

**Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 20 December 2016 at 7.30pm.**

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

**Also attending:** Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr S McWilliam (Cornwall Council)  
Two members of the public.

**2. Public Session:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the members of the public to address the Council, if they so wished. The residents had attended to listen to discussions about the Neighbourhood Plan but had nothing to report.

**3. Apologies** for absence were received from Cllrs. D Skelton, A Budd.

**4. Members declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda:** None declared at this stage of the meeting.

**5. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15 November 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 reported that her allocation of Community Chest money for this financial year had been distributed and there had been no requests from South Hill parish.

Discussions were still being held on the electoral review with the proposal to reduce the number of Cornwall Councillors from 2021. The advantages and disadvantages were highlighted along with the impact on parish and town councils devolving services.

Cllr Mc William felt clerks were not adequately recognised for the amount of work they carry out. The Chairman reported on the difficulty of contacting Cornwall Council via their automated telephone system and Cllr Mc William stated that she continued to pursue this matter asking that direct number be made available to local councils.

Cllr T Brewer spoke about the lack of action being taken to address problems with care homes although it was confirmed this was not the responsibility of Cornwall Council but the Care and Quality Commission (NHS).

**8. Parish Council website:** The agenda and minutes were being posted on the website.

**9. Highway Matters:** Cllr D Brent reported the condition of the road from Manaton Mill to the pond highlighting the blocked drain. Cllr McWilliam offered to report this to Cormac.

**10. Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr G Clemerson presented survey results that had received a response from approximately 35% of the parish. The 'team' had met the previous week to look at the business policies and agreed these should remain unchanged, including an energy policy. The draft plan had now been sent to CRCC to be reviewed and compared with the contents of the Cornwall Council Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. It was hoped a response from CRCC would be received by the end of January 2017. Further consultations and a referendum would be held.

Cllr S McWilliam notified the meeting that the Cornwall plan had been adopted on the 22 November 2016 and was available to view online. Cllr McWilliam congratulated the 'team' on the engagement and tremendous amount of work completed, being a big achievement for a small committee.

**11. Recreation Field:** The Chairman will contact a plumber to repair the toilet flushing mechanism and look at the water flow for the system.

The standard of the grass cutting contract with Callington Town Council was discussed and it was suggested that the field and the play areas be separated. The strimmer was damaging the legs of the wooden play equipment. The Chairman would look at a draft specification that could be put out to tender for the play area and Cllr D Smith offered to research contractors costs.

It was agreed that a local contractor be asked to trim the boundary hedges.

New fence netting was to be installed to replace the damaged / older sections.

**12. Allotments:** It was agreed that plot 10 be allocated to Mr Nick Lloyns who already managed plot 11. It was reported that allotment holders were managing their water collections from shed roofs.

**13. Footpath – appointment of contractor for trimming / maintenance work:** Cllr N Easton was looking at the paths and the cost of the maintenance work required.

Although not a Parish Council matter it was noted that Cornwall Council may apply for a diversion order rather than a distinguish order for footpath 21 at the Old Post Office along with suggesting an additional route across the square. The Parish Council agreed to address this matter only if asked by Cornwall Council to do so.

**14. Representative reports, if available:**

- **Caradon Community Network Meeting** – No meetings held.

**15. Planning Applications / Planning Matters:**

**PA16/10439 Mr Ian Harrison, Trefurston Farm Barn, Trefurston Farm, South Hill road, Callington – Formation of a new agricultural access:**

The Parish Council feel it will be of no use to object to this application as that will be overridden by the planning officer so ask that a condition is applied that the access splay is made wider and deeper than that shown on the plans. This will then give better visibility to both the people using the access and also the cars using the highway, as this stretch of road is very narrow.

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

**17. Precept for 2017/2018 financial year:** Having looked at the current year budget, the predicted year-end balance and the expenditure and projects for 2017/2018 it was agreed to request a precept of £7,500 (seven thousand five hundred pounds) to meet ongoing costs and the recommended finance needed to pay for the forthcoming May 2017 elections as informed by Cornwall Council. Proposed Cllr N Easton, seconded by Cllr D Smith, all in favour.

**18. Correspondence:**

- **Residents letter** received notifying of the fouling of cats in gardens and the layby at Golberdon and asking if the Parish Council have any advice to deal with this matter.
- **Clerks & Councils Direct** magazine December 2016
- **Cornwall Council** winter wellbeing booklet.

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

- **Hedge trimming** – Cllr T Brewer identified the hedges not being trimmed and questioned why the work was not being carried out by the landowners / tenants.

**20. Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday, 17 January 2017

**21. To close the Meeting:** There being no further business the meeting closed at .10pm.

Dated: 17 January 2017

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