

Minutes of the Meeting of St Pinnock Parish Council held on Monday, 17th July 2017 in the Connon Chapel Room at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. Miss C Spear (Chairman), D. Mills (Vice Chairman), H Knapman, G Crabb.

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)
Cllr P Seeva (Cornwall Council)
One member of the public

1.. Public Session: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The member of the public, Mr Patrick Hill was a new parishioner to St Pinnock having moved into Applejack Farm and had attended to observe the meeting.

Cornwall Council – Cllr P Seeva reported on the next full council meeting to be held on the 25th July 2017 and the work with County and the parishes now under way following the May 2017 elections. The Council having considered the Boundary Review had opted to request 99 Cornwall Councillors from 2021. There were currently 123 with the Boundary Commission recommending the number should be reduced to 87. This was discussed highlighting that one tier of democracy had already been taken away when the Cornwall and District Councillors were replaced by the Unitary Authority in 2009. The question was raised as to whether or not councillors had time to take on an increased workload, with many probably having to cover additional parishes and the number of electorate to which they serve. More services were likely to be dissolved to parish and town councils, the lowest tier of government with unpaid councillors.

Cllr Seeva also spoke about the development site at East Taphouse (Mr Gubbins) and awaited a response from the enforcement section.

The Community Chest fund given to each Cornwall Councillors was now open for applications although funding was limited from this £2,000 annual amount.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs J Philp, D Stevens, and Mr John Emmerson (co-opted but unable to attend his first meeting).

3. Members Declarations of Interest: None.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th June 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

Item 4 Halsall Housing – The Chairman had spoken to the owner of the field concerning the rebuilding of the gap in the hedge and confirmed this was to be done. The Clerk had emailed Elanor Farnes at Cornwall Council seeking confirmation of the distribution of the S106 community benefit money; and had spoken with Cornwall Housing who clarified the homes were advertised through Cornwall Homechoice. The Chairman made reference to the conditions of the S.106 agreement.

5. Accounts / Financial Matters:

- a) **To approve the payment of accounts as presented to include membership of CALC:** The Council approved the payment of accounts as presented on the finance report.
- b) **To consider giving a donation to Trevelmond Snooker Hall towards the cost of repairs to the table:** Having received further information on the finances and usage of the snooker club the Council agreed to support the request for funding and donate the £550 required. Cllr P Seeva offered to pay 50% of these costs through his Councillor Community Chest fund.

It was hoped the club would encourage new members and update the Council on its' situation in twelve month.

6. Planning Applications – to report on the following application(s) and any other applications received between the date of this agenda and the meeting:

There were no applications presented for consideration at this meeting.

6.1 Halsall Housing PA15/01393 – to confirm that the allocation of homes met the criteria as set out in the planning application for local needs, and payment of S.106 money for public open spaces. Discussed under Item 4 of this meeting.

6.2 Development site at East Taphouse – Me W Gubbins. Current operations on site and compliance with any S.106 agreements. Discussed under Item 1 of this meeting.

6.3 Planning Matters:

- **Connon Bridge** – Cllr D Mills reported that the latest application PA17/01793 for the gas engine had been approved .
- **PA17/03672 Applejack Farm** – The Clerk had received an email from a neighbouring landowner. The applications had already been considered by the Parish Council in June 2017.
- **PA17/00836**for Treveth, Redpost – retention of conversion of garage / store to holiday accommodation. Having been advised that the planning officer was mindful to support the application, the Clerk had responded stating the Parish Council would maintain its decision not to support the application and opted for Item 3 of the officer report to maintain their objection requesting the planning committees consideration on this application.
- **PA16/03069** Mr P Hill, land at Oak Farm, St Keyne. Pre-applications advice had been obtained from the Cornwall Council planning department.

7. Playing Field, East Taphouse – update on work by the Outdoor Play People: The company had failed to attend and relocate the basket ball post on the 13th /14th July as arranged. The Chairman and Clerk will contact them.

8. Correspondence:

- **Boundary Commission – Boundary review for Cornwall:** Having considered the view of the boundary commission to reduce the number of Cornwall Councillors from 2021, and further to the discussion under Item 1 of this meeting, it was agreed that a response be sent back agreeing with the view of Cornwall Council to reduce the number of councillors to 99 but not the 87 as recommended. Cllr H Knapman supported the recommendation of 87.
- **Election Expenses** – Councillors were reminded to submit any May 2017election expenses if they wished to make a claim.
- **Cornwall Council** 2017 off street consolidation order consultation document.
- **East Taphouse Community Hall** – Email thanking the Parish Council for their donation.
- **Communities and Devolution Bulletin** – useful information for Town and Parish Councils.

9. Highway Matters to be reported to Cormac and associated organisations:

- Cllr G Crabb reported that the weed spraying needed to be done as weeds were coming through the pavements and kerb lines. Cormac will be contacted to carry out this work or asked if the parish council can appoint a contractor for this work.
- Potholes required repairing from Downpool to Scawns Mill.
- The drains on the B3359 / A390 junction remained blocked and needed to be cleared on a regular basis to prevent them becoming blocked. Any damaged should be repaired.

- The Clerk had received an email concerning the broken milestone on the junction of the B3359/A390 that had not been repaired.
- It was noted that overgrown vegetation on the Doublebois railway bridge was obstructing visibility. Not in the parish and the responsibility of Network Rail.
- Ragwort at Poddifer on land owned by the Forestry Commission.
- The concrete footbridge at Poddifer had been damaged.
- Traffic speed monitoring project at East Taphouse continued and Cllr P Seeva had spoken with the various bodies to pursue this matter.

10. Parish Matters to discuss / report:

- **Liskeard Have Your Say Meetings – report from meeting, if available:** No meetings held.
- **Liskeard Community Network Meeting:** Councillors were unable to attend the meeting on the 6th July at Menheniot
- **Provision of a defibrillator – St Pinnock Community Hall – update on BT connection:** The hall committee were awaiting the internet connection by BT. SUEZ at the Cannon Bridge Landfill Meeting had expressed an interest in supporting the costs of a defibrillator.
- **Parish Council vacancy – co-option:** One current vacancy – no applications.
- **Pucator** – The spotlights situated at Pucator adjacent to the A390 needed repositioning as they were blinding drivers at a certain point along the road.

11. Any other Business / items for the next Agenda:

- **Gift for retired Councillor, Mr G Pearse:** The Chairman had obtained a gift for Mr Pearse and Councillors present agreed to make a personal contribution towards the cost.
- **Cannon Bridge Landfill Site Meeting** – Cllr D Mills reported that on the meeting, the decision not to carry out a full capping procedure owing to Phase 4 of the works. This would be take place in the future.

12. Date of the next Meeting: Monday, 21st August 2017, then agreed to revert back to the second Monday of each month to meet with the Clerks other commitments.

13. To close the Meeting: There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48pm.

Dated: 21st August 2017

Signed: