

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

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

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

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

**3. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr J Gale.

**4. Members Declarations if Interest:** None declared at this stage of the meeting.

**5. Minutes:** The Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 as amended at the last meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

**7. Cornwall Council update:** Cllr S McWilliam update the meeting on Cornwall Council matters with the focus being on the Electoral Review by the Boundary Commission looking at reducing the number of Cornwall Councillors from the 2021 elections. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Cllr John Wood (Chairman of the electoral review panel) highlighting the Councils concerns about the reduced number of Councillors who provided an essential service to its parishioner and businesses given the difficulties people experienced in contacting staff at Cornwall Council and the distance from some areas of the county to County Hall in Truro. A vast reduction of councillors would drastically increase the casework for each member having a larger ward in rural areas. The remaining facilities provided at the 'one stop shops' were to close sometime in the future. Cllr T Brewer thanks Cllr McWilliam for resolving a matter with the school bus stopping on the junction.

Cornwall Councillors were currently considering the budget for the next financial year.

Cllr Mc William mentioned the residential care home in St Austell that had recently been closed; highlighting failings in adult social care. Cornwall Council prioritised care across all ages and would not have been aware of the findings uncovered but were ensuring that a full investigation was being carried out and matters resolved.

It was noted there appeared to be no common data base for the navigation of vehicle satellite systems. Postcodes were not translated to the planning system.

Cllr McWilliam thanked the Parish Council for the lovely Remembrance Service.

It was noted that Cormac had cleaned the area around the war memorial prior to the event although the parish were happy to this themselves.

**8. Parish Council website:** Cllr D Smith had nothing to report. A link will connect the site to the Neighbourhood Plan.

**9. Highway Matters:** Some hedge trimming works were being carried out. The road sign at Golberdon had not yet been provided.

**10. Neighbourhood Plan – update from meeting held on 25 October 2016.** The Clerk circulated notes from the meeting held on the 25 October 2016. Email communications had been sent between group members and an application for further funding had been submitted to support consultation costs, advertising and publicity etc. Cllr D Skelton continued to feel that, in his opinion, consultations had not been carried out fully before evidence was being collected and collated and the policies written; therefore policies were being tested before they were complete and he felt there was no clear project plan. In particular this applied to the business plan. Cllrs G Clemerson and D Smith (also on the Neighbourhood team) disagreed with Cllr Skelton's comments and highlighted the survey monkey and the public consultation events and exhibitions that had been held. Cllr N Easton spoke about the micro business and the impact upon them compared to larger industrial sites; and felt that parishioners now had the opportunity to look at the policies and respond.

It was proposed by Cllr N Easton and seconded by Cllr D Smith that a date be set for the completion of the surveys late November 2016, and the results be available in December 2016 for the team to discuss. A public meeting would be held in January 2017. The majority supported the proposal.

**11. Recreation Field:** The Clerk will pass Cllr D Smith the invoice for the usage of the field by the Callington Colts football club. Cllr T Brewer again highlighted the bad language used by visiting teams and it was noted that the Colts would not tolerate such behaviour and the referee had the authority to remove anyone from the site.

**12. Allotments:** Cllr D Skelton reported that South West Water would not submit a price to install mains water to the site unless a survey had been completed. The cost of the survey being £90.00 Cllr A Budd offered to speak to a local resident.

**13. Footpaths:** Cllr N Easton was talking to a contractor about trimming the paths. The South Hill Connection will place footpath details on the map / website. Cornwall Council had closed a section of path by the steps near Trewidlo.

**14. Representative Reports:**

- **Caradon Community Network Meeting** – Cllr D Skelton gave a verbal report of the meeting that included the Callington 'safe places' scheme and the police and crime commissioner services.

**15. Planning: To consider / report on applications received, including:-**

**PA15/08898 Mr & Mrs T Callender, Buttercup Barn, Newlandcombe Farm, Frogwell Road, Trevigro – Construction of sun lounge.** The Parish Council made no comment – no site meeting held.

The CALC had provided information on 'A Model Approach to Pre-Application Discussions' and this was accepted although it was felt it mainly applied to towns and larger villages.

**16. Accounts / Financial Matters – to approve accounts presented for payment.** The Council approved the payment of accounts as presented.

**Precept for 2017/2018:** Councillors were asked to consider projects and expenditure for the next financial year to enable the 2017/2018 precept to be decided at the next meeting. The Clerk informed the meeting that each parish and town council would be required to contribute towards the 2017 elections (contested and non-contested) and the cost for South Hill would be in the region of £1980.00 if contested.

**17. Review of Parish Council policies – to select Councillors to review standing orders and policies:**  
To be done prior to the next audit.

**18. Correspondence:**

- South West Ambulance Service – information on first aid training in 2017
- Sherryl Murray MP – information on the consultation for the removal of phone boxes by BT.

**19. Parish Matters / Any other Business:**

- Cllr T Brewer identified three sites in the South Hill and Stoke Climsland parishes where it was thought illegal habitation was taking place. Cllr T Brewer also commented on recent reports of wrongdoings by police officers reported in the press.

**20. Date of next Meeting - to be decided.** Tuesday, 20 December 2016

**21. To close the Meeting:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Dated: 20 December 2016

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