

MINUTES of a MEETING OF PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2017 in The Committee Room, St Austell One Stop Shop

Present: Cllrs Derek Yeo (Chairman), George Muskett, Mike Ward, Liz Mahoney, Miles Avery, Ian Watkins, Miranda Smith

In attendance: Cllr James Mustoe (Cornwall Councillor), Julie Larter (Clerk)

(17/026) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Vicky Cartwright and PCSO Carpenter.

(17/027) Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 May 2017

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 17 May were an accurate record of the meeting.

(17/028) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Cllr Mahoney declared a Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 8 (a) as she is the applicant for planning application PA17/03886.

(17/029) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman said he understood that St Austell Town Council was about to start work on a Neighbourhood Plan and he wondered if was worth considering joining with them or St Austell Bay Parish Council to produce a joint plan.

(17/030) Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

(17/031) Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr Mustoe reported on a number of issues involving South West Water: The flooding problem in London Apprentice is on the way to being sorted out; the problem at Levalsa Pumping Station had been rectified and the Menagwins Liaison Group meeting has been rescheduled.

Cllr Mustoe then went on to say that he has spoken to Nigel Blackler, Service Director for Transport and Infrastructure at Cornwall Council regarding the request for a Traffic Regulation Order for Pentewan Hill. Mr Blackler has confirmed that Cornwall Council will work with the Parish Council and Cllr Mustoe to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order. Mr Blackler said that Cornwall Council will make up the difference between the £4,000 given by B & Q and the final cost of the Order. Cornwall Council will install temporary signage whilst the legal process is underway, and this will be in time for the main tourist season.

Cllr Ward asked Cllr Mustoe for an update on the leak on the path near Heligan and Cllr Mustoe said he would contact South West Water.

(17/032) Devon and Cornwall Police Report

Cllr Mustoe reported that he attended a meeting last week at which Inspector Gard was present and Inspector Gard reported that St Austell would soon have a full uniformed Police

presence. Cllr Mustoe and Cllr Ward are to arrange a meeting with Inspector Gard prior to the July meeting to discuss.

(17/033) Planning Applications and Related Matters

Cllr Mahoney left the room

(a) PA17/03886 – 10/11 The Square, Pentewan: Formation of a flat in part of the house, installation of metal flue and air-source heat pump

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

Cllr Mahoney returned to the room

(b) The Clerk provided an update on

(i) PA17/01656 – Land North of Nanterrow, Lower Tregongeeves: Outline application for proposed residential development. The Environment Agency has been asked to re-examine information and the Planning Officer is awaiting a reply.

(ii) PA17/04512 – Riverbank, London Apprentice: First floor extension to the rear with minor internal work in existing ground floor. The Planning Officer does not feel she can refuse the application on the grounds of overdevelopment but will consider whether there is an element of overbearing.

(c) Cornwall Hotel Spa – Meeting held on 15 June 2017

A meeting was called by the Planning Officer as a result of Cornwall Council's refusal to lift holiday restriction conditions. Refusal was on the grounds of unsustainability and the unsuitability of the units for permanent residency. The Agent explained that the hotel needs to sell the lodges in order to be financially viable and he feels that the estate is sustainable. The requirement to pay VAT on holiday homes is a barrier to generating sales. It was suggested that the application could be viewed from a different angle and the hotel is to re-submit the application in due course.

(d) Natural Retreats – Meeting held on 15 June 2017

Adam Gough (Head of Technical Services) explained that funding has been secured for phase 1 of the development which will be the clubhouse, swimming pool, sports pitch and modifications to the main building to incorporate a "pop up" café. The architect is currently working on a detailed design which will take 4 – 6 months. Work is likely to commence in around 9 months' time and will take 12 months to complete. Natural Retreats is keen to be involved in community projects and asked for suggestions.

(e) Coyte Farm

Redrow have requested a meeting before holding a community consultation prior to re-submitting an application. The Clerk is to arrange.

(f) Phase 2 Porthpean Road

The Parish Council has been asked to choose 8 road names for the development. Councillors were asked to submit names to the Clerk. It was noted that there are large piles of soil on the development changing the topography and the Clerk is to speak to the planning or the enforcement officer.

(17/034) Cornwall Council Consultations on Planning Policy and Guidance Documents

(i) Cornwall Site Allocations DPD – St Austell

It was felt that pressure needs to be applied to get improvements to the A390 expedited. Cllr Muskett will draft a response to the consultation.

(ii) Minerals DPD

There were no comments.

(ii) Community Infrastructure Levy

Comments submitted to previous consultations had not been taken on board. There was unease about the zone Pentewan Valley has been placed in. Cllr Muskett will draft a response to the consultation.

(17/035) Electoral Review of Cornwall Council

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should reply to Electoral Commission stating that **the Parish Council considers the proposal for 87 councillors to be a suitable number provided divisional members have the appropriate resources to carry out their work.** Cllr Ward will draft a response to the Boundary Commission.

(17/036) The Shrubbery, Pentewan

A Land Registry search has revealed that the land is unregistered. Cllr Ward will make further enquiries locally to try to establish liability.

(17/037) Pentewan Flood Defences (Pentewan Emergency Plan)

The matter is ongoing.

(17/038) Coastal Flooding Risk

There was nothing to report.

(17/039) River Banks

There was nothing to report.

(17/040) Menagwins Water Treatment Works/Levalsa Pumping Station

The next Liaison Group meeting will be held on 5 July.

(17/041) Menagwins Car Park

The Clerk is still awaiting a response from Cornwall Council regarding liability. Cllr Mustoe is to chase.

(17/042) Highways Matters

(i) Traffic Regulation Order for Pentewan Hill

Councillors were delighted that Cornwall Council has agreed to start the process for a Traffic Regulation Order.

A member of the public had contacted the Parish Council regarding the lack of warning signage for people towing caravans and the Clerk suggested that the Parish Council could ask

Pentewan Sands to include a footer giving driving directions on their confirmatory booking emails.

(17/043) Pentewan Village Consultation

Some questionnaires have been returned already and final arrangements for the consultation on 4 July were made.

(17/044) Update on Public Rights of Way

(i) The closure of Bridleway 4 (part of The Horseshoe Trail) has been extended until 7 June 2018.

(ii) The Countryside Officer is to undertake some improvement work to the ditch on Gypsy Lane and the Asda spur, install lighting and get the footpath adopted as a Highway. The Officer felt this should have formed part of the planning permission granted. The Countryside Officer will contact Wainhomes again regarding the rusty fencing. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the Health and Safety Executive.

(iii) An email has been received from the Rights of Way Officer at Restormel Ramblers asking if the Parish Council would arrange for the clearance of the footpath that runs from Menagwins Water Treatment Works to Kingswood. Members considered the request but felt that the path in question is unsafe in places and walkers would be better placed to use the cycle path. The Clerk is to respond accordingly.

(17/045) Other Highways Concerns

(i) Bus Shelters - Councillors expressed their thanks to Mr Darren Carhart for cleaning the Tregorrick bus shelters.

(ii) Litter - The occupants of a car parked in Pentewan car park on 17 June left 2 plastic beer glasses in the car park despite passing 2 litter bins. Photographs were taken including the registration number of the vehicle and the Clerk was asked to report the matter to Cornwall Council.

(iii) Cllr Muskett enquired about progress with the work Natural England is undertaking to improve coastal access. The Clerk will chase.

(iv) It was noted that large boulders have been removed from the entrance to footpath 427/13/2 and tyre tracks are visible. The Clerk is to contact the Countryside Officer and ask for them to be replaced or for bollards to be installed to prevent vehicles from using the path.

(v) The Chairman thought it may be a good idea to install fitness equipment along the Cycle Trail and members were asked to give the matter consideration.

(17/046) Meetings/Training Attended

14 June – Cllr Ward and the Clerk attended Cornwall Council planning training

15 June – Cllr Muskett and the Clerk met Darren Gough from Natural Retreats

15 June – Chairman, Cllr Muskett, Cllr Watkins and the Clerk met with planning officers and representatives from The Cornwall Hotel Spa

19 June – The Clerk attended CALC internal audit training

20 June – The Clerk attended CALC finance training

(17/047) Financial Matters

Current balances were noted and the following payments were authorised:

Cheques			£
000 383	Lyreco	Stationery and toilet supplies	112.36
000 384	Peake (GB) Ltd	Annual service charge for nappy bin	109.99
000 385	Mrs V Page	June salary	*
000 386	Mrs J Larter	June salary	*
		Postage	25.65
000 387	HMRC	PAYE due April – June	*

Automated Payments

DD	Cornwall Council	Business Rates for Menagwins Car Park	£50.00
DD	NEST	Clerk’s Pension (EE and ER contributions)	*
DD	British Gas	Electricity for toilets	£8.06

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

(17/048) Correspondence Received

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

- Communities and Devolution bulletin
- Correspondence from a member of the public regarding Pentewan Hill

(17/049) Dates for the Diary

- 26 June – Community Network Panel Meeting (Chairman, Cllr Muskett and Clerk to attend)
- 4 July – Pentewan Village Consultation – 6.30pm Village Hall
- 7 July – Cornwall Legal’s Town and Parish Council Summer Legal Event (Clerk to attend)

(17/050) Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

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

19 July, 16 August – Pentewan Village Hall (if required), 20 September, 18 October, 22 November, 20 December.

..... Chairman

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