

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council held on Monday 26th January 2015 at the Parish Office, Unit 3 Bosproval Business Units, Penhale Road, Carnhell Green, Camborne commencing at 7.00pm.

<u>Present</u>	Councillors	D Cupples Mrs S Negus L Pascoe M Roberts M Smith	T Homes R Norman B Pocock (Chairman) S Rowe (Vice Chairman) J Tovey
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Others present 4 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 to silent during the meeting.
- b) Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs A & J Crocker.
- 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 Pocock declared an interest in item 5a.*
- d) Public Participation.
 - i. Mr C Hall advised the meeting that he had news regarding the Lanyon Judicial Review (JR), he said that the Secretary of State had withdrawn from the JR as had CC. He said that the JR would now be between himself and Good Energy and that the court date had been adjourned until the end of April 2015.
 - ii. Cllr Pascoe asked whether witnesses would be called and when that could happen.
 - iii. Mr Hall said it was a possibility and this could be left until the last minute.
 - iv. Cllr Pocock asked what had been the outcome of the Protective Costs Order (PCO).
 - v. Mr Hall advised that the PCO would be decided at the same time as the case in April.

Cllr Norman proposed item 5 be discussed here, this was seconded by Cllr Rowe with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED. Item 5 is in agenda order for the purposes of the minutes.

2. Minutes

- a) To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th January 2015. After two amendments Cllr Cupples proposed the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Pocock seconded with all in favour and the proposal was RESOLVED.
- b) Business arising from the Minutes.
 - i. 24/055 (1di) – Cllr Pascoe advised that the memorial had been erected by the PTRAs and fitted very well.

3. Reports

- a) Verbal reports from Parish Councillors/representatives
 - i. Cllr Cupples advised that he had an interview with Radio Cornwall regarding issues of overcrowding in schools as representative of the CDRA.
- b) Written reports from Parish Councillors/representatives
 - i. Neighbourhood Plan update. Noted.
 - ii. Traffic Calming at Carnhell Green - Meeting Minutes – Cllr M Roberts. Noted.
 - iii. Community Network Partnership meeting notes – Cllr M Roberts. Noted.
 - iv. Towans Partnership meeting notes – Cllr M Roberts. Noted.

4. Correspondence received

- a) Cornwall Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Amendment 6) Order 2012. Noted.
- b) Police & Crime Commission - budget consultation & crime plan. The meeting agreed to ask PC Fulker if he would be able to give the Council a report on the information.
- c) Natural England – requirement to submit an annual claim form for Environmental Stewardship Agreement. Noted.

Cllr Pocock left the room at this point and the Vice Chairman took the chair.

5. To consider planning matters

a) PA15/00004 [Installation of 250kW Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Array - Higher Trevaskis Farm 14 Gwinear Road Connor Downs Hayle Cornwall TR27 5JQ](#) – Riviera Produce Ltd - *Planning Zone*

Officer : Cllr D Cupples.

- i. The Clerk read out a letter from a local resident who was objecting to the application due to the grade 3a status of the agricultural land.
- ii. Mr Simmons the applicant advised the meeting that the site the company was looking to relocate to was not now viable and that the current location required more power to the site to sustain the business. He said that they were hoping to put panels on the roof but were looking to extend and reconfigure the current buildings and due to the pressure on the grid there was only limited capacity and if they waited until they had planning permission for the alterations they could lose out on the connection to the grid. The company is still looking to put solar panels on the roof once the permission has been sought for the improvements to the building. Mr Simmons advised that this was a private project which did not involve an energy company and that all the electricity generated from this development would be used by the business.
- iii. Cllr Cupples gave his report and advised that he had visited the site and spoken to local residents who had not raised any objection. He advised that he was minded to support the application.
- iv. Cllr Homes stated that although the PC was generally concerned about using good grade land for renewable they had supported a similar small scale application at Trevaskis Farm as it accorded with the NNPF S1, S3 and S10 and he felt this application was also in accord with those policies.
- v. Cllr Pascoe raised concern over the grade 3a land but understood that all of the surrounding land was grade 3a also, he also raised concern regarding the size of the development and would want assurances that it would not be extended in the future.
- vi. Cllr Homes referred to the pre-application Mr Simmons had submitted for an alternative site and felt that this application was more sustainable long term and would be minded to support it.
- vii. Cllr Rowe asked whether there would be any community benefit and Mr Simmons said he would be happy to look at that.
- viii. Cllr Cupples proposed the Parish Council support the application assuming that any community benefit provided from the development is secured through GGSCF and that the development is not extended to cover any further grade 3a land, the policy for the Parish Council is that Grade 3a land is not generally used for renewable energy projects but in this instance can see that the local benefit outweighs the potential harm. Cllr Tovey seconded the proposal with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.

Cllr Pocock returned to the meeting at this point and took the chair.

b) PA15/00359 [Formation of first floor rear extension - amended design. - Royal Standard Cottage Churchtown Gwinear Hayle Cornwall TR27 5JL](#) – Mr C Bows – *Planning Zone Officer : Cllr M Smith*

- i. Cllr Smith gave his report on the amended design and advised that the applicant had reduced the height of the extension and was using cast aluminum rainwater goods which would be painted black. He advised that the hanging slates had been replaced with cedar wood feather boarding and he was minded to support the application assuming the conservation officer had no objection.
- ii. After a discussion Cllr Negus proposed the Parish Council support the changes to the extension and rainwater goods but object to the use of cedar wood feather boarding as it does not conform to the vernacular of the conservation area. As stated previously either natural stone granite or smooth render to match existing should be used. Cllr Roberts seconded with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.

6. Other matters requiring decisions of the Council

- a) To receive funding information from Cornwall Council on the Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) for 2014/2015 and agree the way forward. Cllr Cupples proposed we accept the funding agreement, seconded by Cllr Rowe with all in favour, the proposal was RESOLVED.

Cllr Rowe declared an interest in item 6b and left the room

- b) To consider quotes for the fencing at Elizabeth Sampson Playing Field. After a discussion the meeting agreed to ask CDRA for more information about complaints due to the high costs involved before considering the item again, Cllr Cupples agreed to raise the item with the CDRA.

Cllr Rowe returned to the meeting

- c) To consider the transfer of GGPC funds to differing banking accounts and agree the way forward. Cllr Homes proposed the recommendations made in the report be approved, seconded by Cllr Norman with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.

- d) To review and adopt the complaints procedure. Cllr Homes proposed the procedure be adopted, seconded by Cllr Rowe with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.
 - e) To consider community resources and agree the way forward. Cllr Cupples advised that the CDRA had a large amount of money which had to be spent on providing a hall in perpetuity for Connor Downs. After a discussion Cllr Pascoe proposed the Parish Council support the CDRA in looking at ways of providing a community hall for Connor Downs in perpetuity, seconded by Cllr Negus with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.
 - f) To review recommendations made and approve the budget for the 2014/2015 financial year. Cllr Roberts proposed that a budget for 2015-16 is agreed as shown in Appendix A of the budget report; and that a sum of £75,770 (£6335.22 of which will be grant funding from CC) be raised by a local precept in 2015-16. This was seconded by Cllr Cupples with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED. As the tax base for Gwinear-Gwithian is 1073.24, residents will pay around £63.94 per BAND D property to pay for the local precept, an increase of £1.86 per annum per household on 2014-15.
7. Late or urgent items not on the agenda
- i. The Clerk advised that the cheque for the allotment society had been lost. Cllr Cupples proposed a new cheque be sent, seconded by Cllr Rowe with all in favour. The proposal was RESOLVED.
 - ii. The Clerk advised that CC had sent some information through regarding the devolution of Reawla Park and there would be an agenda item for this on the next meeting along with possible legal costs.
 - iii. The Clerk advised that CC had been in contact regarding the Streetscape project. A new team has been put together and the PC Streetscape team will be meeting with them in February.
8. 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 8.30pm.