

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council held on Monday 10th December 2012 at the Wall Main Hall, Wall Road, Wall, Gwinear commencing at 7.00pm.

<u>Present</u>	Councillors	A Crocker	D Cupples
		T Homes	L Pascoe (Vice Chairman)
		B Pocock (Chairman)	M Roberts
		S Rowe	B Slade-Elmes
		A Young	

Others present

PCSO Kevin Youngman
17 members of the public
Mrs Vida Perrin, Clerk to the Council

1. Routine matters

- a) Safety Procedure – The Chairman advised the meeting of the fire exits, location of toilets and asked that mobile phones be switched off during the meeting.
- b) Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Negus.
- c) Members to declare personal and prejudicial interests (including the details thereof) in respect of any items on the Agenda. Cllrs Slade-Elmes and Pocock declared an interest in item 6a being Directors of Gwinear-Gwithian Sustainable Community Fund Ltd and left the room whilst this item was being discussed.
- d) Public Participation.
 - i. Mr Hodson advised that he was in attendance to speak about speeding issues and the amount of accidents occurring in Roseworthy. He advised that he lived in Roseworthy and accidents some including fatalities, are happening increasingly more often. He said that the current signage advising road users of the speed limit were far too small and it was extremely hazardous for residents trying to pull in and out of Old Mill Lane.
 - ii. The Chairman advised that speeding was an issue across the whole Parish and this Council have been pressing Highways and the Police for some time about the issue. He advised that the Council were considering purchasing a mobile speed sign but this would raise the precept.
 - iii. Mr Hodson said that an accident occurred last year due to a driver reaching a speed of 90mph and this was at 5.20pm in the afternoon not the middle of the night. He said that he thinks there have been at least 3 deaths on this stretch of road already and accidents occur all the time. He said that a lot of lorries are coming through Roseworthy at speed that should be using the A30. He said that he had photographic evidence and would pass this on to the Parish Council and would be keeping a log of all accidents from now on.
 - iv. Mr Hayden advised that he had an accident when trying to pull out of his drive, he said accidents occur all the time, some are minor and don't get reported.
 - v. Cllr Rowe noted that road traffic accidents do not get reported to the Parish Council by Police which makes it very difficult for the Parish Council to gauge the level of accidents as they only usually hear about them from Parishioners.
 - vi. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council arrange a meeting between local residents, Police and Highways to agree the best way forward and feasibility of any scheme. he said that the Parish Council should also contact the RTA Police and ask for figures on accidents for the Roseworthy area and this was agreed by the meeting.

Item 6a was brought forward at this point but is in agenda order for the purposes of the minutes.

2. Presentation

Pre-application presentation by Mr Arthur Edwards, on behalf of his Client, regarding land to the rear of 60 Turnpike Road, Connor Downs; construction of 6 affordable and 4 open market dwellinghouses and association works.

- i. The Clerk reminded the meeting that this was a pre-application and that no Councillor should at this stage make any judgement or decision on the information but to wait until the full application is received.
- ii. Mr Edwards the agent for the application advised that the development site would consist of 10 houses 6 being affordable. He said that the right hand side of the development was not considered a brownfield site but early discussion with Cornwall Council had suggested it could be suitable as an exception site.

Mr Edwards advised that Cllr Coombe had also visited the site in Cllr Tovey's absence and had stated that he could see no problems with the proposals. Mr Edwards said that there was currently a shortfall of 120 affordable dwellings within the area.

iii. Cllr Cupples asked where the access to the site was.

iv. The agent advised that the access would be through Prouts Lane which would be widened and part of the end house would be demolished to accommodate a road.

v. Cllr Roberts asked if the ownership of Prouts Lane was known.

vi. The agent advised that this was currently being investigated and if the applicant did not own the lane then they would advertise in the local press as advised by CC as to ownership and if this was not forthcoming they would carry on with the development once planning approval had been granted.

vii. Cllr Roberts asked if they would expect Cornwall Council to adopt the road if the proposals were approved.

viii. The agent said that his client would ask that CC adopt the road and access to the rear of the existing dwellings should be kept.

3. Minutes

a) To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th November 2012. RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

b) Business arising from the Minutes.

i. 22/067 (3ai) Reawla Streetscape – Cllr Roberts said that there had been concern raised by Parishioners over the road markings in Reawla, he said that as there were no yellow lines opposite the build out leaving the village towards Fraddam, priority was for vehicles entering the village rather than leaving. The Clerk agreed to raise the issue with Highways.

ii. The Clerk advised that she had received an email today from Cornwall Council advising that the bus shelters would not be erected until January, she said that she had asked for an explanation as to why there had been such a delay.

4. Reports

a) Report from the Police Neighbourhood Beat Manager. PCSO Youngman tabled the Police report:- NOVEMBER 2012 REPORT - Calls to police and recorded crime rates for Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council area. The following information is a summary of Police logs and recorded crime between 1/11/12 and 30/11/12, together with a comparison with the period 1/11/11 to 30/11/11

Number of Police logs/calls recorded between 1/11/12 & 30/11/12 – **32** (29 Last year)

Crimes recorded between 1/11/12 & 30/11/12 – **10** (6 last year)

Recorded crime 1/11/12 – 30/11/12

Criminal Damage	1		
a) Damage to Farm Trailer		Gwinear	*
2 Violent Crime	1		
a) Assault		Gwinear	*
3 Vehicle Crime	4		
a) Diesel Theft		Leedstown	**
b) Diesel Theft		Connor Downs	**
c) Diesel Theft		Connor Downs	**
d) Diesel Theft		Connor Downs	**
4. Domestic Burglary	1		
a) Garage Burglary		Gwithian Towans	
5 Other	3		
a) Dog Bite		Carwin Rise	
b) False Representation (E-Bay)		Connor Downs	
c) Theft of CCTV Camera		Connor Downs	**

* Linked to same location

** Linked to same offenders

4 reports of 'Diesel Theft' during November from rural locations within the Gwinear Parish. Due to the increase in reported incidents a dedicated Police Officer has been appointed to oversee the investigations. We are contacting Hauliers and farmers and asking them to be more vigilant and secure their compounds.

Beat Priorities

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – Reawla

No Crimes or phone calls (logs) to Police during November.

- b) Verbal and Written reports from Parish Councillors/representatives.
 - i. Cllr Pascoe advised that a lady in Kensa Way had kindly donated 3 dahlia bushes to be used by the Parish Council or CDRA. The Clerk advised she was in contact with the CDRA and the resident.
- 5. Correspondence received
 - a) Cornwall Council – Intention Notice for the temporary road closure of Gwinear Lane, Gwinear; 18th-22nd February 2012. Noted.
 - b) CALC – Local Council Precepts. The Clerk circulated further information received on Local Council precepts. Noted.
 - c) Local Resident – Letter received reiterating concern with speeding traffic following the occurrence of an accident in Station Rd. The meeting agreed to forward the letter to the Police and ask for a response.
 - d) Cornwall Council-Consultation; Draft Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Conditions and Specifications. Noted.
- 6. To consider planning applications
 - a) PA12/ 10221 - [Installation of a single EWT wind turbine with a tip height of 62m for the purpose of generating renewable energy - Land At Churchtown Farm Gwithian Hayle Cornwall](#) – TC James & Son.
Planning zone officer – Cllr Cupples.

Cllrs Pocock and Slade-Elmes left the room

- i. Cllr Pascoe took the chair and asked the meeting to allow members of the public in attendance to speak on the application and this was RESOLVED.
- ii. Mr Warboys advised that he was in attendance as the agent for the application. He said that the entire farm had been assessed for the best location of the turbine, he said that the neighbours had been contacted and the application was presented with a lot of research.
- iii. Mr Davies who neighbours the application site advised that he was concerned at the height of the ground where the turbine was proposed and felt it would tower over his property. He raised concerns over the flicker and noise of the turbine and stated that the existing turbine does cause more noise than they first anticipated. He felt that a smaller turbine nearer to the applicant's home would be more acceptable. He said that the area had a high level of tourism and he ran a B&B business which he felt could be affected by the development.
- iv. The agent advised that there will be no more than 35 hours of flicker per year which is acceptable and the report within the application did show that there is no bad effects on tourism from the siting of turbines. He said that the size of an EWT is as quiet if not quieter than a smaller turbine and performs better than smaller models. He stated that this turbine would offset the electricity for 483 houses each year and would allow the application to make a community benefit contribution whereas a smaller turbine would not. He said that there would be conditions both on the existing turbine and this application to ensure they abided by strict criteria on flicker and noise and residents could inform the planning department and ask them to monitor noise as this was an issue.
- v. Cllr Pascoe asked how the flicker could be assessed at 35 hour per year.
- vi. the agent advised that this was carried out through computer imagery to ascertain the affects.
- vii. Cllr Homes advised that he had been working on the application alongside Cllr Cupples due to the scale of the workload.

Cllr Homes gave the following report:-

Landscape Character, Value

The area of undeveloped land is in Landscape Character Area CA28 (North Coast- Reskeage Downs) near the border of, overlooks and is clearly visible from Landscape Character Area CA05 (St. Ives Bay).

While the undeveloped area does not specifically meet any of the listed characteristics, its placement is prominent above the areas described below in CA05 and is in Close proximity to and clearly visible from the western end of the ANOB and the Heritage Coast designations in CA28;

- Wide curving bay with long sandy beaches.
- Extensive Coastal Sand Dunes rising to 72m AOD.
- Caravan and chalet development on dunes.
- Small settlements of Lelant, Phillack and Gwithian.

The value of this area is in its natural beauty the wild and largely undisturbed nature of the coastline in this area. People come and continue to revisit this area because of these things. The Landscape Character Area Description for CA05 states “Land use is primarily tourism and recreation centred on the beaches including camp and caravan sites, chalets...” The area benefits from high visitor numbers in summer and a number of rural diversification businesses, including some directly affected by the placement of the turbine, rely on the seasonal income generated by those numbers.

Our job must be to consider if a turbine of this size and nature affects the character and landscape setting of this area.

Visual Impact

The turbine as proposed will have an effect. It is in direct line of sight to the views over the bay and landmark lighthouse for the farm tourist business located at Nanterrow Farm and other dwellings and businesses in that area. It will, in this officer’s opinion, dominate the sky/ridgeline line and from most viewpoints when looking inland. The structure is substantially larger than the small scale turbine already constructed at Higher Nanterrow Farm and is clearly a vertical intrusion into the skyline and above the ridgeline. There are no vertical structures of comparable size or nature visible on that ridgeline and this turbine will then create a precedent.

The visual dominance of the sky/ridgeline is clearly demonstrated in the viewpoint shots from the Zone of Theoretical Visibility included with the application. In particular;

Viewpoint 1 - looking SE from common land at Gwithian.

Viewpoint 2 - looking NE from St Ives Lane the point at which thousands of tourists who come and stay or visit come to access the beach area.

Viewpoint 4 - looking S from the ANOB (LVIA – Minor, Low)

Viewpoint 8 – looking E from St. Ives head, a distance of almost 5 miles, show the turbine will visible in good conditions. I’m not suggesting that this will be a major factor but it does demonstrate that the size and placement of the turbine is unmatched by any other structure in that landscape.

I disagree with the assessment of the LVIA that there is Moderate/Minor impact for area CA05 (West). I also disagree that the impact for Area CA28 is Moderate/Minor. Both of these are designated as high sensitivity. In my assessment this is the wrong turbine in the wrong place.

Cumulative Impact

The Landscape assessment mistakenly suggests cumulative impact is measured for ‘wind developments’ however advice that we have from Cornwall Council is that it is ‘cumulation with other developments’ and with this in mind, there is a feeling that this area of the Parish is getting more than its fair share of the burden of renewable development. In particular, Nanterrow lane has been adversely affected by construction from the Churchtown Farm Solar Farm and will be now subject to the construction traffic for Hope Farm solar Park. It is also possible that the construction of the Turbine and construction of the Hope solar farm development may well coincide. This might have a significant impact on residents and businesses in that area. The application does not give sufficient consideration on how that could be managed.

Nanterrow Farm in particular is starting to seem surrounded. Both solar farms are to the North West of that tourist business. One has been constructed and one is due to begin shortly with everything that that will bring. To the NE there is the smaller scale turbine from Higher Nanterrow. The one proposed is of different design (there are two 2 smaller scale turbines, different designs in close proximity; one at Pennance Veian (and another more recent one at Higher Nanterrow).

The scale of proposed turbine in relation to others in area, it's positioning in the sightline of Nanterrow and dominating visual impact directly on this tourist business are unacceptable.

Other

The residents of Nanterrow farm have stated that they already experience an unacceptable amount of noise, far more than was suggested would be the case at the time of application, from the Higher Nanterrow wind turbine. This suggests that in practice, a wind turbine in this area does not always perform as expected in the conditions that prevail in the area. As an example, the solar panels at the Churchtown Farm Solar Development were constructed to a height of 1 metre not 2.5 metres as was expected in the application. This was due to the unexpected windy conditions at the site, not far from and in a more sheltered location than the proposed turbine development. It is the opinion of this officer that the noise assessment does not adequately reflect the actual performance of such devices in the area and the conditions which exist across the year and would have preferred to see a more thorough impact assessment, reflecting both the concerns of residents who will be directly impacted by the new development, who are already experiencing an impact from other developments in the immediate vicinity.

Summary

This Parish has welcomed green technology developments and works constructively with developers seeking to bring forward such in our area. This is clearly reflected in our Parish Plan. However the Council is clear that for it to offer support for such applications that they should be the right choice of development in the right location. This officer believes that in the case of this turbine that due to a combination of the location, size and scale of the proposed development, it creates a vertical intrusion into the skyline, above the ridgeline which has an impact in landscape areas, which are characterised as high sensitivity. This is the wrong turbine in the wrong location. We would be happy to work with the applicants on developing an application where the size and location does have such a significant impact on either the landscape or the residents and businesses located along Nanterrow Lane.

viii. Cllr Cupples added that the installation would be the highest within the Parish and agreed that the actual noise levels produced are usually higher than claimed.

ix. The agent advised that the view points were selected by Cornwall Council.

x. The meeting RESOLVED that it could not support the application at this stage due to the points raised in Cllr Homes report but would be happy to work with the applicant to address the issues.

Cllrs Pocock and Slade-Elmes returned to the room and Cllr Pocock took the chair.

7. Other matters requiring decisions of the Council

a) Receipts and payments: to approve the statement for the period ending on 10th December 2012 and the payments due.

1779	Cash – petty cash and postage	30.00
1675	Jewson Ltd – Litter picker (£16.80) & timber/various items (£170.40)	187.20
1676	BT – Office line rental & broadband for period 4/12/12-3/03/13 and calls for period 5/9/12-4/12/12	125.02
1677	Cory Environmental – Refuse collections from PC Office for the period 19/10/12-31/12/12	44.81
1678	Cormac Solutions Limited – CPO service for June 2012 (not previously billed)	180.00
1679	P Miners - CPO services for the period 12/11/12 to 10/12/12	896.00
1680	OfficeSMART – Stationery order	32.90
1681	GVA – Signpost advertisement, December 2012	10.00
1682	Shirley Negus – Printing costs; letterheads/comp slips (£2.10) & Carnhell Green questionnaire (£12.80)	14.90
1683	Mobile Computer Support – Printer and set-up costs; pc support and maintenance	355.00
1684	SeaDog IT – Website content update and technical support	78.75
1685	Tidy Grounds – Final payment form LMP grass cutting 2012	806.00
1686	Mrs V Perrin – Clerk, staff wages November 2012	1376.72

1687	Mrs C Thomson – Admin Assistant, staff wages November 2012	381.18
1688	HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE & NI	477.37
1689	Pen Tye Residents Association – Grant award (Community Hub)	200.00
1690	Gwinear Community Primary School – Grant award	200.00
1691	Wall Music Festival Society – Grant award	200.00
1692	Wall Methodist Church – Grant award	100.00
1693	Busy Bodies Pre-School – Grant award	200.00
1694	Gwinear & District Footpath & Bridleway Association – Grant award	70.00
1695	Pen Tye Residents Association – Grant award	150.00

RESOLVED that the payments be accepted.

- (b) To receive and approve the Income & Expenditure Statement for the second quarter of the 2012/13 accounts. Cllr Crocker advised that she had signed the quarter off and it was RESOLVED to approve the Income & Expenditure Statement for the second quarter of the 2012/13 accounts.
- (c) To receive correspondence from Cornwall Council regarding the trialing of seagull proof sacks and discuss whether the Parish Council wishes to take part in the scheme. Noted.
- (d) To discuss the devolution of public conveniences from Cornwall Council and agree way forward. A discussion ensued and the meeting RESOLVED to continue to monitor the situation with regard to the Gwithian public convenience.

8. Late or urgent items not on the agenda

- i. Cllr Pascoe advised that due to being elected as Cornwall Councillor he wanted to tender his resignation as Vice-Chairman and this was accepted by the meeting.
- ii. Cllr Young asked that it be noted that this Council had donated £200 towards a speed camera for the Police.

9. Agenda items for future meetings

- a) Raised in public participation. These had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.
- b) Raised by members. None.
- c) Late items notified to the Clerk. None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.58pm.