

Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 15th March 2016 at 7.30pm.

1.. Councillors Present: Cllrs. D Hicks (Chairman), G Clemerson (Vice Chairman), D Brent, N Eastman, A Budd, J Gale, D Skelton, T Brewer, Mrs W Trewin.

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)
Cllr S McWilliam (Cornwall Council)
One member of the public (Mr Whitehead – planning consultant)

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D Smith

3. Members Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda: None declared at this stage of the meeting.

At this point of the meeting the Chairman brought forward **Agenda Item 17** to allow Mr Whitehead to address Councillors on planning application:-

PA16/01641 Blacksmiths, Trefinnick Road, Brays Shop, Callington – Removal of condition 5 following a grant of planning permission on Decision Notice E2/06/01271/FUL dated 27th October 2015 (conversion of former blacksmith workshop to holiday cottage with associated works and alterations of existing vehicular access) to allow full residential use of dwelling.

Mr Whitehead detailed the reasons behind the planning application.

Councillors agreed by the majority vote to support the application. The Chairman along with Cllrs D Skelton and D Brent abstained and Cllr T Brewer expressed his objection

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th February 2016, as drafted by Cllr Mrs W Trewin were approved and signed by the Chairman following an amendment to Item 8 – Cllr D Brent had mentioned that potholes had been marked for repair in Lansugle Lane. It was also noted that Cllr J Gale had attended the meeting.

5. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. Cornwall Council update – Cllr S McWilliam spoke about the members briefing on the housing and planning bills. An independent remuneration panel had been formed to make recommendations on Councillors allowances to become effective after the 2017 elections. A county councillors' allowance was not a wage and required another income to meet the cost of living.

The review being undertaken by the Boundary Commission was ongoing.

Locally the road surface at Lansugle had been patch repaired but a more permanent repair had not been given priority owing to the storm damagerepair work required in other areas.

It was noted that the surface dressing work carried out in 2015 through Mornick was now lifting . There were many areas of potholes and deteriorating road surfaces throughout the parish and the road at Tregunnick was particularly bad.

The Chairman will once again contact Mark Brewester (Cormac) to highlight the areas around the parish where work is required.

7. Parish Council Website: Nothing to report. Cllr D Smith was unable to attend this meeting,

8. Highway Matters: Discussed under Item 6 of this meeting. Locations for the new seats were suggested as being Lansugle Hill, Brays Shop and Golberdon (by the stream). Cllr D Skelton offered to seek permission from the landowner at Tregonnet Farm. The Parish Council will provide the public liability insurance once the seats have been fixed. Cllr T Brewer suggested that a seat be placed beneath the hall extension.

9. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr G Clemerson reported that Cllr D Smith had produced the first draft and a further meeting was to be held after the Easter period to progress the plan.

10. Recreation Field- hedge trimming / provision of new play equipment: The recently flailed hedges needed further work and the Chairman agreed to arrange of this to be done, cutting back the odd branch left sticking out.

Cllrs J Gale and A Budd will remove the broken tree branch and dispose of the debris.

11. Allotments – work required / new agreements from 1st April 2016: The new agreements had been sent to tenants and many had attended prior to the meeting to pay the annual rent. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Reynolds for fitting the new gate hangings. The Chairman had met with a representative from South West Water regarding the condition of the water meter and explained the work required to excavate, lower the pipe and connect to the stop cock. Councillors authorised the Chairman to instruct Kiers (contractor for SWWA) to carry out the work required.

Mrs Lloyns had expressed an interest in taking on allotment plot number 11 in addition to the plot she already maintained. This was agreed.

12. Grazing Licences – rent payment owed to Parish Council: The Chairman reported that the invoices had been issued and rent payments collected. The court will now proceed with stage 2 of the claim for the outstanding money owed.

13. Footpaths: The Council did not participate in the Cornwall Council Local Maintenance Partnership for the trimming of public rights of way.

Cllr J Gale will look at footpath 638/20/1 and report back to the Parish Council. This path from the Redmoor Road to Whitney had been obstructed and those wanting to walk the path were unable to follow the designated route.

14. Standing Orders: Nothing to report.

15. Representative Reports:

- **Caradon Community Network** – No meeting held .
- **Police** - The Police Neighbourhood Team will be notified of speeding traffic travelling through the village early in the morning and late in the evening. The Clerk reported on correspondence received from the Devon & Cornwall Police stating the Guidelines for engagement with Town and Parish Councils stating that the police were no longer able to attend regular council meetings but would attend an annual meeting or AGM if required to do so.

16. Transparency Code: The Parish Council were required to comply with the transparency code from the 1st April 2017 but the Clerk will adhere to the requirements in the 2016/2017 financial year. Minutes and Agendas were already being published on the South Hill Connection website. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr D Smith once the Parish Council website is completed.

17. Planning Applications: Discussed after Item 3 of this meeting.

Trefinnick Solar Farm – It was reported that the inverters were noisy and the hedges had not been trimmed. Cllr S McWilliam stated that often these type of developments were sold on to another company, and could change ownership on several occasions.

17.1 Paperless Planning: It was agreed that any large developer submitting a planning application be asked to provide a copy of the plans for the Parish Council.

18. Accounts / Financial Matters – to approve accounts presented for payment:

The Council approved the payment of accounts. Cheques listed as Part 2 of the minutes.

The Chairman will clarify the payments received from SHARE (solar panels).

A letter from the Cornwall Air Ambulance requesting a financial donation will be considered at the May 2016 Parish Council meeting.

19. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

20. Parish Matters / Any other Business:

- **Defibrillator** – A certificate had been received certifying that the defibrillator site met the required standards required by the South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust and would now be listed on the South West dispatch system in case of a 999 emergency. Cllr J Gale stated that the Ambulance Trust were impressed by the standard of the installation of the defibrillator and the location of the equipment and the organisation would provide training, at a cost, if required.
Cllr N Easton will organise to have the unit inspected on a weekly basis.
- **Cars at Ennis House, Trevigro** – An unused collection of Renault vehicles were becoming overgrown by vegetation and looked very untidy.
- **Caravans** – Various caravans within the South Hill and Callington parishes were identified, many being installed and occupied without consent. A site in Callington parish was being sold off in small plots for caravan occupancy and it was agreed that the Planning Department be contacted (Mr Adrian Drake).
- **Tregonnett Farm** – Councillors agreed that Cornwall Council be made aware that the new agricultural dwelling house at Tregonnett Farm was being marketed for sale by Kivells, with the land also being sold in lots. The dwelling was constructed under an agricultural occupancy planning application in 2011 (PA11/02264) that proved a need in relation to the land. A letter will be sent to the planning department.
- **Ponies on Bodmin Moor** – The RSPCA had removed ponies from the moor that were being neglected by their owners. Cllr S McWilliam stated that the Bodmin Moor Commoners were to be given more power for enforcement in relation to animal welfare.

21. Public Session: No public present.

22. Date of next Meeting – Tuesday, 19th April 2016. Cllr G Clemerson presented his apologies for this meeting.

23. To close the Meeting: There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Dated: 19th April 2016

Signed:

