

**Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm.**

**1.. Councillors present:** D Hicks (Chairman), D Smith (Vice Chairman), Mrs L Moir, Mrs W Trewin, A Budd, J Gale, N Easton, T Brewer, D Skelton, D Brent.

**Also attending:** Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr Sharon Daw (Cornwall Council)  
Five members of the public

**2. Public Session:** The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the members of the public to address the Council if they so wished.

Mr Shakespeare had attended to answer any questions the council may have on his planning application PA17/07317 and members of the public expressed their views on this application.

Another resident Mrs S Gale questioned the regulations for public rights of way and whether or not members of the public or local groups could enter onto private land without permission.

**3. Apologies for absence:** None.

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

**5. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman following an amendment to Item 7a) – Cllr D Skelton did not declare an interest but did abstain from voting. Item 7c) Cllr D Skelton declared an interest.

**6. Matters Arising:**

**Item 7 Pre-applications:** Cllr D Skelton questioned why not all pre-applications were published on the Cornwall Council website. The Clerk will seek clarification of the procedures for pre-applications.

**Item 8 Trefinnick Solar Farm:** It was noted that money for road signs did not meet the funding criteria from the Trefinnick Solar Farm.

**7. Planning Applications:**

**PA17/07317 Mr Shakespeare, Jacobs Well Cottage, Maders –**

**Outline planning with all matters reserved for 2 residential dwellings.**

The Council support in principal the development of 2 dwellings but feel the access is unsuitable for the site given the contour of the road and no restricted speed limit.

The adjacent Maders cabinet business would undoubtedly have a noise impact should the properties be built although this was not necessary a planning issue.

**Planning Matters:**

**EN17/01749 and EN17/00622 Kerney Cottage, retention of caravan:** The Chairman reported on this history of these enforcement matters.

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

The Council approved the payment of following accounts:-

895	Came & Company – Insurance renewal	£280.00
896	Aztec (SW) Ltd – Chain link fencing for playing field	£208.32
897	South West Water – troughs	£ 17.15
898	Grant Thornton – 2016 Audit fee	£390.00
899	J Hoskin – Clerks salary / expenses	£314.00
900	HMRC payment	£ 73.50
901	Information Commissioners Office – membership renewal	£ 35.00
902	South Hill Horticultural Society 2016 show – donation	£ 15.00
903	South Hill Parish Hall – CC payment for hire of hall for 2017 elections	£320.00
904	Callington & Gunnislake Methodist Circuit	£200.00

It was noted that a quotation for St Sampson’s Church lights had been accepted by the Parochial Church Council (discussed at the last meeting).

**Trefinnick Solar farm Community Fund – allocation of community benefit fund:** Nothing further to report. Noted under Item 6 of this meeting.

**9. Parish Council policies – to be updated / renewed. Meeting date to be arranged:** Agreed that an informal meeting be held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 with all councillors invited to attend. The Clerk will provide copies of policies to councillors.

**10. Cornwall Council update – Cllr Sharon Daw** reported on the additional funding for the police and the number of officers on patrol was discussed. Cllr Daw had visited the recycling centre at St Dennis, and attended a visit to Mount Edgcombe that had received a £4000 grant. Highway matters included a request for the road from Bicton to Tregonnet to be repaired, and an investigation into the speed of traffic at Maders. Cllr D Skelton reported that a feasibility study had previously been carried out at Maders. The ‘dragons teeth’ road marking at Golberdon were to be repainted. These marking at Maders had not been replaced.

**11. Parish Hall Committee:** Cllr D Skelton reported on the Hall Committees funding application to M & S and the number of supporting votes that currently held them in the lead for applications in the East Cornwall Area. A campaign in Drakes Circus would hopefully encourage further votes. Testimonials were also invited to enhance the application. Voting closed on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**12. Highway Matters – to report highway matters requiring attention:** Also discussed under Item 10 of this meeting. The road from Golberdon to Penworden, via Bicton needed repairing; and Trefinnick corner.

Cllr T Brewer reported on the Ambulance Service route to Golberdon following a Sat Nav that directed vehicles via Bicton Mill which was thought to be a most unsuitable route given the road contours and deteriorated surface.

**13. Neighbourhood Plan – update from Neighbourhood Team:** An initial response from the examiner was expected within the next few weeks, and it was expected that a series of questions would be asked.

**14. Review of Parish Plan. Meeting to be arranged:** Agreed to include this in the informal meeting being held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (as agreed under Item 9 of this meeting).

**15. Recreation Field - repairs and maintenance. Work to be identified:** There was no work to be done following recent inspections. Cllr T Brewer questioned the work to the entrance that needed to be done before the winter months. The Chairman reported that the Council was awaiting receipt

of a second quotation. Cllr D Skelton asked how the Council were inviting contractor to quote and it was agreed that details be placed on the Parish Council website and published in the South Hill Connection magazine. Work required to the trees will also be advertised.

The brambles around the existing young trees needed to be cut back to allow the trees to establish. The grass cutting contractor (Russ Hanson) will be asked to carry out this work.

It was suggested that the contractor carries out twelve grass cuts throughout the season and not ten as previously agreed. Cllr T Brewer had strimmed around the play equipment and posts and he felt the contractor could cut the grass lower than it was currently being done. It was agreed the frequency of cuts and depth be reviewed at a later date.

It was suggested that a qualified tree officer be asked to survey the work required.

Cllr D Skelton offered to collect the key for the lock on the top entrance to allow this to be kept closed.

Councillors would approve the renewal agreement for the Callington Colts once the new season had started.

**16. Allotments – report on allotments, if any:** Nothing to report.

**17. Footpaths – trimming / way marker discs:** Having listened to the member of the public at the beginning of the meeting the Clerk raised concerns about the voluntary group that appeared to be carrying out work on paths and arranging meetings with Cornwall Council officers. The Clerk reiterated that it was the Parish Council who had signed the Local Partnership Agreement with Cornwall Council and she was unaware of the actions of the group who had no authority to make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council and more importantly were not covered by the Parish Councils insurance. They had not been given any permission to work on the paths, although their previous survey on the condition of the public rights of way was fully appreciated and had identified some work required. The Clerk stated there was a protocol to follow and this needed to be followed. The Council were happy to work with the group and would themselves arrange site meetings, if needed. It was important to note that landowners should be notified if anyone wanted to enter their land to establish a route or carry out work extra to the routine trimming.

**18. Representative Report from the Caradon Community Network Meeting:** Next meeting being held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Callington Town Hall and focusing on enforcement matters.

Cllr D Hicks had emailed Cornwall Council about caravans sited within the parish and sites were again identified.

**19. Parish Matters / Any other Business – to include:**

- **Update on the Redmoor Mine drilling operations:** Cllr D Smith reported on the updates from the exploration work being carried out and the quality of the tin that had been found, although quantities had not been established. Drilling had now been extended beyond the end of October 2017.
- **Golberdon cemetery:** The Council had received a letter from the Callington & Gunnislake Methodist Circuit and it was agreed to make an initial £200 donation to be used on the maintenance of the cemetery at Golberdon; and further annual donations of £100 if the work was seen to be done. Cllr T Brewer reported on the circumstances and condition of the site that was now very overgrown.
- **The late Jill Long:** The Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council had sent a letter of condolence to the husband of the late Mrs Jill Long, Jill had contributed much to parish and local community, having been a past councillor and a member of other local organisation.
- **Planning Training:** It was noted that the Clerk, along with Cllrs. Mrs W Trwein, Mrs L Moir, A Budd and D Skelton had attended a recent Cornwall Council planning training event at Liskeard.

- **Golberdon Notice Board:** Cllr Mrs L Moir offered to post the agenda and parish council notices on the board at Golberdon; taking on the role from Cllr N Easton.
- **Roadside Hedges:** Cllr J Gale stated that landowners needed to be reminded to trim roadside hedges. An item will be placed on the Parish Council website.

**20. Date of next Meeting** – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**21. To close the Meeting:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Signed: