

MINUTES of a MEETING OF PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 19 October 2016 in THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ST AUSTELL ONE STOP SHOP at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Derek Yeo (Chairman), George Muskett, Ian Watkins, Mike Ward, Ralph Curr, Miranda Smith

In attendance: Julie Larter (Clerk); Cllr James Mustoe CC; PCSO Julie Carpenter; 1 member of the public

(16/096) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Avery, Cllr Cartwright and Cllr Mahoney

(16/097) Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2016 be signed as a correct record of the meeting subject to the following amendment.

(16/089) Public Toilets – this should read that Cllr Watkins undertook the annual risk assessment

(16/098) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Cllr Ward declared an interest in planning application PA16/09508 – land to the rear of The Terrace, Pentewan as the proposed tree works could affect the view from his property.

(16/099) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

(16/100) Public Participation

Mr Royden, proprietor of Sun Valley Holiday Park outlined a recent planning application he had submitted. Mr Royden has applied to change the current permission for 28 touring caravans to accommodate 12 static vans. The Chairman thanked Mr Royden and said that the matter would be considered once the planning application had been validated.

(16/101) Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr Mustoe has requested that the war memorial in Pentewan be listed on the Historic Environment Record.

Cllr Mustoe reported that he has met Bert Biscoe and has spoken to Jeremy Edwards from Cornwall Council about traffic calming measures for Tregorrick Road. Mr Edwards stated that the road was not suitable for traffic calming measures such as speed cushions. It was suggested that Sawles Road could be made a no through road and Cllr Mustoe asked members for their views on this. The Chairman enquired about the use of dragon's teeth and Cllr Mustoe offered to pursue this. The Chairman asked for a copy of the email from Mr Edwards so that he could circulate it to local residents to gauge opinion.

Cllr Mustoe is to liaise with Cllr Ward regarding organising a parish litter pick.

Cllr Mustoe gave a verbal report on the coastal defences meeting held on 21 September.

Cllr Mustoe said reported that South West Water's work to replace pipework at Tregiskey was ongoing.

(16/102) Devon and Cornwall Police Report

PCSO Carpenter reported that 1 crime had been reported in the past month – the theft of a wallet at Pentewan Sands which was still under investigation.

Cllr Ward outlined a recent Police Liaison Group meeting he had attended. The meeting on 4 October was to outline the context to local policing and community policing arrangements. The Police force has been faced with a huge cut in its budget resulting in a reduction in officers. The Police were looking at different ways of working including sharing services with other forces, the greater use of mobile technology, body worn cameras and the greater use of Taser. A service level agreement has been drawn up giving a minimum undertaking for attendance at town and parish council meetings, although it is hoped that PCSOs may be able to provide a higher level of service. There is an expectation that parish clerks will self-serve to obtain crime figures, although it has been agreed that the figures available are not currently up to date.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Ward for his update.

(16/103) Planning Applications and Related Matters

Cllr Ward left the room.

(i) PA16/09508 – Woodland to the rear of The Terrace, Pentewan – Works to trees in a Conservation Area namely to remove dead and dying pine and ash trees and undertake remedial work on the remainder.

It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the Parish Council supports the application.**

Cllr Ward returned to the room.

(ii) PA15/11368 – Land at Phase 2, Porthpean Road: Erection of 102 dwellings (substitution of house types for development approved under reference PA14/01101 reducing the site from 131 to 102 dwellings)

It was noted that this application is to be determined by the Central Sub Area Planning Committee on 24 October. The Chairman will speak at the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council

Cllr Ward asked Cllr Mustoe if there was an update on PA16/07748 – Flat 4, Nansladron House. Cllr Mustoe said the application was as yet undetermined.

(16/104) Cornwall Site Allocations Development Plan Document: Preferred Options Consultation.

It was **RESOLVED that Cllr Muskett would draft comments for submission by the Clerk.** We are supportive of the Transport projects and would wish to see the improvements to traffic flow along the A390 come on stream as soon as possible. We are aware that S106 monies have been allocated for this work and delay in its implementation causes us concern from the point of view of air quality, as the new housing becomes occupied and with regard to the impact on the minor road network due to hold-ups on the A390.

We also ask that this work recognises the potential impact on feeder roads to the A390 and that it does not exacerbate the problem on these roads.

We note that it is sought to encourage the greater use of the public transport system and believe that this is largely dependent on the proposed improvements. We would not wish to see unnecessary limitations on parking in residential developments which only impacts on safe and accessible movements through these developments for pedestrians, cyclists and car users. A carrot rather than a stick is required to bring about any change in vehicle owners' attitudes.

We note that a "town wide pedestrian and cycle network" has been drawn up (Table STA3), which consists of new cycleway/footpath provision and improvements to the existing and we see that the existing cycle path is described as an "Enhanced multi-use trail". We would welcome more information on this as we have concerns with the potential for conflict between all users on the existing road/cycle path between Pentewan Road and Porthpean Road.

We note that Table STA3 is headed "Newquay" and that the footer mis-spells "Transport".

In the Eco Communities section, we also note that it is proposed to drain Par Docks development to Menagwins Sewage Treatment Works (10.28). We question the sense and practicality of such a proposal in view of the proximity of the newer Par Treatment Works a few hundred metres from any such development. There are already existing problems at Menagwins and we would expect any up-grade scheme to focus on existing issues.

We would wish to be notified of future stages in the preparation and examination of the DPD.

(16/105) Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Policy Review

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should submit a response to the consultation answering "yes" to all questions.

(16/106) Clean Air Strategy

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Muskett would draft comments for submission by the Clerk.

We would request that the area covered by Figure A4: St Austell AQMA is projected south along the Pentewan Road to encompass the proposed Trewhiddle Link Road and the allocation for mixed use development in the Cornwall site Allocations Development Plan Document (STA-M1). It is clear that the Site Allocations Document and the Transport Strategy are promoting this area and due to the potential development and infrastructure to be located here it should be included to ensure this issue is properly considered when planning applications are received.

Action 9: New and enhanced cycle and pedestrian links

We note that there are proposed new links to Charlestown from the A390 and via Tregorrick. We would welcome more information on this as we have concerns with the potential conflict with vehicular users on the existing cycle path between Pentewan Road and Porthpean Road. Our concern is heightened by the statement that "many of these schemes will be delivered through s106 agreements with new development". We have seen little benefit from s106 contributions from existing development in our Parish and are doubtful that further development will in any way contribute to a solution.

Action 15 Investigate the adoption of powers to stop idling vehicles

This measure is most likely to be unenforceable and uneconomic to acquire and implement. It is not thought to be worthy of further consideration, particularly given the exemptions in the legislation.

Generally

We understand and support the wish to promote sustainable transport usage, but this should not ignore the sometimes-contrary wish to undertake travel quickly and efficiently. Only when the public transport system can be seen to be attractive, efficient and reliable will there be a sea change in peoples' attitudes. We would not wish to see unnecessary limitations on parking in residential developments which only impacts on safe and accessible movements for pedestrians, cyclists and car users through these developments.

(16/107) Pentewan Flood Defences (Pentewan Emergency Plan)

The matter is ongoing.

(16/108) Coastal Flooding Risk

The Chairman outlined matters discussed at a meeting held on 21 September between representatives from Cornwall Council, the Environment Agency, Steve Double MP, Cllr Mustoe and himself. The main issue being that the flood defence from the sea relies on the sandbank at the mouth of the harbour and the harbour wall is eroding badly in the area behind the sandbank. Should this be breached then the sand bank could be ineffective. The Parish Council is awaiting a response from Cornwall Council with regard to any funding that may be available. Members discussed the possibility of applying for grant funding from the Waste Landfill Grant.

(16/109) River Banks

There was nothing to report.

(16/110) Menagwins Water Treatment Works/Levalsa Pumping Station

The Chairman has reported several instances of smells to South West Water in the past month.

Cllr Watkins reported that gas appeared to be coming out of pipe near Tregiskey and had reported the matter. It appeared to be gas escaping from sewage pipes and Cllr Mustoe offered to take up the matter with South West Water.

(16/111) Menagwins Car Park

Cllr Watkins reported there is an ongoing problem with litter. The Clerk reported that she had received a revised Rateable Value for the car park of £1,125, an increase of £155 on the current value.

(16/112) Public Toilets

It was **RESOLVED** that the toilets would close for the winter on 31 October and re-open next Easter.

The Clerk reported that the Rateable Value for the toilets remains unchanged following the 5-year revaluation.

(16/113) Highways Matters

(i) Signage for St Austell Rugby Club

It was **RESOLVED** to accept a quote of £65 for a directional sign to go in Tregorrick.

(ii) Other Highways matters

Back road into Pentewan: Cormac has trimmed around an existing weight limit sign near Lobbs Shop.

It was noted that cars are being parked on the corner of Pentewan Road and Tregorrack Road at the weekends causing a visibility problem.

(16/114) Meetings/Training Attended

- 15 September – The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with Natural Retreats
- 21 September – The Chairman attended a meeting with Steve Double MP, Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency to discuss coastal flooding in Pentewan
- 21 September – The Chairman and Cllr Muskett attended the St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Panel meeting
- 22 September – Cllr Smith attended Code of Conduct training
- 4 October – Cllr Ward attended a Police Liaison Group meeting
- 6 October – The Clerk attended a CALC Open Meeting. Notes from the meeting had been previously circulated and it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the consultation on the Referendum of Principles**
- 17 October – The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with representatives from Pentewan Sands

(16/115) Financial Matters

Current balances were noted and the following payments were authorised:

Cheques

			£
000 338	A & A Garden Services	Cutting PRow and SWCP	1,100.00
000 339	Grant Thornton	Annual Audit Fee	120.00
000 340	Mrs V Page	October salary	*
000 341	Mrs J Larter	October salary	*
		Postage	18.69
		Expenses	23.68

Automated Payments

DD	British Gas	Electricity for toilets	24.42
DD	Cornwall Council	Business Rates for Menagwins Car Park	84.48

*Publication of salary payments is excluded under the Data Protection Act

(16/116) Correspondence Received

A list of correspondence had previously been circulated and in addition there was a Communities and Devolution Bulletin regarding Cornwall Council’s Budget and Priorities event on 31 October.

(16/117) Dates for the Diary

- 31 October – Cornwall Council Localism Summit (Clerk to attend)
- 3 November – Proposed A30 Link Road briefing (Chairman to attend)
- 17 November – Planning training (Chairman and Cllr Smith to attend)

(16/118) Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

The date of the next meeting was changed to 23 November (One Stop Shop, 1900), 14 December (to be held in Pentewan Village Hall at 1800).

The meeting closed at 8.42 pm

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