

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at the WI Hall, Turnpike Road, Connor Downs commencing at 7.00pm.

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| <u>Present</u> | Councillors | T Homes   | Mrs S Negus         |
|                |             | L Pascoe  | B Pocock (Chairman) |
|                |             | M Roberts | B Slade-Elmes       |
|                |             | M Smith   | J Tovey             |

Others present

Mrs Vida Perrin, Clerk to the Council  
7 members of the public  
George Eustice MP  
PCSO K Youngman

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 Cllrs Cupples, A Crocker, J Crocker & S Rowe.
- c) To receive personal and prejudicial interests (including the details thereof) and preapproved dispensations in respect of any items on this Agenda. There were no preapproved dispensations in respect of any items on this Agenda.
  - i. *Cllr Pascoe declared that “In commenting on any item on this agenda I should make it clear that my comments are based on the information currently available and do not commit me to taking the same position when the matter is discussed at Cornwall Council and full information is available”.*
  - ii. *Cllr Negus declared a pecuniary interest in item 7a as a payee and took no part in the discussion or vote.*
- d) Public Participation.

*The meeting agree to bring the Police report up to this part of the agenda to allow the public to speak on concerns relating to Police matters.*

- i. PCSO Youngman tabled the reports for both June and July.
- ii. Cllr Homes asked if he could be put on the notify list for future speedwatch events.
- iii. Cllr Pocock noted that Sgt Dobson was moving and the meeting agreed a letter be written thanking him for his time under the Parish.
- iv. Mr Jeff advised that there were still issues of speeding on Mutton Hill and Treeve Lane.
- v. Mr Jeff noted that excessive amounts of people were parking on double yellow lines near to the school.
- vi. PCSO Youngman advised that this would need to be raised with CC enforcement now. The meeting agreed to write to CC enforcement and ask them to monitor the School when the new term starts.
- vii. Mr Watson advised he had to dial 999 as he heard a number of gunshots last week and wanted to thank the Police for their quick response and the way in which the incident had been dealt with.
- viii. PCSO Youngman asked if it would be acceptable for Sgt Friday who was now covering our area to attend a future meeting and this was agreed.

2. Presentation

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

- i. The Department for Communities and Local Government is providing funding for Neighbourhood Planning up until April 2015. GGPC are in the process of applying for this funding which should help us get to about the half way stage in the process of producing our plan. This is anticipated to take us up to March 2014 and will use up the entire £7k grant. As we are only able to apply for grant funding once within the two year period, what other measures have the Government taken to ensure Plans are completed in a timely manner with the resources available?  
GE There are 3 ways the government are helping, Direct Support which is a grant that can be applied for over the next two years, an advisory service which can help train people and through My Communities.
- ii. Cornwall Council has received £5,132,877 in the last two years from the New Homes Bonus (NHB) but want to reinvest all of the money back into housing.

The bonus is designed to ensure that the economic benefits of housing growth are returned to the councils and communities where that growth takes place. Other Local Authorities have committed as much as 40% of their NHB to Parish & Town Councils where growth has taken place for projects ranging from speed signs, defibrillators and village hall improvements. All projects this Parish Council have been or are involved in. How can you influence the way in which Cornwall Council spend their NHB so that the communities where growth has taken place benefit from the NHB in ways other than through more housing.

GE I have asked Cornwall Council the question of what the money will be spent on and they have advised it has not been set-aside specifically for anything. I have asked that a proportion of the NHB go directly to P&TC or that they have an influence over where it is spent.

iii. The current system of allocating affordable housing within Cornwall is both complicated and (in our opinion) flawed. The system allows almost anyone to register and be accepted as 'in need' with over half of those on the register for ours and most other Parishes being within Band E on the register and unlikely to ever benefit from affordable housing. We have been advised that Band E will probably be removed from the system but in the meantime the figures for housing within the draft Local Plan reflect the current figures. How can you help us influence both the Homechoice registration process and the Local Plan so that we ensure only those in real need within our Parish live in the affordable homes being built?

GE There are different ways in which we can tackle this issue i.e. by looking at homes for life or ensuring that where somebody's circumstances have changed and they can afford to live in private homes they should. I do agree that generally someone in Band E is unlikely to get housed within the local community.

iv. It is our understanding that Cornwall Council has not produced a draft policy document on renewables as set out by you last year. What pressure have you put on them since last August to produce this?

GE I have had a few meetings with CC regarding this and there is now a draft document which I will forward to you.

v. Can you update us on the current situation regarding the proposals to cut train services between Penzance and Paddington and vice-versa? As per your comments last year?

GE There will be 9 services for the foreseeable future. CC would like a more frequent local service maybe every 30 minutes but this would mean sacrificing some through services. The government have now set up a system whereby the franchise bids will be staggered so that they can concentrate on each one properly rather than a few coming up at the same time and issues arising as in the past.

vi. In November last year you advised a local parishioner that you would speak to Head of Highways about the changing the speed limit on Gwinear Road to 40mph, have you managed to do this?

GE Since the email I have not met with the Head of Highways but I will ensure it is on my list for the next meeting.

### 3. Minutes

- a) To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013. Cllr Pascoe proposed the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Tovey seconded with all in favour and the proposal was RESOLVED.
- b) Business arising from the Minutes. None.

### 4. Reports

- a) Report from the Police Neighbourhood Beat Manager. This had been dealt with under agenda item 1d.
- b) Verbal and Written reports from Parish Councillors/representatives.
  - i. Cllr Pocock – Gwithian sewerage works. Noted.
  - ii. Towans Partnership – Cllr Roberts advised that the project for a Feasibility Study was underway.
  - iii. Vintage Rally – Cllr Roberts advised he set up a stand for the rally regarding Neighbourhood Planning and there had been a reasonable amount of interest although no one signed up.
  - iv. Community Trust – Cllr Homes advised that he had spoken to St Stephens Parish in his capacity as Secretary to GGSCF about setting up a Community Trust.
  - v. Gwinear School – The Clerk advised that she and Cllr Roberts had attended a meeting with the Headmistress, Governors and PCDT regarding funding and support for the School.

vi. Reawla Streetscape – Cllr Pocock advised that he had met with Cormac bosses and Independent Officers from CC regarding a review of the works carried out. He said that they would be putting together a comprehensive report and would meet with us again once this has been completed.

5. Correspondence received

- a) Devon & Cornwall Police – Information regarding the restructuring of the Hayle Neighbourhood Team. This had been dealt with under item 1d.
- b) Cornwall Council – Consultation with Parish/Town Councils on the “Review of the Code of Conduct – one year on from its change” - a request for the Parish Council’s comments/views. Noted.

6. To consider planning applications

- a) PA13/03543 – Outline application for erection of a rural workers dwelling - Polmennor House, Polmennor Downs, Carnhell Green – Mr Ireland. *Planning zone officer – Cllr Tovey.* Cllr Tovey advised that she had visited the site along with the Clerk and had viewed the paperwork and as the applicant had addressed the points made by the Parish Council she could see no reason to object. Cllr Tovey proposed that there be no objection assuming:-

- the proposed dwelling has an agricultural worker tie
- the new dwelling is tied to the existing business

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Smith with all in favour, the proposal was RESOLVED.

- b) PA13/06556 - [Removal of condition 7 attached to decision notice 01/P/0488/F relating to occupancy of 3 barns as holiday accommodation - Tregotha Barns Tregotha Farm Deveral Road Fraddam Hayle Cornwall TR27 5EP](#) – Mr and Mrs Law. *Planning zone officer – Cllr Rowe.* Cllr Pascoe advised that he looked at the application with Cllr Rowe and he proposed no objection assuming a suitable section 106 agreement with an affordable housing contribution was sought, taking into consideration the change of use on this site of all other units. This was seconded by Cllr Homes with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.
- c) PA13/06876 - [Porch to front elevation with Mansard and gabled pitched roof - 10D Gwithian Road Connor Downs Hayle Cornwall TR27 5EA](#) – Mrs Joan Angove Smith. *Planning zone officer – Cllr A Crocker.* Cllr Pocock advised that he viewed the application and proposed no objection, this was seconded by Cllr Smith with all in favour. The proposal was RSEOLVED.
- d) PA13/05855 - [Drop five kerbs outside the front of our house to allow access across pavement to front garden for off- road parking - 7 Lemin Park Gwinear Hayle TR27 5HJ](#) – Mr L Butt. *Planning zone officer – Cllr Negus.* Cllr Negus could see no reason to object and proposed no objection, this was seconded by Cllr Slade-Elmes with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.
- e) *Planning correspondence:* PA11/09228; 81 Gwithian Towans, Gwithian – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling and detached garage with associated works – Amended plans. *Planning zone officer – Cllr Homes.* Cllr Homes advised that generally the amended plans were in line with the compromise sought between the Community Group and Parish Council with the applicants. Cllr Homes proposed to support the application assuming low level native planting was used along the existing hedge once the other works had been carried out to help screen the decking, this was seconded by Cllr Roberts with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.
- f) *Planning correspondence:* PA13/00839; The Firs, Polmennor Drive North, Carnhell Green; Construction of an affordable dwelling; Mr Hart & Mr Ivey – Notification of an appeal. Cllr Homes proposed sending the report produced for the Planning Committee meeting by the Parish Council to the inspector, this was seconded by Cllr Pascoe with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.

7. Other matters requiring decisions of the Council

- a) Receipts and payments: to approve the statement for the period ending on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and the payments due.

The following income has been received:

| Breakdown                  | Code | Amount  |
|----------------------------|------|---------|
| Recreation / Street Scene  | 015  | 10.00   |
| VAT                        | 038  | 851.71  |
| Projects / Capital Schemes | 042  | 3322.00 |

The following payments are now due:

| Breakdown                   | Code | Amount  |
|-----------------------------|------|---------|
| Hall Hire / Office Space    | 003  | 39.00   |
|                             | 002  | 562.50  |
| Salaries / PAYE & NI        | 004  | 1881.87 |
|                             | 005  | 450.98  |
| Administration              | 051  | 27.60   |
|                             | 009  | 2.81    |
|                             | 029  | 29.93   |
|                             | 040  | 10.00   |
|                             | 024  | 6.89    |
|                             | 039  | 480.00  |
| Recreation / Street Scene   | 012  | 1120.00 |
| Election Expenses           | 021  | 1587.15 |
| Office maintenance/services | 010  | 90.00   |

Cllr Pascoe proposed that the payments be approved. Cllr Slade-Elmes seconded with all in favour and the proposal was RESOLVED.

- b) Public Access Defibrillators - To receive the recommendation from the PPIC to take forward the action points outlined in the attached Clerk's report, and to agree a lead Cllr(s) to oversee the project's progression. Cllr Pascoe proposed the points outlined in the Clerk's report be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Slade-Elmes. Cllr Tovey agreed to be the lead Cllr for the project.
- c) To consider revised pay scales recommended by NALC, applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. Cllr Homes proposed the recommendations be accepted and that the Parish Council carries out the staff's annual review, this was seconded by Cllr Slade-Elmes with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.
- d) To discuss draft general statements on (i) Affordable housing; (ii) Renewables; (iii) New Homes Bonus; and (iv) Planning.

(i) Affordable Housing

That the Parish Council will endeavour to work with the Unitary Authority and affordable housing providers to ensure that:-

- a robust process is followed to ensure that those who are in the most need of affordable homes with a local connection to the Parish are registered accordingly
- any affordable units proposed within the Parish are designed in line with the evidence gathered from the process of registration and local policy
- all affordable units within the Parish are occupied by somebody with a local connection to the Parish where practically possible

(ii) Renewables

That assuming there are no other outstanding issues with an individual planning application, all renewable energy applications must provide a community benefit for the Parish of Gwinear-Gwithian and this be facilitated through the Gwinear-Gwithian Sustainable Community Trust.

(iii) New Homes Bonus

That the Unitary Authority be lobbied to produce a protocol and Annual Reports outlining how the New Homes Bonus received will be spent and ask that a significant proportion be reinvested back in to the local communities where growth has taken place.

(iv) Planning

That any new development within the Parish whereby its creation contributes towards the New Homes Bonus received by the Unitary Authority, the Parish Council expects a significant proportion of the NHB be reinvested back in to the Parish where that growth has taken place.

Cllr Roberts proposed the statements be adopted, this was seconded by Cllr Tovey with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.

8. Late or urgent items not on the agenda
  - i. RadarClass Speed Monitoring. The information was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Homes proposed that Fraddam, Roseworthy, Rosewarne Park and both ends of Gwinear Village be added to the list and the list be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Tovey with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.
  
9. Agenda items for future meetings
  - a) Raised in public participation. None.
  - b) Raised by members. None.
  - c) Late items notified to the Clerk. None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.57pm.