

Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon, on Tuesday, 19th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

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

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)
Cllr S McWilliam (Cornwall Council)
Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone and brought forward Agenda Item 21 to allow the members of the public to address the Council at the beginning of the Meeting. The Chairman reported that the public had attended the meeting to talk about Agenda Item 13 Footpaths – Path 21 adjacent to the Old Post Office.

21. Public Session: The Chairman invited the members of the public to address the Council, stating that the Parish Council were aware there were issues concerning the obstruction of Footpath 21 and that the matter in question was between the landowners and Cornwall Council.

Mr Ian Eldridge spoke about his letter to the Council, dated 18th September 2014, and gave his view on the feelings of some local residents who had indicated that the section of path concerned should be extinguished from the definitive map. A petition of 40 signatures from 27 different properties had been obtained.

There appeared to be a difference of opinion between Cornwall Council and the landowners on the status of the path and this was something the legal department would resolve.

Mr & Mrs Wroe had two young children and wanted to keep gates closed.

It was reiterated that the Parish Council had no legal powers to make a decision on this matter, but would respond to any questions from Cornwall Council, if they were asked to do so.

Cornwall Council had served a notice for the obstruction to be removed by the 14th January 2016 and this date had been extended.

The Parish Council agreed that the Chairman contact Cornwall Council to establish the enforcement process.

Cllr G Clemerson stated that the Parish Council were unable to make a formal decision on matters relating to the path at this meeting, as the item was not on the agenda for discussion. Councillors were required to follow Standing Orders. He did not want to give the impression that the Parish Council were deliberately being unhelpful.

Cllr S McWilliam stated that Cornwall Council had taken action as a complaint had been made about the obstruction of the path and the matter would be resolved once the legal process had been followed.

(Members of the public left the meeting)

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

3. Members Declarations of Interest: Cllr N Easton declared an interest on Agenda Item 11 – Allotments.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th December 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman following amendments to Items 6 and 8.

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

6. Cornwall Council update: Cllr S McWilliam updated the meeting on Cornwall Council matters reporting on a proposed 1.97% increase in the budget, but increasing this to 2% for adult social care. The Council had requested an extension of time to carry out the boundary review and were waiting for a government response on this matter. The review would inevitably reduce the number of Cornwall Councillors.

7. South Hill Parish website / Parish Council website:

Cllr D Smith was awaiting a response from CALC, having submitted an application for funding to establish a Parish Council website, covering the 'set up' fees and two years running costs. The question was asked 'Had a decision had been made on whether or not to go ahead with the creation of a website independent to the South Hill website?'

It was proposed by Cllr G Clemerson and seconded by Cllr D Smith that a new website is developed if the funding application was successful. This was supported by Cllrs. Mrs W Trewin and J Gale. Cllr. N Easton and T Brewer abstained.

Cllr D Skelton did not vote suggesting that the Council make this decision once confirmation on funding had been received.

In the meantime Cllr D Skelton will arrange for recently approved minutes to be put on the South Hill website.

8. Highway Matters: The Chairman reported that he had met with Mr Mark Brewster (Cormac) and visited areas of the parish, agreeing that drains will be cleared and various sign posts renewed. It was noted that the concrete chamber for the water meter serving the Parish Councils field at Golberdon was broken and the pipe exposed. Areas of Japanese knotweed were identified.

9. Neighbourhood Plan – update: The Clerk had received a report of the meeting held on the 10th December 2015. The next meeting was scheduled for the 31st January 2016. Cllr S McWilliam reported that the first Neighbourhood Plan in Cornwall had been completed.

10. Recreation Field – costs for hedge trimming / new play equipment: Another contractor will be asked to look at the work required.

It was agreed that Cllr N Easton organised the purchasing of the new monkey bars and a multi-use picnic table suitable for those with disabilities. Money for these items was available from the Cornwall Councillor Community Chest fund and the local children, already having raised £130, would continue with their fundraising efforts for this project.

11. Allotments: - to approve an allotment agreement for March 2016:

Cllr N Easton declared an interest.

Councillors agreed to adopt the draft allotment agreement, as circulated. It was proposed, seconded and accepted that the annual rent be increased to £12.00 (twelve pounds) and that the new agreement and fee be applied from the 1st April 2016. The increase charge will go towards maintenance costs for the site.

It was suggested that Councillors hold a site meeting at the allotments to familiarise themselves and look at the layout of the plots. It was noted that four plots would possibly become vacant from April.

12. Grazing Licenses:

- **Rent payment owed to Parish Council:** The Clerk reported that the response date to the county court judgment was the 31st January 2016.

13. Footpaths: Discussed under Item 21 of this meeting. It was noted that the path had been used for the past 75 years and people continued to walk this route.

14. Standing Orders: It was agreed that Standing Orders be amended to recognise latest legislation that meetings may be recorded. Any member of the public wanting to record part or all of a meeting must declare their intention at the beginning of the meeting and seek permission from the Chairman.

15. Representative Reports:

- **Caradon Community Network** – Nothing to report.
- **Police** – No report received.

17. Planning: To consider the following application /applications received before the meeting: PA15/11345 Peninsula Properties, land adjoining South Hill road, Launceston Road, Callington Outline planning application with reserved matters for up to 175 dwellings and associated infrastructure.

The Parish Council object to this application and make the following comments:-

With regard to the junction between the A388 and South Hill Road, the transport assessment by WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff is seriously flawed due to the use of the inappropriate time slots, 07.45-09.15 for AM and 16.45-18.15 for PM. Although these slots might be suited to predicting peak traffic flows for most situations, this particular junction has unique problems due to its proximity to the secondary school, Callington Community College. This school serves a large rural area, as well as the town, and during the mid-afternoon, large numbers parents park along South Hill Road to wait for and collect their children when they come out of school. The extra traffic and congestion this causes greatly exceeds that which occurs at the usual peak times. At the same time, a considerable number of large coaches are entering and leaving the school entrance on the A388, to bus children to the outlying districts including those served by South Hill Road.

A transport assessment covering these times would have shown that there is already congestion at this junction, which is compounded by the poor visibility for traffic exiting from South Hill Road. Even a modest increase in traffic would seriously exacerbate this problem.

The assessment also totally ignores the need to maintain free access to the Fire Station on South Hill Road.

One sensible solution would be to create a new roundabout on the A388, on part of the land currently used for allotments and the recreation field to allow traffic from South Hill Road to join the PA15/11970 the free flow of traffic if the new houses are built. This is something that the developers could finance, as a condition of approval.

Before any major any housing development is approved in Callington (proposed 1000 houses by 2030) Cornwall Council should conduct an extensive Transport survey to ascertain what impact it will have to the area.

The main artery for South East Cornwall to North Cornwall (Plymouth/Saltash/Liskeard to Launceston/Bude) is already very restricted at Callington .Any development will make it almost grid locked at Callington

PA15/11970 Mr Ian Harrison, Trefursdon Farm Barn, Trefursdon Farm, South Hill Road, Callington – Change of use from ‘Holiday Let’ to full residential (use Class C3) –

The Council resolved to make no comments on this application but ask the planning officer to investigate the statement made on the application form in relation to the provision of parking for ten vehicles, suggesting that this should be reduced to two.

17.1 Paperless Planning: Cllr N Easton offered to bring along a projector to a future meeting to see how plans could be viewed on a screen.

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

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

19. Correspondence:

- **Cornwall Association of Local Councils – Consultation on the Proposed Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.** Copy of the response from CALC to the Department of Communities and Local Government.
- **CRCC Pension and Auto Enrolment Seminar** at Newquay on the 11th February 2016. The Clerk will attend this event, if available.
- **Hawkins Trust** – Information on the account balances had been received.

20. Parish Matters / Any other Business:

- **Provision of three parish benches** – The Chairman reported that the benches had been ordered.
- **Broadband provision for Parish Hall** – Cllr D Skelton reported that BT had agreed to offer a further six months ‘free of charge’ internet connection. SHARE had agreed to support any costs for the first 2 years. The Parish Council would consider financially supporting the costs, if further funding was required.

21. Public Session: Item brought forward and discussed after Item 1 of this meeting.

22. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 15th February 2016.

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

Dated: 16th February 2016

Signed: