

Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 20th October 2015 at 7.30pm.

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

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)
Cllr S McWilliam (Cornwall Council)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.

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

4. Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th September 2015 were approved following amendments to Items. 9, 11, 12 and 21. It was agreed that the minutes be amended and then signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising:

Item 3 – Newly co-opted Councillors: It was noted that new Councillors were welcomed at the last meeting, but Councillors failed to express their thanks to Cllr Rick Cornell. It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent. Cllr N Easton offered to take over receipt of the ROSPA annual play safety inspection report.

Item 12 Parish Matters: Remembrance Service, Saturday 7th November : The new service sheets had been passed to the Vicar for printing. The cost was £10 for fifty copies. The Clerk will produce posters for the parish notice boards and website. The Chairman asked Councillors to meet by the Memorial at 2.30pm.

Councillors agreed to manage the notice boards in their areas of the parish for these posters and any other Parish Council business.

Item 12 Cricket Roller: The Chairman suggested that the roller could be kept on site at the hall and transformed as a sign and secured in a frame for safety.

6. Cornwall Council update: Cllr S McWilliam talked about the Devolution Deal challenge to the Council and the recruiting of a new Chief Executive which had attracted some high quality candidates. Having seen this position change quite frequently over the past few years, it was hoped that the new appointed Chief Executive would commit to Cornwall for the long term.

South East Cornwall was economically the poorest area of Cornwall and it was hoped that investment , currently being directed to Mid and West Cornwall would support the South East area. The Minions sign depicting the minions characters had been taken down, partly because of complaints by local residents due to the number of visitors to the area. The sign was not owned by Cornwall Council

Cllr S McWilliam stated that Mark Brewster was the new Cormac Highway Officer for the South Hill area.

The situation at Pine Ridge was ongoing and Cllr S McWilliam had replied to Mr Jim Eade.

The latest proposal by Cornwall Council to teach staff the Cornish language was debated.

Cormac were an umbrella for arms-length companies involved in various sectors including aspects of social care.

The question was asked as to who is accountable for the actions of Cornwall Council, it's departments and staff. Cllr S McWilliam highlighted the enormity of the Council and it's many different roles.

Cllr S McWilliam was informed of the lack of white lines at Mornick, the road marking 'slow' sign that needed repainting and the South Hill sign that required replacing.

7. Parish Website: Cllr D Skelton reported that the AGM of the South Hill Connection had recruited two new members onto the Committee. The Clerk and Cllr D Smith will meet with Mrs Sue Skelton to look at the operational side of the website with a view to the Parish Council having their own separate user group to operate their own section on the website.

Cllr G Clemerson had investigated costs should the Parish Council need to consider developing a website independent of the South Hill Connection with their own registered domain and proposed that this would be the best option to address matters that needed to be published to meet legislation for the new Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.

It was agreed that the Parish Council stay with the existing South Hill website initially and see if the facility would allow for the needs of the Council. This will be reviewed after 12 months.

8. Parish Hall and WIFI connection for the building: Cllr D Skelton had obtained information from three companies. BT were the most competitive with Business Infinity providing unlimited usage for a two year contract.

The provision of WIFI was for the community and the hall was the only building available. The Hall Committee did not want to commit to the management of this, but had no objection to the facility being installed.

It was felt that a WIFI connection could not be installed to solely justify the recording of meter readings for the solar panels. There had been no demand for an internet café'.

As the Community Benefit Fund had agreed to give £300 towards the setting up of the WIFI connection .

It was suggested that the £300 now be held in reserve in case of another amended application . Cllr S McWilliam asked what proportion of the parish remained without a superfast broadband connection. Did the community want a superfast connection?

9. Highway Matters: Cllr T Brewer reported the potholes along the Golberdon to Pensilva road and although further work was required, it was noted some had been filled. Other roads were being marked for patching repair work.

10. Neighbourhood Plan: Work on the plan was ongoing.

11. Recreation Field: Cllr D Skelton had requested a quotation for the tree work required. Cllr D Smith presented the Council with a cheque from the Callington Colts Football Club for use of the field. Cllr. D Skelton reported that charges would be reviewed owing to the new toilet facilities. Councillors discussed options to increase the parking area and agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

12. Hawkins Trust: Nothing to report.

13. Allotments: The Chairman will offer the one available allotment to Mrs Lyons. The Clerk will obtain a copy of an up to date allotment agreement to enable councillors to review the existing terms and conditions of tenancies. The rent would also be reviewed. The question was asked as to whether or not allotments were available to people outside the parish. A new gate was needed.

14. Grazing Licence – rent payment owed to the Parish Council: The Chairman and Vice Chairman had prepared an application for the small claims court to recover the outstanding rent owed to the Parish Council. The Clerk will complete and submit the forms.

15. Footpaths –It was reported that a Section 130A form was available to report the obstruction to the path behind the Post Office at Golberdon.

16. Standing Orders: Nothing to report.

17. Representative Reports:

- **Caradon Community Network** – No meetings held.
- **Police** – No report received. Cllr T Brewer reported an incident in Golberdon over the previous weekend. Further police stations were to close, with Callington and Liskeard being highlighted for closure.

18. Planning: There were no applications presented for consideration at this meeting. Information on Cornwall Councils proposal for paperless planning continued to be received

19. Accounts / Financial Matters: The Council approved the payment of the accounts presented:

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| a) South Hill Parish Hall – Room hire July – Sept 2015 | = £ 24.00 |
| b) Mrs J Hoskin – Clerks payment | = £ 183.75 |
| c) South West Water – Supply to troughs at Madders and Golberdon | = £ 20.43 |
| d) Mrs B Slater – final payment / expenses to previous Clerk | = £ 766.38 |

The Clerk confirmed that any Councillor could propose and second the approval of accounts, and did not have to be on the bank mandate to do so. However, the Council could implement a rule that only Councillors authorised to sign could approve payments.

Audit of Accounts 2014/2015: The Clerk reported that the audit for the 2014/2015 accounts had been completed and returned by Grant Thornton.

20. Correspondence:

- **Sherryl Murray MP** – Information on the testing of electric blankets.
- **Cruse Bereavement Care** – Cllr Mrs W Trewin presented a letter from Cruse Bereavement Care requesting a financial donation.

21. Parish Matters / Any other Business:

- **Defibrillator** – Thanks were expressed to the Chairman and Cllr D Skelton for installing the defibrillator, and Cllr J Gale for the key safe. The Chairman and Cllr J Gale would arrange for the final connection to be completed. A demonstration DVD was available and would be circulated / copied to Councillors.
The Chairman informed the meeting that smaller pads were available for children and asked Councillors to consider this for the future.
- **Benches** – The Chairman had obtained quotes for three benches. Councillors discussed locations where there benches could be installed.

22. Public Session: There were no members of the public present.

23. Date of the next Meeting: Tuesday, 17th November 2015

24. To close the Meeting: There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Dated: 17th November 2015

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