

MINUTES of a MEETING OF PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2018 in the Council Chamber, St Austell One Stop Shop

Present: Cllrs Derek Yeo, George Muskett, Ian Watkins, Vicky Cartwright, Mike Ward, John Sundercombe, Miranda Smith

In attendance: Julie Larter (Clerk), Cllr James Mustoe CC, 45 members of the public; Ivan Tomlin planning agent for planning application PA18/04928

(18/051) Apologies for Absence

Cllr Miles Avery.

(18/052) Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 June 2018

Subject to the following amendment of minute (18/044) (i), in which the 2nd paragraph should read "A number of members of the public were unhappy with the scheme citing lack of consultation, the need for members of the Coastguard to be able to travel to Mevagissey in an emergency, rugby club visitors being unable to use the road, it was not traffic calming, it would put more traffic onto Pentewan Hill, lack of infrastructure accompanying recent house building, the unsuitability of Sawles Road to take any additional traffic and inconvenience to agricultural workers." it was **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2018 were an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.**

(18/053) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

(18/054) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman said that he was reordering the agenda and bringing forward agenda item 12 (f) (i). The Chairman then permitted Cllr Mustoe to make the following statement:

"At their meeting in June the Parish Council asked Cormac to postpone the proposed access only experimental traffic order at Tregorrack in order to consult more fully with the wider community. Cormac responded last week saying they did not need to do this.

Given this fact, and the more general opposition to the scheme which has subsequently come to light, I have today spoken with Cornwall Council Cabinet Member responsible for transport Cllr Geoff Brown and told him that I am not able to support this scheme as it currently stands.

Specifically, I asked that at the very least it is put back for six months and that Cormac does a full consultation in advance rather than at the same time as implementing the scheme. That being said, given the weight of current or planned opposition to this scheme as it stands currently, and that the neighbouring Cornwall Councillor has withdrawn his support, neighbouring parish councils are unhappy with the proposals, and our MP has also asked it be postponed, I believe that at present, continuing with this particular scheme will be a futile exercise and a waste of public money, as we already know what the outcome is going to be. Therefore I propose that the Parish Council tonight vote to stop supporting this scheme in order to avoid a costly and pointless consultation that I do not think will lead to a permanent solution for the village of Tregorrack.

Geoff Brown has said the S106 monies available can be reused on another scheme to benefit the road, and that he is happy to work with myself and the Parish Council towards implementing an alternative scheme, perhaps with crenulations or similar. I suggest that instead we move forward and work with all interested parties on the road including the hospice, rugby club and others, in order to find a scheme that reduces the speed of traffic on the road at Tregorrick while recognising how the village fits in to the wider area. Thank you".

(18/055) Public Participation

The Chairman said that as objectors to the proposed Tregorrick traffic calming scheme had been given an opportunity to speak at the previous Parish Council meeting, it would be helpful if residents of Tregorrick could explain what their safety concerns were.

Points made were that they understood the objections to the scheme but want improvements to be made to the road to make it work for everyone. Residents have suffered from coaches, lorries and caravans getting stuck, the speed of vehicles, lack of consideration, abuse from motorists, children being unable to use the road to walk to school as it is unsafe. Both the running and cycling club use the road. It was disappointing that the rugby club had been so vociferous about the proposed scheme as people attending their ground at the weekend use the road. The McDonalds roundabout is a problem and one of the main reasons people use Tregorrick Road. There is a sign at McDonalds suggesting that motorists use Sawles Road. The Parish Council was asked to raise with Highways the problem of the Pondhu School crossing operatives which contribute to traffic problems in the area. The social media campaign stating that Tregorrick residents wanted the road to become a private road was untrue. Sawles Road should be included in any traffic management scheme as there would be a knock-on effect. Numerous accidents have occurred including one last night which closed the road for a time.

Agenda item 12 (f) (i) was then discussed by members.

Cllr Sundercombe said that he was pleased to hear the views of Tregorrick residents and that the critical point is that this is a safety issue and the Parish Council should go back to Cornwall Council requesting a proposal that would suit everyone.

Cllr Ward thanked members of the public for attending the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED that a working party consisting of no more than 8 members should be set up comprising of representatives from the rugby club, Sawles Road residents, Tregorrick residents, the farming community and the Parish Council to work with Cornwall Council to come up with an acceptable scheme.** Cllr Sundercombe is to be the Parish Council representative. There will be no more than 8 members.

It was **RESOLVED that there was a requirement for a strategic overview of the wider St Austell traffic problem and Cllr Mustoe was asked to set up a group and report back to the Parish Council.**

(18/056) Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr Mustoe reported that the verge on the B3273 has now been cut. Cllr Smith said that now the verge has been cut, it has revealed a large amount of litter and she asked whether a litter pick could be undertaken. Cllr Mustoe said that one should have already been carried out by Biffa but he would chase them again.

Cllr Mustoe said that he has been petitioning to get vegetation on the trail cut – some has already been done.

A meeting has been arranged on 13 August with Steve Double MP, Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency to discuss coastal flooding concerns.

Cllr Mustoe has received confirmation that white lining on the B3273 is due for renewal this year.

Following last month's parish council meeting, Cllr Mustoe visited Lower Sawles Road and has asked Cormac to clear vegetation. Cllr Cartwright said that a horse riding warning sign is missing from Lower Sawles Road although the post remains. Cllr Mustoe will speak to Cormac.

Cllr Ward reported that there is another sewage leak near Peruppa bridge and Cllr Mustoe said he will report the matter to South West Water.

(18/057) Devon and Cornwall Police Report

No report was available and it was decided to re-name the agenda item "Any items of crime and disorder to report to Devon and Cornwall Police".

(18/058) Planning Applications and Related Matters

(a)

(i) PA18/04928 – Glentowan Barn, Pentewan: Change of use to a dwelling house with unrestricted residential accommodation (Removal of conditions 2, 3 and 4 of decision notice C2/02/00281)

Ivan Tomlin, Planning Agent outlined the rationale behind the application. It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the Parish Council supports the application.**

(ii) PA17/12243 – The Meadows Campsite, Pentewan: Campsite reception and shop, campsite maintenance equipment store

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

(b) Update on PA18/04045 – Dolphin Cottage, 27 West End, Pentewan: Part demolition of existing damaged boundary wall.

The comments of the Conservation Officer were noted and it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the Parish Council has no objections to the proposal provided the conditions suggested by the Conservation Officer are complied with and the applicant can provide an explanation to justify the removal of 4m of the wall as the Parish Council considers this length to be excessive.**

(c) The Clerk has received a complaint about the untidy nature of the land surrounding Into the Woods and the Clerk was asked to contact the landlord, Pentewan Sands Ltd.

(18/059) Pentewan Village Car Park

Cllr Ward reported on the working group meeting held earlier in the evening. Quotes have been obtained for tarmacking and payment machines. Steve Double MP has agreed to distribute a questionnaire to residents of the parish and it is hoped to turn this around within 2 weeks. The group will meet next on 14 August.

(18/060) Electoral Review of Cornwall Council

The Boundary Commissions recommendation is to split the parish between 2 electoral divisions. This would necessitate the parish consisting of 2 wards instead of the current 3. The Boundary Commission provisionally named the wards London Apprentice and Pentewan. It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the Boundary Commission stating that the Parish Council was not happy with the proposal, that it felt that the Commission has not looked at community or social cohesion and by splitting the parish between 2 divisional wards would present a challenge. If the parish is to be divided into 2 wards, the preferred names would be Tregorrick and Trewiddle and Pentewan Village.**

Cllr Mustoe said he would be writing to the Boundary Commission also.

(18/061) Privacy Statement

It was **RESOLVED to adopt the draft Privacy Statement.**

(18/062) Pentewan Flood Defences

(i) A meeting has been arranged between Steve Double MP, Cornwall Council, Environment Agency, Pentewan Sands Ltd and the Parish Council on 13 August to try to progress coastal flood prevention measures.

(ii) Pentewan Emergency Plan

The matter is ongoing. Cllr Ward is hoping to organise a presentation evening shortly – the date and venue to be confirmed.

(18/063) The Shrubbery

There was nothing to report.

(18/064) River Banks

It was noted that the Environment Agency is undertaking strengthening works in some areas.

(18/065) Menagwins Water Treatment Works/Levalsa Pumping Station

There have been no issues with smells but there are still noise issues.

(18/066) Menagwins Car Park

The Clerk reported that she took legal advice from Cornwall Council and the rough sleeper has moved on and contractors were called in to clear the area and dispose of the tent and other items. There are still some paving slabs in the stream and these will be removed shortly. Councillors will coppice some of the trees to create a natural barrier with the stream.

The Clerk has received a request from Biffa via Cornwall Council seeking permission to remove the gate post as some lorries are having difficulty in turning in. Councillors suggested that the hanging post should remain in case there is a need in the future to close the gate at night but the closing post could be removed and the area made good by Biffa.

It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should enter into a contract with Biffa to empty the bin on a weekly basis during the summer and fortnightly during the rest of the year.**

(18/067) Highways Matters

(i) Tregorrick Traffic Calming Scheme
This matter had been previously dealt with.

(ii) Bench at the entrance to Pentewan
A bench situated at the entrance to the village is in a poor state of repair. Members felt that this was not a pleasant or safe location for a bench and it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should ask Cornwall Council to remove it.**

(iii) Other highways matters
Cllr Smith has identified the dropped drain cover in Glentowan Road and the Clerk will once again contact Cormac.

(18/068) Financial Matters

Current balances were noted and the following payments were authorised:

			£
BACS	South West Water	Toilets	9.89
BACS	St Austell Bay PC	Photocopy/printing charges	27.98
BACS	Lyreco	Cleaning products	5.68
BACS	Complete Weed Control	Pavement weed spraying (1 st spray)	216.00
BACS	Mrs V Page	July salary	*
BACS	Mrs J Larter	July salary	*
BACS	Mrs J Larter	Mileage May/June	61.20
DD	Cornwall Council	Business rates for Menagwins CP	54.00
DD	NEST	Clerk's pension	*
DD	British Gas	Electricity for toilets	45.28

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

(18/069) Meetings/Training Attended

28 June – The Chairman, Cllr Muskett and the Clerk attended the St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network meeting

29 June – The Clerk attended an SLCC branch meeting

(18/070) Correspondence Received

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

- letter from Great Western Railway regarding timetable changes
- Details of St Austell Library Support Association's Crowdfunding initiative
- Details of the St Austell Community website
- Details of Cornwall Sexual and Reproductive Health Service consultation
- Details of Cornwall Community Foundation grants programme

(18/071) Dates for the Diary

13 August – Pentewan Flood meeting

13 September – St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Panel meeting

(18/072) Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

(To be held in the Committee Room, St Austell One Stop Shop unless stated, all commencing at 1900) 22 August (if required), 19 September, 17 October (Pentewan Village Hall), 21 November, 19 December 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm

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