

**Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm.**

**1.. Councillors Present:** Cllrs. D Hicks (Chairman), D Smith (Vie Chairman), Mrs L Moir, J Gale, Mrs W Trewin, A Budd, N Skelton, D Brent, N Easton.

**Also attending:** Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr Sharon Daw (Cornwall Council)  
Cllr J Flashman (Cornwall Council)  
Two member 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.

- Cllr J Flashman (Cornwall Council) reported that he had been appointed onto the Cornwall Countryside Access Forum that wored with landowners to resolve any problems and liaise with those using public rights of way. It was reported that Footpath 12 in the parish had been obstructed by a stock fence. Landowners responsibilities needed to be established.
- Mrs Alison Humphreys stated that the last bench had still not been installed.
- Mrs Murns had attendef should the Parish Council require clarification on any matters relating to their planning application.

**Meeting closes to the public.**

**3. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr. T Brewer.

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

**5. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr. N Easton stated that it was difficult to ascertain the meeting from the detail recorded in the minutes and he felt that some points may not be reflected in the record of the meeting. Cllr D Skelton supported this comment. It was noted that the minutes were a record of the decision of the council and were not required to record comments and conversations.

**6. Matters Arising:**  
**Item**

**7. Planning Applications / Planning Matters:**

- a) **PA17/05468 Mr & Mrs Murns, Well Cottage, Trefinnick Road, Bray Shop – Outline planning permission with all matters reserved. Replace redundant stables with dwelling.** Cllr D Skelton declared an interest and abstained.  
The Council had no objections, in principal, to this development but agreed to wait until a detailed planning application was received before making a final decision. The status of the site being infill or outside the development boundary was questioned.
- b) **PA17/05091 Mrs Jenny Flint, Appletree Farm, South Petherwin – Non materials amendments – from stone to cement / similar render and guttering.**  
Application outside South Hill parish – no comments made.

**c) PA17/06006 Mr Steven Roger Parkyn, Keadeen, South Hill –  
Agricultural building for the storage of machinery. Support.**

Procedures for pre-applications were questioned and the Clerk confirmed that in the past advice from the planning department was free and not recorded; but now a charge was being made for this service and enquiries had to be registered, and were given a pre-app reference number and recorded on the planning website. Cllr Flashman offered to clarify procedures.

**8. Accounts / Financial Matters – to approve accounts presented for payment:**

The Council approved the payment of the following accounts:-

886 & 887	J Hoskin / HMRC – clerks payment	£ 193.75
888	Cornwall Blood Bikes – donation (agreed at June meeting)	£ 50.00
889	Ellies Haven – donation (agreed at June meeting)	£ 50.00
890	Liskeard C.A. B – donation (agreed at June meeting)	£ 50.00
891	Callington Food Bank – donation (agreed at June meeting)	£ 50.00
892	Cornwall Association Local Council membership	£ 216.68
893	South Hill Parish Hall – room hire April to June 2017	£ 36.00
894	South Hill Horticultural Society – donation	£ 15.00

**Trefinnick Solar Farm Community Fund – allocation of community benefit fund:** Ideas for funding were discussed including ideas recorded at the last meeting. It was felt that to fund road signs would not meet the criteria for funding and this will be clarified. It was agreed to grant the following:-

- £400 towards the cost of a new boiler for the parish hall.
- £500 towards energy saving light bulbs for parishioners (each bulb costing approx. £3) One bulb would be given to each home in the hope that residents would be encourage to fit energy saving bulbs in the future.

An application to support the cost of batteries to subsidise the solar panels on the village hall was deferred pending the Hall Committees application to Marks & Spencer for funding. It was noted that his project costs being in the region of £8,500

St Sampson’s Church were researching the costs to upgrade the internal lighting. Cllr A Budd confirmed that a faculty had been approved to replace the current halogen lights with LED lighting. It was agreed that up to £1000 be set aside to support the lighting repairs once final costs had been established. Cllrs. A Budd and D Brent declared an interest and abstained from this decision.

A funding application had been submitted to Sport England to upgrade the car parking facilities at the parish hall, although it was felt these type of applications were not generally supported. Grass pavers were very expensive and not always the best solution. Councillors supported the project to create additional parking and it was felt that to make use of the concrete slab would minimise expenditure. The Community Benefit Fund would not support this project.

Cllr N Easton suggested that the council should further consult with parishioners and research their requirements.

Cllr D Smith offered to formulate a survey monkey via the website to enable the public to respond on the question to fund batteries for the hall and / or additional car parking

## 9. Correspondence:

- **Boundary Commission – Local Government Boundary Review for Cornwall:** Cllrs. D Hicks and D Skelton reported on this subject as discussed at the recent Community Network Meeting. Cornwall was unique in having a unitary authority as this level of government was normally focused around larger towns and cities and not counties. Many counties still operated with a two tier government being district and county councils. In 2009 Cornwall became a unitary authority with 123 councillors, previously having 331 throughout the district and county council. The Boundary Commission were now proposing to reduce this number to 87 with existing ward boundaries having to be changed. Less councillors would increase the workload to possibly a full time job that would attract maybe a full time position with an attractive allowance for a wider spectrum of people. Having consider the reduction in the number of councillors, the impact this would have on the number of electorate per councillor, and taking into account the increased number of homes being developed it was agreed to reply to the review stating that the current number of councillors (123) be retained.
- A letter of thanks had been received from St Sampsons church for the £400 donation towards the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery.
- Western Power had requested permission to trim around the electric cable running through the remembrance tree in the grounds of the parish hall. No objections were raised.

**10. Cornwall Council update:** Cllr S Daw had little to report but updated the meeting on matters within Cornwall Council and stated that she had obtained some way marker discs for public footpaths and was pursuing a request for waymarker sign posts.

**11. Parish Council website – update and to discuss publishing councillors photographs:** Nothing to report.

**12. Highway Matters – to report highway matters requiring attention:** Surface dressing works were being carried out in areas of the parish. The section of road from Trefinnick Farm corner was deemed to be dangerous. Highway verges needed to be cut. Cormac will be informed.

**13. Neighbourhood Plan – up date from Neighbourhood Team:** Cllr D Smith reported that the consultation period had now ended and an examiner had been appointed.

**14. Recreation Field – report from site meeting :** The contractor had asked to be informed when the hall was being used. It was agree that the hedge be cut at the cost of £12.50 per hour for the work required. A working party had carried out repair to the play areas. The Council to pay for the improvement and re-tarmac of the entrance and a second quotation will be obtained. Car parking had been discussed previously at this meeting.

**15. Allotments – report on allotments, if any:** Cllr J Gale had looked at the allotment agreement and it was agreed this be reviewed for the next year. The allotments will be numbered for ease of management on the site.

**16. Footpaths – trimming / way marker discs:** Previously discussed under Item of this meeting. The seat will be fixed. The footpath monitoring group (an independent group of parishioner not appointed by the parish council and given any authority) had reviewed the paths, presented the council with a report of their findings, and thanked for providing this information. Diversion work on Footpath 21 was to begin sometime soon, after the 28<sup>th</sup> July

**17. Representative report from the Caradon Community Network Meeting:** Reported under Item of this meeting. Cllr D Skelton outlined other matters discussed at the meeting including traffic speed at St Mellion,. The next meeting will focus on planning enforcement.

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

- **Future use of BT kiosk:** It was suggested that a laminated copies of the parish footpath map could be available in the kiosk for anyone to use and return.
- **CALC Councillors training programme:** The Clerk reported that no new events had been advertised and asked councillors to contract her if they wished to carry out training on a specific matter.
- **Review / update of Parish Council policies:** Agreed to hold a separate meeting to look at the policies. The date to be decided at the September council meeting.
- **Review of Parish Plan** – Agreed to review the plan the same evening as the policies meeting.
- **Broadband** connection and internet reception appeared to better in some areas of the parish and the question was asked about the role out of superfast broadband throughout Cornwall.
- **Redmoor Mine** –Cllr D Smith will publish drilling updates on the website as and when received.

**19. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**20. To close the Meeting:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.48pm.

Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Signed: