

MINUTES of A MEETING OF PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL held on WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2019 in THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ST AUSTELL INFORMATION CENTRE at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Derek Yeo, George Muskett, Miranda Smith, Miles Avery, Mike Ward, Ian Watkins and Wendy Coop

In attendance: Cllr James Mustoe CC, Julie Larter (Clerk), John Marshall (Kingsley Developments Ltd), Lucy Harman (LAH Design)

(19/053) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Vicky Cartwright.

(19/054) Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 June 2019

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 June 2019 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

(19/055) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Cllr Avery and Cllr Coop declared an interest in agenda item 14, Pentewan Car Park. Cllr Avery and Cllr Coop have been granted a dispensation by the parish council to speak and vote on matters relating to the car park until May 2021.

(19/056) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

(19/057) Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

(19/058) Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr Mustoe reported that there had been an issue in London Apprentice with a pipe that had repeatedly burst and flooded the road near the Kingswood Restaurant. Cllr Mustoe liaised with South West Water and the problem was with a clean water pipe. The matter has been resolved and the road surface reinstated.

Cllr Mustoe met with Cllr Smith to look at the newly painted street furniture in Pentewan. Cllr Mustoe reported that it was looking wonderful and expressed his thanks to the volunteers and Cormac for making the project happen. Cllr Mustoe and Cllr Smith have also been looking at possible improvements to the entrance to Pentewan and Cllr Smith is obtaining quotes to tidy up the trees by the bench.

Cormac are preparing a works package to repair the surface of the cycle path on the way to Heligan and this will include addressing the issue of the hole that keeps opening up by the sewer as had been reported on a number of occasions. Officers from Cormac have identified a number of defects at Little Winnick bridge and are planning to effect repairs in September.

Work continues at Menagwins WTW but there is a warning that there may well be an odour issue whilst routine maintenance work is undertaken on the site.

(19/059) Crime and Disorder

There was nothing to report.

(19/060) Planning Applications and Related Matters

(a)

(i) PA19/02070 – Higher Trewiddle: Outline permission for the erection of 6 detached dwellings and the retention of the existing buildings with all matters reserved.

John Marshall reported that Highways have now confirmed that they are satisfied with access arrangements and it is now proposed to build a dedicated cycle path from the link road. It was **RESOLVED that although concerns around the footpath link and green space have been addressed, the parish council's objection to the proposal remained.** The Planning Officer has indicated that he is minded to approve the application. It was agreed that it was unlikely that if the application was called in it would be refused so the Clerk should reply to the 5 day protocol letter stating that the parish council will agree to disagree with the officer's recommendation of approval.

(ii) PA19/04676 – Pentewan Valley Nurseries Site: Reserved Matters application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following decision PA17/05276 dated 21/12/2017

Lucy Harman outlined amendments to the original plans which included removal of the car ports. Members were concerned that designated parking was a distance from each property and they would prefer it to be adjacent to each house. Members also expressed their concern about the roof height in relation to neighbouring properties and that the design of the development was more in keeping with an urban environment than a rural one. Members wanted to see a good level of tree screening from the road conditioned to any approval. Ms Harman offered to submit amended designs. As the parish council is not intending to meet in August, it was **RESOLVED that the decision on the amended plans would be made via email circulation to negate the need for an additional meeting.**

(iii) PA19/05418 – 5 The Terrace, Pentewan: Tree works to trees within a Conservation Area namely: 1 Eucalyptus – pollard; 2 Leylandii – reduce height; 3 Ash – remove small low branches to improve light in the area; 4 Ash – remove 2 branches to reduce weight over summerhouse; 5 – Leylandii hedge – reduce height (Application for notification only).

(b) PA18/11647 – Storage Building Adjacent to West Towan, Towan Lane, Lobbs Shop
It was noted that an appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspector.

(19/061) Street Trading Licence Application

The Clerk reported that the application from Tea By The Sea had met with no objections from the Police and it was the intention of the Licensing Officer to approve the application.

Members felt it completely inappropriate and dangerous for refreshments to be served so close to a main road and asked Cllr Mustoe to pursue the matter. Cllr Mustoe is to ask Cornwall Council's Health and Safety Inspector to look into the matter.

Following reports that the trailer belonging to Easy Diner was not being moved in accordance with the approved consent, the Clerk sought clarification from the Licensing Officer as to the permitted days it could remain. These were confirmed as Tuesday – Saturday. Members were asked to keep a log of any occasions outside these days when the trailer remains in situ.

(19/062) Pentewan Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan

The document was produced in 2008 and members discussed the merit of asking for it to be updated. Members would like to see the boundary amended to include the woodland at the rear of the village. The Clerk has asked the Conservation Officer for a quote for this piece of work. The Clerk was informed that the work would be commissioned by Cornwall Council but put out to tender and the cost is dependent upon the amount of work involved, but a quote would be provided shortly.

(19/063) Cornwall Council Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

The second phase of Cornwall Council's consultation is underway and the parish council's previous recommendation that there should only be one polling station for the Tregorrick and Trehiddle ward (at the rugby club) has been included in the consultation. It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond supporting this recommendation.**

(19/064) Climate Change

Following Cornwall Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency, members discussed steps the parish council could take to reduce its carbon footprint. The Chairman suggested planting 5000 trees in the parish in the next 5 years and wondered what help Cornwall Council could give. It was decided to set up an informal group to look at this and other ideas in the parish such as a bee highway. Cllr Mustoe will contact Cllr Edwina Hannaford who is heading up Climate Change for Cornwall Council and register Pentewan Valley's interest in working with Cornwall Council.

(19/065) Parish Councillor Vacancy

Members were saddened by the recent resignation of Cllr Sundercombe and the Clerk was asked to write and thank him for his contribution to the council, particularly in achieving the provision of a cycle path in the forthcoming Higher Trehiddle development. The Clerk reported that the statutory vacancy notice is on display. It is hoped to co-opt to fill the vacancy at the next meeting.

(19/066) Pentewan Car Park

The Clerk reported that the parking meter is due to be commissioned on 30 July and charging will start on 1 August. Residents and business permits are now on sale. It was **RESOLVED to sign the Service Level Agreement with Cornwall Council for parking enforcement in the car park.** It was noted that the Clerk has started the process of registering the council for VAT. It was also noted that the devolution grant from Cornwall Council has not yet been received but the Clerk is chasing this as a matter of urgency.

(19/067) Pentewan Flood Defences

(a) There was nothing to report.

(b) Pentewan Emergency Plan
There was nothing to report.

(19/068) The Shrubbery

There was nothing to report.

(19/069) River Banks

It was noted that there is a tree in the river just up from River Valley Garage and the Clerk will report the matter to the Environment Agency.

Cllr Avery reported that when the EA finished removing mud from the Pentewan Stream, they left it on the riverbanks to dry out and it has been removed today.

(19/070) Menagwins Water Treatment Works/Levalsa Pumping Station

Work is ongoing but it has been smelly recently.

(19/071) Menagwins Car Park

The area is being well used. The Clerk reported that she has been contacted by the Valuation Agency who are conducting a valuation review.

(19/072) Tregorrick Road Safety Improvements

The Clerk is still waiting for a costing from Cormac.

(19/073) Highways Matters

(i) It was noted that a Road Closure Notice has been issued for the road between Lobbs Shop and Pentewan Hill in order for BT to undertake work – 27 August – 7 September 0930 – 1630, weekdays.

(ii) Although grass has been cut near the Jubilee trees near the Cornwall Hotel, it was not thought that it has been cut by our contractor. The Clerk is to arrange for the contractor to meet the Chairman onsite.

(iii) It was noted that there is a low hanging branch on the Horseshoe Trail and the Clerk was asked to report this to the footpath officer. The Clerk was asked to ask seek clarification whether the path that leads out of Kingswood to West Towan is a Public Right of Way as it is not listed on Cornwall Council's mapping system.

(19/074) Financial Matters

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

BACS	British Gas	Electricity for parking meter	£27.01
BACS	SWW	Water for toilets	£31.57
BACS	Complete Weed Control	Pavement weed spraying	£228.00
BACS	Cornwall Council	Flood alleviation feasibility study	£10,000.00
BACS	Steve Pitcher	Car park payment machine installation	£860.00
BACS	Staff	Salaries and oncosts	£646.90
BACS	SWW	Water charges	£139.71
BACS	Pentewan Sailing Club	Contribution towards skip hire	£100.00
DD	Cornwall Council	Business rates for public toilets	£56.00

The Clerk pointed out that expenditure on the car park has been high and the council has very limited funds for the rest of the year and needs to exercise caution.

(b) The Clerk reported that she had authorised expenditure under her delegated powers to replace a toilet seat but the replacement had necessitated the removal of the toilet. She is unsure of the cost.

(19/075) Meetings/Training Attended

24 June – The Chairman and Cllr Muskett attended a meeting of St Austell Town Council meeting to discuss the Community Governance Review
11 July – The Chairman attended the St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Panel meeting

(19/076) Correspondence Received

In addition to the list of correspondence previously circulated, the following was noted

- Invitation to attend the Cornwall Community Flood Forum’s annual conference
- Invitation to attend Cornwall Community Resilience Network workshop
- Invitation for the Chairman to attend St Austell Mayor’s civic service on 7 September

(18/077) Dates for the Diary

There were no dates for the diary.

(19/078) Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

Dates of forthcoming meetings (At 7.00pm in the Committee Room, St Austell One Stop Shop, Penwinnick Road unless stated): 21 August (if needed), 18 September, 16 October (Pentewan Village Hall), 20 November, 18 December.

(19/079) Exclusion of Public and Press

Under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was **RESOLVED that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda item 22.**

(19/080) Recruitment of a new Clerk

See Confidential Minute.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

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Chairman

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