

POLPERRO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 December 2013

Present

Chairman Cllr. D. Pengelly

Members

Cllr. D. Julian Cllr. R. Davis Cllr. J. Mullarkey Cllr. W. Collings
Cllr. M. Stringer Cllr. P. Lightfoot Cllr. C. Wakeham Cllr. L. Gregory
Cllr. J. Leftly

In Attendance

B. Jolliff (Clerk) Mr G Sharpe

1 OPEN SESSION

- 1.1 Police Report
No representative/report available
- 1.2 Public Participation
Nil

2 CLOSED SESSION

- 2.1 Apologies for Absence
Cllr. Vaughan Cllr. Hannaford

3 Members Matters

- 3.1 Declarations of interest in matters to be discussed at this meeting
Cllr. Davis declared an interest in item 11, for which a dispensation applies
- 3.2 Dispensations
No new requests
- 3.3 Gifts and Hospitality
Nil
- 3.4 Appointment of new Clerk
The Chairman thanked members of the selection committee for their work in choosing the new Clerk, a difficult decision given the excellent qualities of those applying.
- 0132 RESOLVED to appoint Mr G Sharpe as Clerk from 1 January 2014
 - Proposed by Cllr. Gregory, seconded by Cllr. Collings, resolution carried

4 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 November 2013

- 0133 RESOLVED to approve the minutes as read
- Proposed by Cllr. Julian, seconded by Cllr. Collings, resolution carried

5 Matters Arising

Item 10 – Cornwall Council staff have inspected the site and declared it safe but Cllr. Leftly will undertake further enquiries and this will be an agenda item at the January meeting.

Item 13 – the Clerk read a communication from parishioner Sally Harmer regarding the poor surface of Bridals Lane and a response from Rebecca Dickson of Cormac. Cornwall Council will not undertake improvement works due to financial constraints and members agreed such work would be financially prohibitive for the Community Council at this time. However, members suggested that owners of land adjoining Bridals Lane are asked to cut their hedges regularly to minimise the amount of foliage falling onto the lane. Cornwall Council is the regulatory authority in this regard and the Clerk will write accordingly.

6 Finance

6.1 Financial Statement

- 0134 RESOLVED to approve the financial statement, including expenditure from cheque numbers 202037 to 202043 inclusive, totalling £1615.00.
- Proposed by Cllr. Mullarkey, seconded by Cllr. Wakeham, resolution carried

6.2 2014/2015 Budget/Precept setting process

The Clerk explained recent communications from Cornwall Council and in particular figures now available for the Localised Council Tax Support (LCTS) grant of £5,355 which would be additional to any precept request. Much discussion took place and two proposals were put forward:

Cllr. Collings proposed the Council should use the LCTS as an additional benefit which could be earmarked for major projects such as Big Green and the Village Hall, thus obviating the need to increase the precept for such work. This was seconded by Cllr. Davis.

The amended proposition was by Cllr. Wakeham who proposed the Council use the LCTS as aforementioned and additionally increase the precept by 1%. This was seconded by Cllr. Julian.

The Chairman took a vote on the amendment where two members were in favour. The Chairman then took a vote on the original proposal where eight members were in favour.

- 0135 RESOLVED to keep the precept request for 2014/2015 at £46,916 as in the previous two years
- Proposed by Cllr. Collings, seconded by Cllr. Davis, resolution carried.

7 Planning

7.1 Applications Received

13/9235	Miranda Cottage, Little Green, Polperro	No objections
13/10586	St Johns Church Hall, Mill Hill, Polperro	No objections
13/10314	5-8 Hillsvie, Polperro	No objections
13/10958	3 Longcoombe Lane, Polperro	No objections

- 0136 RESOLVED to refer these decisions to Cornwall Council
- Proposed by Cllr. Gregory, seconded by Cllr. Wakeham, resolution carried

- 7.2 Applications received between agenda setting and this meeting
Nil

7.3 Applications Determined

13/5766	2 & 3 Hillside, Talland Hill, Polperro	Refused 07/11/13
13/8836	Treselah, Talland Hill, Polperro	Approved 19/11/13
13/9314	Talland Bay Hotel, Looe	Approved 25/11/13

7.4 Current Enforcement Cases

- 7.4.1 Charlie Wilcox Cottage, The Quay, Polperro – removal of chimney
The Clerk and Cllr. Hannaford have both sought updates on this matter but there has been no response from Cornwall Council.

- 7.5 Enforcement matters to be reported from this meeting
Nil

8 Cornwall Council

Cllr. Hannaford was attending a meeting of Lanteglos Parish Council this evening so a written report was read to members outlining recent events at County Hall. These included issues relating to planning enforcement; voter registration; listed buildings survey; and Councillor Surgeries to be held at Polperro Methodist Church (10am – 12noon) on 31 January 2014, 28 February 2014, 28 March 2014 and 25 April 2014.

9 Community Magazine

Much work has been undertaken by Cllr. Stringer to produce a community magazine which will be titled *Peak Rock Post*. Articles are being prepared and it is hoped production of the first edition will take place in the New Year. Costing's have still to be finalised and this will be brought back to Council when known. The Chairman and members thanked Maxine for her efforts thus far.

10 'Bus Timetables

The Clerk explained that Roger Eaton was now unable to produce the additional timetables as in previous years and members discussed the options available. Cllr. Davis will make enquiries on behalf of the Council and report back in due course.

11 Polperro Christmas Lights

The Clerk read a letter from the Lights Committee requesting funding assistance and Cllr. Davis (dispensation applies) gave details of the current financial state of the Committee. This prompted much discussion before Cllr. Davis left the room to enable a vote to take place.

- 0137 RESOLVED that the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur expenditure of £500 which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with that expenditure.
 - Proposed by Cllr. Collings, seconded by Cllr. Wakeham, resolution carried
- Cllr. Davis returned to the meeting following the vote.

12 Flood Resilience Plan

The baseline surveys were now available for distribution to the identified properties and businesses and this will take place in the near future. Results of the survey will be fed back to Council by Martyn Alvey when known.

13 Weed Treatment by Cornwall Council

Due to financial constraints, Cornwall Council has announced its intention to cease the spraying of weeds with herbicide (not including injurious species such as Japanese Ragwort) and this will affect the areas of Longcoombe Lane, upper Landaviddy Lane, Talland Hill, Brent, Killigarth and Carey Park. Members agreed to monitor the effect of this during the coming year and discuss any problems as and when necessary.

14 Correspondence Received (circulated to members):

- Looe Police Newsletter
- Polperro Harbour Trust minutes – November 2013
- Polperro VHMC minutes- October 2013
- Road Closure Notice – Porthallow to Portlooe in Jan 2014
- Letter of thanks from The Methodist Church
- Letter from Polperro School regarding Solar Panels
- Peninsula Community Health – Annual Review

15 Any Other Business

- 15.1 Cllr. Collings proposed a vote of thanks for the recent generous gesture of free parking in the car park for local events. The Clerk will write accordingly.
- 15.2 Cllr. Collings said Polperro will be included in a television programme to be aired in the New Year and this sort of publicity was welcomed.
- 15.3 The Chairman thanked the outgoing Clerk for his commitment to the post over the past ten years and wished him well for the future. The Clerk responded by thanking the officers and members for their support and praised them for their dedication which often went unnoticed by those they serve.

16 Time, Date and Venue of Next Meeting

7.0pm on Monday 20 January 2014 in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman wished all present a very Happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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