

**Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm.**

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

**Also attending:** Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)  
Mr Jeff Harrison (Consultant for Cornwall Resources)

**2. Public Session:** Mr Harrison spoke about the plans for mining operations at Kelly Bray and the exploration work being carried out. Local presentations had been held at Kelly Bray and Callington to explain the drilling process and plans for the site. The company Wolfe Minerals Ltd were currently mining at Hemerdon near Plymouth and carrying out very successful operations.

A six month drilling programme would consist of 23 test holes over a six month period. Samples would go through a vigorous examination process by geologists. Should the project go ahead the mining would consist of a decline rather than the shafting process.

A planning application had not yet been submitted.

Cllr D Skelton requested information for the South Hill website.

Mr Harrison left the meeting at 8.10pm offering to come back at a later date to give an update.

**3. Apologies** for absence were received from Cllr S McWilliam in Purdah leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 elections.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman following an amendment to Item 11 (Neighbourhood Plan.)

**6. Matters Arising:**

Cllr N Easton reported that he had spoken to Mr J Packer concerning the bus stop.

**7. Planning Applications / Planning Matters:** There were no applications presented for consideration at this meeting.

The following decisions were noted:-

PA16/11903 Mr & Mrs D Hicks, Glebe Farm – infilling of redundant slurry pit had been approved.

PA16/11904 Mr & Mrs D Hicks, Glebe Farm – outline permission for four houses – refused

PA16/10439 Mr Ian Harrison, Trefursdon Farm Barn, Trefursdon Farm – Formation of a new agricultural access – decision not yet decided.

**8. Accounts / Financial Matters – to approve accounts presented for payment:** The Council approved the payment of accounts as presented by the Clerk. The fees charged by Grant Thornton were questioned.

**9. Appointment of Auditor for the 2016/2017 financial year:** The Clerk will make enquiries into the auditors available and costs charged.

**10. Cornwall Council update:** No report received.

**11. Parish Council website update:** Cllr D Smith continued to manage the website and would publish some information about the mining explorations at Kelly Bray.

**12. Highway Matters:** Highway issues reported included the potholes and deteriorated road surface from Tregonnet to Bicton Mill; and Mill Lawn to Pensilva. It was questioned how Cornwall Council (Cormac) could justify some of the road surfacing work competed when some felt there were more important areas to be repaired.

**13. Neighbourhood Plan – update from Team:** The meeting discussed the Big Breakfast event held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. There were no significant comments that needed alterations to the plan. The basic conditions statement had been completed in consultation with Cornwall Council and will be presented to the Inspector, once appointed.

The evidence based work can be placed on the website along with other information.

The consultation statement was being produced and circulated.

The team were now looking to submit the plan as soon as possible. It would be published on the website for a six week period.

It was hoped that a referendum would be held in August / September 2017.

Cllr D Skelton had spoken to the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) regarding his concerns on the processes carried out including the consultations and he felt the Inspector could question this.

It was agreed that although formal minutes were not recorded a report could be compiled from notes taken at the meetings and Cllr N Easton was happy to speak to the Inspector if necessary. A timeline could also be produced if required.

The team were happy that due process had been followed and regular reports had been recorded in the Parish Council minutes.

The qualifying body were the Parish Council.

Cllr G Clemerson reported on the balance of funding available until the 31<sup>st</sup> March and team members were encouraged to submit any expenses for printing etc.

**14. Recreation Field – to appoint a contractor for grass cutting / maintenance work:**

It was agreed that the grass cutting be granted to Russ Hanson to trim the areas in recreation ground except the field. It was decided that 10 cuts be made unless instructed otherwise by the Parish Council. This work to cut the field was granted to Roger Parkyn for 12 cuts.

The footpath contract was also given to Russ Hansen.

Proposed Cllr D Smith, seconded by Cllr N Easton, all in favour.

**15. Grazing Licence - to consider tenders received for grazing licence at Maders and allocate lease:** The Chairman reported that four tenders had been received by Kivells for the grazing licence at Maders. The licence was to be issued on a farm business tenancy by Kivells. The single farm payment will go to the successful tenderer. Having considered all tenders it was agreed to grant a three year lease to Mark Pethick. Proposed Cllr Mrs W Trewin, seconded by Cllr J Gale, all in favour. Councillors agreed the land could be ploughed and drainage works carried out to improve the site.

**16. Allotments:** Rental agreements were due for renewal in April 2017.

**17. Footpaths – to confirm the appointment of contractor for trimming / maintenance work:**

Agreed under Item 14 of this meeting. Nothing further to report.

**18. Representative Reports for the Caradon Community Network Meeting:** The Chairman had attended the last meeting and gave a verbal report on the Devolution Fun. Planning and enforcement (now called compliance) were topics for the next meeting.

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

- The forthcoming May 2017 elections will be published.
- A 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary card and gift will be sent to Mr & Mrs Renolds of Case-Mia, Golberdon
- Information on the Community Asset Fund from Sport England was being promoted in the CALC newsletter.
- 'A' frame advertising boards littering the parish will be discussed at the next meeting.

**20. Date of the next Meeting:** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

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

Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Signed: