugby club are likely to submit an application for s106 money to fit AstroTurf to pitch no 2 and will be seeking support from the Parish Council.

At the meeting the problem of motorists using satnavs to find the ground was discussed and it was agreed that the rugby club and Parish Council would jointly fund the provision of 2 signs, one for Tregorrick and one to go near the hospice. It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should liaise with the rugby club and obtain a quote for signage. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.**

(16/016) Pentewan Emergency Plan

Cllr Ward will combine the existing flood plan with a new emergency plan. The Chairman and Cllr Muskett will liaise and provide information for Tregorrick.

(16/017) River Banks

Japanese Knotweed is present at the southern end of the Pentewan Trail and Cllr Mustoe is liaising with Cornwall Council, the Environment Agency and the Woodland Trust. It was noted that 4 trees have fallen across the trail and the Clerk is to report this.

(16/018) Menagwins Water Treatment Works

It was noted that matters are improving and the depot is no longer importing sludge.

(16/019) Menagwins Car Park

There was nothing to report.

(16/020) Parish Logo

The matter was carried over to the next meeting.

(16/021) Pentewan Toilets

- (a) It was **RESOLVED to spend an additional £30 on gravel for the area surrounding the toilets.**

(b) The locks on the toilet doors are proving unreliable, due in part to the old door hinges. The Clerk is to obtain a costing for replacement of the hinges.

(c) The Clerk suggested that it would be helpful if some shelves could be put in the service cupboard to store cleaning products.

(d) Cleaner's Annual Leave

It was noted that the cleaner will be taking annual leave in July

(16/022) Highways

The Clerk has received a reply from Cormac regarding a request for the turning circle sign in North Road to be reinstated. The reply said that Cormac can only replace mandatory signs or safety critical signs and as this sign does not fall into either category it would not be replaced. Cormac also pointed out that the sign holds no enforcement powers.

The Clerk reported that she has received notification of road closure notices for the next 18 months and Pentewan Hill, Lobbs Shop, Tregongeeves Lane are included on the list, but no dates have been given for the work to commence.

The Chairman said that the base of the hedge at the bottom of Tregorrick has still not been scraped by Cormac, despite repeated requests. Cllr Mustoe will chase.

It was noted that some of the stones are falling out of the wall bordering the road in Pentewan. The Clerk was asked to write to Pentewan Sands.

(16/023) Meetings/Training Attended

29 April – The Chairman attended a site visit at Menagwins WTW

11 May – The Chairman and Clerk met with St Austell RFC regarding a potential s106 application for improvements to open spaces

12 May – Chairman attended a meeting of Menagwins Liaison Group

The Chairman also attended an event held for the retirement of the Clerk to St Mewan Parish Council

(16/024) Financial Matters

(a) A direct debit mandate payable to British Gas for the electricity supply to Pentewan toilets was authorised.

(b) The following payments were authorised and current balances noted.

Automated Payments			£
None			
Cheques			
000304	Kate Woolvern	First aid training 10 April (replaced 00297 which was incorrectly made out)	256.00
000305	British Gas	Electricity for Pentewan toilets	13.91
000306	Lyreco	Stationery and bleach	21.17
000307	Pentewan Sands Ltd	Annual rent for bus shelter land	5.00
000308	Mrs V Page	May salary	*
000309	Mrs J Larter	May salary	*
		Working from home allowance	60.00
		Mileage March/April 2016	90.90

*Publication of salary payments are exempt under The Data Protection Act

The Clerk was asked to find out about grants for solar power to public buildings.

(16/025) Correspondence

A list of correspondence had previously been circulated. In addition, the following had been received since publication of the agenda

- Details of a consultation on St Mewan Neighbourhood Plan
- Cornwall Council May Devolution Bulletin
- Letter regarding a nuisance caused by people feeding seagulls in Pentewan. Cllr Avery declared an interest at this stage as the letter eluded to his sister. The Clerk was asked to write to Pentewan Sands to enquire if they would erect appropriate signage
- Cornwall Council Devolution bulletin regarding electoral reform

(16/026) Dates for the Diary

9 June – St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Panel Meeting.

(16/027) Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

22 June (*Pentewan Village Hall*), 20 July, 17 August (if required), 14 September, 19 October, 16 November, 14 December (*All in the Committee Room, St Austell One Stop Shop*)

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

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Chairman

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Date