

Minutes of the Meeting of South Hill Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, Golberdon on Tuesday, 19th December 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Jim Flashman (on behalf of Cllr Sharon Daw)
Eleven 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.

Mrs Skelton outlined the reason behind planning application PA17/11449, the prior approval in 2014 and the recent pre-application advice received from Cornwall Council. Local residents expressed their views on the height of the proposed two attached dwellings stating that the original design was felt to be more suitable for the site. Residents felt the increase in height of this application would have an impact of their properties in relation to view and values. Residents were happy for the site to be developed but felt this latest application had changed from the original plans. The increase in traffic along the narrow road would impact on other road users, although it was noted that the site no longer attracted larger agricultural and delivery vehicles.

The Chairman reported that a full application for Trefursdon Barn had not been received but will be dealt with if the plans were sent to the Parish Council.

The public were also notified that the Cornwall Council planning officer was awaiting further information on the application for Swallows Rest, PA17/09824 and the consultation will start again once all documents had been submitted.

(Some members of the public left the meeting – 2 remained)

3. Apologies for absence: Cllr Sharon Daw (Cornwall Council).

4. Members Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda: Cllr D Skelton declared an interest on Agenda Item 7 – planning applications PA17/11449 and any matters relating to Treewoodloe.

Cllr T Brewer declared an interest on Agenda Item 7 – planning application PA17/10388.

5. Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st November 2017 were approved having voted to leave Item 13 as written, proposed Cllr Mrs W Trewin, seconded Cllr D Brent, majority support. Cllrs N Easton and T Brewer abstained.

6. Matters Arising:

Item 9 Parish Council policies – The Parish Councils assets will be reviewed in relation to the policies.

Item 12 Highway Matters – The Council had received no confirmation from the police that they had visited Golberdon to monitor the speed of traffic passing through the village.

7. Planning Applications / Planning Matters:

PA17/10388 Mr & Mrs Tom Brewer, Treharlech, Golberdon – Construction of two storey extension at the rear (with demolition of the lean-to roof extension). The accommodation consists of a new bedroom, lounge, kitchen and utility area on the ground floor and a lounge, kitchen and dining on the first floor. The property to be split into two separate units. Various internal alterations to the existing cottage. Cllr T Brewer declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

The Parish Council support this application and note that the development will continue to provide adequate parking for the site.

PA17/11449 Mr & Mrs David and Sue Skelton, The Milking Parlour, South Hill – Proposed demolition of milking parlour and ancillary buildings and creation of two attached dwelling houses. Cllr D Skelton declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

The Parish Council object to this application in its' current format although they support in principal the development of this site. The Parish Council feel the current proposal would create a loss of privacy for the neighbouring properties as the increase in roof height from the original size is too high.

b) Planning Enforcement cases in South Hill and neighbouring parishes – update if available:

Cllr J Gale reported on matters at Trevigro EN17/02380 whereby developments had started on the 1 ½ acre field and the installation of a septic tank had been stopped. It was noted that asbestos from an old shed had initially been buried but was then removed from the site. Cllrs. J Gale and A Budd had visited the site. The County Land Agent had been notified. The situation will be monitored. The Council received a copy of the “open letter” to residents sent by Peter and Helen Darby the owners of the site for the Honeybee Farm (pre-application PA17/02763).

The Clerk reported that the enforcement case for Pine Ridge EN12/02203 had been closed on the 21st October 2016 with the officer reporting that owing to the length of time before enforcement commenced nothing could be done. It was agreed that a copy of the case file be obtained.

The Clerk had spoken to Mr John Drew (Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement) would had agreed to give an update on enforcement matters with the parish by the January 2018 parish council meeting.

8. Accounts / Financial Matters – to approve accounts presented for payment: The Council approved the payment of the accounts presented, proposed Cllr D Smith, seconded Cllr D Brent, unanimously agreed.

915	M Pethick – Vat on previous invoice payment – Chq 914	£ 48.00
916/918	J Hoskin / HMRC – clerks payment	£ 193.75
917	Cornwall Council – May 2017 election costs	£ 1632.62

Precept for 2018/2019: Having reviewed the current years accounts, bank balances and the budget for the forthcoming financial year along with projects to be completed, it was proposed by Cllr N Easton seconded by Cllr D Skelton and unanimously agreed that the precept for 2018/2019 be £7,500 and remain the same as the current year.

Internet Banking: It was proposed by Cllr N Easton and seconded by Cllr L Moir that the Clerk investigates internet banking for the Parish Councils accounts. All in favour.

9. Parish Council Policies – to adopt the following policies, as amended:-

Standing Orders – Financial Regulations – Freedom of Information – Handling Complaints – Handling requests for Information – Code of Conduct – Grants Policy – Model Publication Scheme – Media & Press Policy: The policies, as amended had been circulated to Councillors. Agreed to defer the adoption of the policies until January 2018.

10. Cornwall Council update: Cllr Sharon Daw had been unable to attend but was represented by Cllr J Flashman who reported that he had withdrawn from the Mount Edgumbe Committee but was currently Vice Chairman of the Cornwall AONB Partnership

11. Parish Hall – to address any matters concerning the hall and receive a report from the Committee, if required. To receive quotations for the replacement floor and associated works: Nothing to report. Quotations were being obtained.

12. Highway Matters – to report highways matters requiring attention:

- The road from Bicton Mill to Tregonnett had not been repaired. The Chairman had received an email from the Cormac Structures Design Group stating that the recent works at Bicton Mill were to repair the bridge over the leat. As a result the leat bridge and the main bridge itself both had a 40 tonne capacity. Therefore there was no weight restriction but there was a width restriction in place. It was noted that the road sign stated 3 tonne.
- The South Hill arm of the wooden sign at Golberdon needed to be repaired.
- The road drain at Manaton Mill was blocked / damaged and not operating correctly.

13. Neighbourhood Plan: The Notice of Referendum had been published and displayed. A referendum will be held on Thursday, 25th January 2018 to decide the question “Do you want Cornwall Council to use the neighbourhood plan for South Hill Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

14. Recreation Field – hedge trimming specification and work to be done. It was proposed by Cllr D Smith, seconded by Cllr L Moir and unanimously agreed that the specification be adopted. An additional spec will be added to cover the section of roadside hedge opposite the houses. Owing to the cost of the work it was noted that it did not require advertising although Cllr N Easton felt all work should be publicised regardless of the value. It was agreed that Mr Mark Pethick continue with the work this year and the work be advertised in 2018.

Cllr T Brewer asked about the inspections and stated the willow arch had broken pieces, and he had picked up pieces of glass from the site. Materials had been purchased to repair the fencing and posts. Cllr Brewer also reported the broken netball post. Cllr D Smith quoted the recommended inspection timetable from the ROSPA report.

The Council had no objection to the resident of Park House using their contractor on a private basis.

15. Allotments – to approve the amended lease to take effect from 01.04.2018: Deferred until January 2018. It was confirmed that the Council had made a previous decision not to install mains water owing to costs.

16. Footpaths – trimming work / way marker discs and stiles: Three stile kits had been ordered. Way marker discs will be purchased in unobtainable from Cornwall Council.

17. Report from Caradon Community Network Meeting, if available: No meetings held.

18. Correspondence / reports to be tabled by the Clerk – how correspondence is shared: The Clerk will forward emails to all councillors if relevant to council business.

- Cornwall AONB Annual Report 2016-2017.

19. Community Land Trusts and how they operate in parishes: Item deferred owing to time.

20. Parish Matters / Any other Business and items for the next meeting: No matters reported.

21. Date of the next Meeting: Tuesday, 16th January 2018.

22. To close the Meeting: There being no further business the Chairman having wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

At this point, local resident Mr Geoff Clemerson as President of the local Rotary Club offered crocus bulbs to those who wished to take them and plant as part of the “stamp out polio” campaign.

Dated: 16th January 2018

Signed: