

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council held on Monday 13th August 2012 at Gwithian Church Hall, Gwithian commencing at 7.00pm.

<u>Present</u>	Councillors	A Crocker	D Cupples
		T Homes	R Marks
		Mrs S Negus	L Pascoe (Vice Chairman)
		B Pocock (Chairman)	M Roberts
		S Rowe	A Young

Others present

9 members of public
George Eustice MP
Mrs Vida Perrin, Clerk to the Council

1. Routine matters

- a) Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Slade-Elmes and CCllr Ray Tovey.
- b) Members to declare personal and prejudicial interests (including the details thereof) in respect of any items on the Agenda.
 - i. Cllr Pocock declared a personal interest in items 6a and 6b due to having a wind turbine.
 - ii. Cllr Rowe declared an interest in item 6b.
- c) Public Participation.
 - i. Sally Foster advised that she was in attendance regarding two presentations she attended for solar farms within the Parish some time ago. She said the companies had promised large amounts of money which would be used purely for the environment. She raised the following concerns regarding the new company being set up to distribute grants:-
 1. what are the names of the directors
 2. how were the directors selected
 3. why are poverty, religion and education being included within the grant remit.
 The Chairman advised that due to their not being an item on the agenda regarding the subject and due to the very full agenda, the Parish Council would defer the matter to the next ordinary meeting of the Council in line with standing order 13(3).
 - ii. Dick Goodere advised that agenda item 5a was regarding an assessment which took place recently on Gwithian Green. He advised that the original agreement had stated the land would be managed as hay meadow and as this had not been the case for many years there was a slight possibility the grant for those years may have to be paid back. He said the GGAG had been discussing the matter with Natural England who have always been involved in the management of the Green during this time and felt they would likely back the Groups and subsequently the Parish Council's management scheme for which the grant has been used.
 - iii. Dick Goodere raised concern regarding the Family Activity Trail and Gwithian Green. He said he would not want the trail to start or end at the Green and would not want to encourage too many visitors at one time to the Green.
 - iv. Glynn Davies asked if there was any scheme to pull the ragwort on the Green. The Chairman advised that this was something the GGAG needed to look at in more detail and he would pass the comment to them.

2. Presentation

“Time for a catch-up.” Question and answer session with George Eustice MP

The Chairman welcomed George Eustice MP to the meeting and advised that the questions raised by Councillors had been forwarded to George.

- i. We would be grateful if you could advise us how you can assist the Parish Council to implement each of the objectives from our Parish Plan attached.

George Eustice mentioned Neighbourhood Planning and advised that due to the planning guidance being cut from 1500 pages down to around 100 the onerous was on Town and Parish Councils to develop local plans showing what they wanted their areas to look like in the future.

The Chairman advised that this was something this Parish Council was serious about doing and had already had various discussions with Cornwall Council regarding the best way forward. The Chairman did note that CC did seem to be happy to pass control over to T&PC but not the funding that goes with that control.

George Eustice stated that he was lobbying Government over the need to pass a percentage of the proposed new homes bonus to local Councils so that T&PC would have a say and a share in the available funds.

The Chairman noted that this Council felt their views on planning applications were being ignored by CC and this makes the decision of entering into a project for neighbourhood planning harder.

George Eustice said that he would be meeting with local Planning officers and would raise the issue with them.

The Chairman urged George to read the Parish Plan and offer his assistance in helping the Parish Council achieve the objectives within it.

- ii. The County Council, and consequently Parish, are expected to achieve housing levels as part of the local statutory (used to be call the core statutory). How does the Government propose to achieve sustainable employment given the type of industries we have in Cornwall?

George Eustice advised that Camborne Town Council have taken the number of houses they are likely to need in the next 20 years and have identified enough brownfield sites to accommodate them all.

George said that it may be worth smaller rural communities looking at small scale developments on the edges of existing settlements.

The Chairman said that he was hoping to have a meeting with planning officers regarding the issues around the planning process generally but that the Core Strategy needs to show employment at the forefront not the tail end.

- iii. GGPC are keen to see long term renewable energy practices within our Parish as outlined in objective 31 of our Parish Plan. With the increasing number of wind turbine applications for our Parish, what advice can you give us with regard to the cumulative impact of wind turbines?

George Eustice advised that he did write to Alec Robertson about this topic and as there are about 200 current applications within the planning system for the County this is a big subject. He did say that the Government would be cutting the subsidy for turbines in October so it was likely there would be a rush of applications before then. He advised that there was an urgent need for Cornwall Council to produce its own draft policy document on the cumulative and visual impact of wind turbines; this has been produced in other areas of the Country so models are available.

- iv. Councillors are concerned that the new register of interest asks questions about their spouses or civil partners and that this information can now be viewed online. Most of our Councillors feel this is too personal and their declaration to abide by the code should be adequate. What are your thoughts on my Councillors concerns?

George Eustice was unaware of the changes and stated that it was something MP's had had to do for some time now. He agreed to look at the old and new models.

- v. Can you update us on the current situation with regard to the proposals to cut train services between Penzance and Paddington and vice-versa?

George Eustice advised that the sleeper service had now been secured for the next 15 years. He said that there had been discussion about reducing the direct service to 6 and adding more links at Plymouth. He said that bidders are being asked to provide quotes for contracts on different models. The models being:-

- reduce to 6 direct services and change at Plymouth
- Full 9 services
- Full 9 services until 2017 and thereafter with a connection at Exeter with the new faster service, meaning there would be a more frequent services in Cornwall from 2017.

- vi. What is your view on the proposal by Trinity House to erect a new lighthouse structure on Godrevy Island? We were concerned that the first we heard of the scheme was in the West Briton and that the article stated work would commence this month. We are awaiting a response from Trinity House on their plans.

The Chairman advised that Trinity House do have permitted development rights on the island and as the new structure was not imposing on the lighthouse itself the conservation team had no comment. He said that he was concerned who would look after the lighthouse if it is no longer in use and the general appearance and safety of a reduced light. George Eustice said that he would look into the matter further.

- vii. Do you have any questions you would like the Parish Council to answer? George advised that he was more than happy to liaise with the Council in the future.

The Chairman asked if any of the members of public would like to ask George Eustice a question.

Mr Crocker asked if George could look in to the use of Chemical trails within the area and said that he would send information to George Eustice. George Eustice said he would be happy to look in to the matter once he had received something in writing.

The meeting RESOLVED to move item 6 to this point but is in agenda order for the purposes of the minutes.

3. Minutes

- a) To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 23rd July 2012. RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- b) Business arising from the Minutes. None.

4. Reports

- a) Report from the Police Neighbourhood Beat Manager. The Clerk circulated the monthly report. Cllr Marks noted that a report she had made to the Police involving ESPF was not listed. The Chairman asked if a letter of condolence could be sent to Sgt Dobson for the loss of his wife and this was agreed.
- b) Written reports from Parish Councillors/representatives. There were no written reports.

5. Correspondence received

- a) Natural England – Countryside Stewardship Scheme, inspection report forms. Noted. The Chairman agreed to raise the issue made in public participation with GGAG.
- b) Adam O'Neill – Reawla Streetscape project construction dates. Noted.
- c) CC – Notification of road closure; Gwinear (Churchtown to junction with Relistian Lane) Noted
- d) CC – Notification of road closure; Trennerth Road (Reawla to Leedstown) . Noted. Cllr Crocker advised the A30 was closed recently but we were not notified.
- e) THF Ltd – Information on the completion of homes at Turnpike Meadow, Connor Downs. Noted.
- f) Trinity House – Response to letter concerning Godrevy Lighthouse. After a brief discussion the Chairman agreed to write a letter to Trinity House.
- g) CRCC – Consultation over the implementation of discretionary rate relief. Noted. The Clerk advised she had forwarded the information to local community groups who may be affected.
- h) CC-Invitation-Cornwall Community Flood Forum 21/9/12, St Austell, 10–3:30pm. Noted.

6. To consider planning applications

- a) PA12/06265 - [Installation of 55kW wind turbine with Hub Height of 24.6m/Blade Length 3m/and Overall Tip Height of 34.2m, with associated equipment cabinet and access works - Land At Gwinear Road Connor Downs Hayle Cornwall TR27 5JQ](#) – TGC Renewables Ltd. *Planning zone officer – Cllr Cupples*. Cllr Cupples gave a report on the application, outlining the design, scale, access and comments made online by other consultees. A debate ensued regarding the amount of applications being received for the area and cumulative impact of such applications. The meeting raised concerns that there is no draft policy document on this issue and has asked for guidance from CC and is awaiting a formal meeting. The meeting felt that a site meeting to view the site and take in to account other sites with existing or proposed structures was required. RESOLVED to raise concern about the cumulative impact of wind turbines on the Parish and as there is no draft policy document on the issue to ask that a site meeting is arranged for the application before any approval is granted.

- b) PA12/05157 - Installation of a single wind turbine, 55kW on 24m tower, 19.2 diameter rotor with 9m blade length - Roseworthy Barton Old Mill Lane Roseworthy Camborne Cornwall TR14 0DX – Mr Archdale. *Planning zone officer* – *Cllr Cupples*. Cllr Cupples gave a report on the application, outlining the design, scale, access and comments made online by other consultees. A debate ensued regarding the amount of applications being received for the area and cumulative impact of such applications. The meeting raised concerns that there is no draft policy document on this issue and has asked for guidance from CC and is awaiting a formal meeting. The meeting felt that a site meeting to view the site and take in to account other sites with existing or proposed structures was required. RESOLVED to raise concern about the cumulative impact of wind turbines on the Parish and as there is no draft policy document on the issue to ask that a site meeting is arranged for the application before any approval is granted.
- c) PA12/05708 - Conversion of extension to dwelling to form a self contained annex and associated works. - 33 Reawla Lane Reawla Hayle Cornwall TR27 5HQ – Mrs Plummer. *Planning zone officer* – *Cllr Rowe*. Cllr Rowe said that he had visited the site and spoken with the occupiers and could see no reason to object. After a discussion the meeting RESOLVED that there is no objection.
- d) PA12/05769 - Construction of rural worker's dwelling - Land At Polmennor Downs South Carnhell Green Cornwall – Mr Ireland. *Planning zone officer* – *Cllr Young*. Cllr Rowe advised that he had taken over the planning zone officer role. He said that the application was a difficult one as on one hand it could be viewed as a new dwelling in the Countryside but on the other hand it would support a local business which was in line with some of the objectives within our Parish Plan. After a discussion the meeting RESOLVED to support the application as long as an agricultural tie condition was imposed on the dwelling.
- e) PA12/07263 - Change of use of part of a coach operating centre to a static holiday caravan site - Land Adj To Bosparva House Bosparva Lane Leedstown Cornwall – Mr Hosking. *Planning zone officer* – *Cllr Pascoe*. Cllr Pascoe said that he visited the site and as the site was already being used for a commercial property he could see no reason to object to a change of use. Cllr Young said that this Council had RESOLVED in the past that there were currently enough caravan parks within the Parish. After a discussion the meeting RESOLVED that it could not support the proposal unless a business plan showing the need for the business within the area was produced to ensure sustainability of the business long term.

7. Other matters requiring decisions of the Council

- a) Receipts and payments: to approve the statement for the period ending on 13th August 2012 and the payments due.

Chq	Description	Amount
1775	CASH – required for petty cash and postage	30.00
1630	Cormac Solutions Ltd – CPO services July 2012	180.00
1631	Malcolm Heather – Grass cutting April 2012-July 2012 2 nd payment	806.00
1632	Hayle Community School – Recharge of postage (ESPF survey)	17.05
1633	Martin Rule – Strimming paths at Gwithian Green, July 2012	136.00
1634	SeaDog IT – Domain renewal for 2years	26.78
1635	Gwinear & District Villages Assoc – Signpost Advert Aug/Sept 2012	10.00
1636	A Nevitt Construction – Gwithian NR, silt removal & hire of digger	90.00
1637	OfficeSmart – Stationery Order for July 2012	52.55
1638	Mrs V Perrin – Staff wages (Parish Clerk)	1266.18
1639	Mrs C Thomson – Staff wages (Admin Assistant)	412.34
1640	HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE & NI	432.17
1641	OfficeSmart – Stationery Order – August 2012	69.86
1642	Mrs V Perrin – reimbursement for postage costs	24.60

RESOLVED that the payments be accepted.

- b) To receive and discuss correspondence from Dr Deacon & Cllr Mrs Carlyon regarding an open letter they would like Town/Parish Council's to send to Cornwall Cllrs concerning the Core Strategy. Cllr Homes felt that the Parish Council should be challenging Cornwall Council direct with regard to their figures and how they relate to our Parish specifically rather than support the letter as written. The Chairman agreed and felt that the Core Strategy needed to address every Town or Parish on its own individuality and merit rather than as a mass with specific research on industry and growth.

Cllr Homes said that he would be happy to draft a letter of response to Dr Deacon and to Cornwall Council and this was agreed.

- c) To receive and discuss correspondence from Connor Downs Primary School regarding the provision of improved facilities. Cllr Homes advised that at the recent training event where section 106 and the community levy charge were discussed, it was mentioned that site specific and educational projects would still be suitable under section 106. The Clerk advised that the letter from Connor Downs had already been copied to CC and she would respond to the School to advise them of this.
- d) To discuss and approve a waste collection/disposal service for the Parish Council. After a brief discussion the meeting RESOLVED in principle to provide a waste service under the new CPO contract and bring proposals to a future meeting for further discussion.
- e) To compare the NALC and CALC Code of Conduct templates and agree a way forward. The Chair felt that it would be appropriate for a small team led by Cllr Roberts to look at the two documents and bring forward a recommendation for a future meeting through the Clerk.
- f) To receive a progress report on the Reawla Play Park project. The Clerk advised Councillors that a very good response had been made by local residents for the project and the meeting RESOLVED to set up a working group to include Parish Councillors, local residents, PTRA and CC representatives.
- g) To approve maintenance of street furniture, grass and path for the Streetscape project and consider tree planting scheme. The meeting discussed the correspondence from highways and RESOLVED to take on the maintenance and insurance of the street furniture and to monitor the grass and path maintenance which was primarily the responsibility of Cornwall Council. The meeting RESOLVED to accept the tree planting scheme.
- h) To receive and discuss correspondence from the Planning Officer regarding 45 Turnpike Road, Connor Downs. The Clerk felt that there was still an opportunity for some section 106 funds from the development being allocated to infrastructure or education and agreed to monitor the application.
- i) To receive correspondence from Newquay TC regarding Public Conveniences. The Clerk advised she would be attending a meeting tomorrow with other Parish & Town Councils to agree the way forward and report back at the next meeting.
- j) To discuss and approve the purchase of Crypto Cards from Cornwall Council. After a discussion the meeting RESOLVED to purchase the crypto card at a one off payment of £50.
- k) To consider designs for Parish office location signs. The meeting reviewed the designs and RESOLVED to accept them.

8. Late or urgent items not on the agenda
There were no late or urgent items.

9. Agenda items for future meetings

- a) Raised in public participation.
 - i. Gwinear-Gwithian Sustainable Community Fund
 - ii. Gwithian Green Advisory Group
- b) Raised by members. None.
- c) Late items notified to the Clerk.
 - i. To receive consultation titled “Draft Sustainable Energy Action Plan for Cornwall” for future discussion.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.02pm.