

Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 21st February 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

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

2. Public Session: The member of the public was invited to address the council if they so wished. Local resident Ms Emmerson who lived opposite the playing field mentioned the work recently carried out in cutting the boundary hedge; and the fact that this section of hedge, if left to a certain height, created a sound barrier between the field and her property. It was agreed that the contractor be reminded of this for the future, and Cllr Brewer offered to meet them on site, if needed. Ms Emmerson also questioned the provision of parking in the field as the entrance to her property was sometimes restricted by parked vehicles from those using the hall / field. The Chairman explained the Parish Councils discussions on parking and the enquiries made into creating additional parking for the football area of the field.

(Ms Emmerson left the meeting at 7.45pm)

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

4. Members Declarations of Interest: Cllrs. D Hicks, T Brewer, G Clemerson, A Budd declared an interest on Agenda Item 5 – planning applications PA16/11903 and PA16/11904. Cllr D Brent declared an interest on Agenda Item 5 – planning applications PA17/00821.

5. Planning Applications / Planning Matters:

PA16/11903 Mr & Mrs Dennis & Susan Hicks, land south of Glebe Farm, South Hill – Infilling of a redundant slurry pit with inert material.

Cllrs D Hicks and G Clemerson declared an interest and left the meeting for this item. Cllr D Skelton chaired the meeting for this application. The Parish Council support this application.

PA16/11904 Mr & Mrs Dennis & Susan Hicks, land south of Glebe Farm, South Hill – Application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved for the construction of four new houses involving the redevelopment of redundant farm buildings.

Cllrs D Hicks and G Clemerson declared an interest and left the meeting for this item. Cllr D Skelton chaired the meeting for this application.

The Parish Council have no objection in principal to this application but leave the decision to the planning department, to make the decision based on the guidelines of planning policies.

(Cllrs. D Hicks and G Clemerson returned to the meeting)

PA17/00742 Mr & Mrs M Wooldridge, Lender, Golberdon – Rear Extension to enlarge the kitchen and provide a bathroom.

The Parish Council support this application.

PA17/00821 Mr & Mrs D Brent, Boslowen, Golberdon –

Erection of a replacement garage, new boot room and new bathroom with associated works.

The Parish Council support this application. Cllr D Brent abstained.

6. Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th January 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman following an amendment to Items 17 and 20.

7. Matters Arising:

Item 17 Redmoor Mine, Kelly Bray – It was noted that Mr Harrison would try and attend the next Parish Council meeting.

8. Cornwall Council update: Cllr S McWilliam reported on Cornwall Council matters stating that the recommendation had been made to reduce the number of Cornwall Councillors to 99 from the 2021 elections. The Boundary Commission will now make the final decision.

The proposal to make Truro the European Capital of Culture would be decided by cabinet, having been considered by councillors and many feeling the financial support being given to this could be better spent on other services', and the implications of Brexit should be taken into account.

Matters concerning the "A" frame advertising signs were being investigated, some locations being outside Cllr McWilliams ward. Cllr N Easton reported that he had emailed Cllr B Biscoe and Edwina Hannaford . Cllr Biscoe had acknowledged the email but Cllr Hannaford had not replied.

Cllr McWilliam notified the meeting of funding for highway matters. Cllr T Brewer reported that a pothole in Golberdon had been repaired shortly after being reported but a hole further along the road was left.

Cllr J Gale reported on the construction of a garage at Trevigro Barn with the planning department having stopped the work until a retrospective application was submitted. Cllr McWilliam will seek clarification on this matter. Other matters for planning enforcement included the static caravans at Pine Ridge asking how long a site can be occupied before the tenants claimed permitted rights to remain on the land; the three caravans brought onto land at Curney Cottage, Golberdon and the opening in the hedge; the selling of Trefursden Barn with no evidence of a certificate that the house had been separated. Hedges at the Trefinnick Solar Farm had been trimmed in breach of the planning conditions. It was noted that planning enforcement forms can be downloaded on the Cornwall Council website and submitted along with other evidence such as photographs. Caravans in adjacent parishes were identified.

Cllr S McWilliam informed Councillors there was a possibility she would not be attending the next Parish Council meeting owing to purdah and the start of the campaign period for the forthcoming elections in May 2017.

9. Parish Council website: Nothing to report. Cllr D Smith was unable to attend this meeting.

10. Highway Matters: Blocked drains in Golberdon required clearing.

11. Neighbourhood Plan – update: Cllr N Easton was thanked for his work in organising the "Big Breakfast" event being held on Saturday, 3rd March 2017 when the Neighbourhood Plan policies will be displayed and questionnaires available for the public to complete if they so wish. Other parish items and organisations will be displayed including the defibrillator and footpaths.

Cllr D Skelton continued to express his feelings that decisions were being made on various matters without sufficient information being collected through public consultations, and the working groups apparent reluctance in accepting offers of advice.

Cllr G Clemerson felt the group had a different opinion on this and the majority of the Parish Council felt the plan should move forward. Cllr S McWilliam congratulated the group on the amount of work already produced and suggested the draft plan be submitted to the Inspector for their comments.

Cllr N Easton highlighted the learning curve for all involved and in particular the way in which the group had corresponded with each other, maybe needing to review this in the future.
Cllr N Easton will respond to a letter from Mr J Packer concerning the bus stop.

12. Recreational Field – to include maintenance contract: Appointment of contractor deferred until the next meeting.

13. Allotments: It was confirmed that Mr Woolridge had two plots and not three. A metal incinerator had been taken from one of the plots.

14. Footpaths – appointment of contractor for trimming / maintenance work: It was agreed that on behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr N Easton offer this work to Mr Russ Hanson for the 2017 maintenance year.

15. Representative Reports:

- **Caradon Community Network:** No meetings held.

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

17. Appointment of Auditor for 2016/2017 financial year: The Clerk was making enquiries with other councils and the CALC to establish the provision of auditing services since Mr Abraham (South & West Internal Audit) was no longer able to carry out the work for health reasons.

18. Grazing Licence – Advert and tenders for grazing licence at Maders: The grazing was being advertised through Kivells.

19. Parish Matters / Any other Business:

Cllr J Gale notified the meeting that he had contacted the Land Registry office who required 72 hours notice prior to a visit along with the title deed reference for the land in question.

The Council were happy for the Clerk to attend training courses, in particular the “Working with your Council” organised by CALC.

20. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 21st March 2017.

21. To close the Meeting: There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Dated:

Signed: