

**St Mellion Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7pm
St Mellion Church Hall
Minutes**

Present: Bridie Kent – Chairman (BK), Alan Twist – Vice Chairman (AT), Steve Crook (SC), Hilary Gill (HG), Pam Sambrook (PS)

In attendance: Ren Jackaman – Parish Clerk (RJ), Councillor Jim Flashman (JF),

Nine members of the public

Cllr Flashman came in at 7:10pm; six members of the public left at 7:55pm; Cllr Flashman left at 8pm

1. Councillor matters

1.1 *To receive apologies for absences:* Nick Habermehl (NH)

1.2 *To receive declarations of pecuniary interests:* NONE

1.3 *To receive declarations of non-registrable interests:* NONE

1.4 *To approve written requests for dispensations:* NONE

2. Previous Parish Council meeting (12th February 2019)

2.1 *To approve the minutes:* The minutes had been pre-circulated. It was proposed by SC, seconded by PS and RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the 12th February as a true record of the meeting, all in favour.

2.2 *To note matters arising from the minutes*

- i. Cornwall Community Resilience Network: RJ will be attending a workshop at St. Breward on 21st March and will report back at the April meeting.
- ii. Improved lighting in the village & Bus shelter lighting: RJ has asked Chloe Lorraine of Cornwall Council and Helen Fincham of Caradon CNP about the possibility of including a scheme for streetlighting as part of the CNP Highways project and has received a positive response. RJ has reviewed all paperwork relating to the previous time this was considered. In 2014 it was costed at £63K, which is beyond the scope of the CNP fund, so the CNP has been asked to work with us to find a cheaper option with a low carbon footprint. Low level LED lighting has been suggested.
RJ has met with Lee Quinney who has confirmed that putting a light on the bus shelter in the village should be quite straightforward because there is an existing power box. This has been passed onto James Hatton for action, costs cannot be covered under the existing S106 funded scheme. All contractors have now been paid.
- iii. Glebe Field (Path Licence & Wall): Michael Greet of Savills is now drawing up the path licence agreement to be signed, the diocese are happy for Mr. Hewitt to build a wall instead of a fence. It will need planning permission. Mr. Hewitt will establish likely cost and design.
- iv. Parking at Glebe Bungalows: Cllr Flashman did not manage to meet at the Glebe with Paul Allen from CORMAC. They have agreed that the land is in the Cornwall Highways control. There are two options for funding the work, either under S106 funding or put forward to phase 2 of the CNP Highways scheme. The intention is to install drop kerbs and

deep meshing. **ACTION: RJ contact CORMAC and get costing.**

JF also commented that Paul Allen has confirmed that the Golf Club Old Road should not be opened unless with permission from Cornwall Council and asked that the clerk keep in contact with the manager.

Conference on Climate Change & Neighbourhood Planning: RJ attended on 3rd March 2019 at Tremough Campus, Penryn. The entire conference was live streamed on YouTube and can be viewed there.

The conference confirmed that the situation with regard to climate change has become urgent and that adverse effects will be felt in parishes and towns within the next decade, which local councils will need to address.

It is now known that the IPCC Paris Accord prediction that there are 12 years left to contain the global rise in temperature under 1.5 degrees (if immediate action is taken) was overly optimistic. The reality is an unavoidable rise of 3 degrees even if the situation is addressed in a cohesive way, which is described as environmentally catastrophic.

Following Cornwall Council's Declaration of Climate Emergency last month, local councils were encouraged to do the same and commit to becoming zero carbon by 2030. An emphasis was also placed on developing renewable energy resources within the parish, for the parish.

RJ showed on screen the PDF of a presentation to Mabe Parish Council made in January which addressed all the issues relating to declaring a Climate Emergency. Callington Town Council recently declared and are creating a sub-committee to address the issue.

ACTION: RJ will send all information and links to councillors and post the YouTube link on the website. The option of declaring a climate emergency will be subject to a vote in April or May. Public participation is to be actively sought via the website and Facebook.

Items actioned since last meeting:

Hedge cutting on the A388 opposite the Glebe entrance: is completed as confirmed by Paul Heale on 28.2.19

Dumping of lime at Dunstable Quoin: This is still not removed.

ACTION: RJ to report the pile of lime to Debbie Ebsury again.

Litter Pick report: This was a great success, 27 bags of rubbish were collected and there is interest in doing another one, it was agreed to do a Litter Pick every four months, the next one in June 2019.

Repainting of double yellow lines in parish: JF reported that these are going to be swept and the gravel removed.

Broken handrail on footpath by primary school: HG has reported the broken handrail via the interactive map and CORMAC has confirmed it will be dealt with.

Fly-tipping by entrance to car boot sale: this has been successfully reported and cleared up.

3. Questions from the public:

Joan Allen: in addressing the Glebe parking issue, please also remove the sculptured kerbs to make parking easier generally. JF confirmed that these will be changed for drop kerbs for wheelchair access.

Paul Teale: (Chair of St Mellion Village Residents Association). Noted that the piece of land that the parking spaces are intended for is under Cornwall Housing control, who currently pay CORMAC to cut the grass.

ACTION. RJ to contact Stuart Blackie and check the situation with regard to control of the Glebe parking land and to share with Paul Teale all details of the parking scheme.

4. Planning matters (to include any applications received after this agenda is published but prior to the meeting)

4.1 Planning Applications: NONE

4.2 Enforcement: Refusals, Approvals & Appeals:

PA19/00199/PREAPP: Mr. John Hewitt, The Rectory, Church Lane, St. Mellion, PL12 6RG Pre-application advice for the reinstatement of walls, floors and repair of other structural damage and minor reconfiguration of upstairs internal walls to bathroom and bedroom 3. **AWAITING DECISION**

4.3 Cornwall Council Planning Matters

RJ attended the recent Planning Conference at Liskeard Town Hall on the 28th February. The sessions were very useful. In particular, the sessions relating to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and how to make helpful comments about planning applications.

ACTION: RJ to forward all notes to councillors for information.

JF meets with head of planning to iron out problematic applications and can pass on any issues faced by the parish council, he will continue to meet regularly with the new head of planning, David Edmundson.

4.4 Local Housing Needs Assessment: RJ has received an email from Michelle Floyd on 6th February, requesting an update on the Housing Need survey of 2017 addressing the need for affordable housing in St. Mellion and Pillaton.

Cornwall Land Trust have requested a meeting with St. Mellion and Pillaton parish councils to discuss potential opportunities for creating new social housing. BK visited their office in Truro and viewed their portfolio. They are keen to find solutions for our parishes.

ACTION: RJ to organise this meeting and a corresponding presentation to public meeting. RJ to email Michelle Floyd and let her know of these developments.

Paul Teale noted that the cottages on the main road, which are derelict at the moment, were going to be demolished but permission to do so was refused by Cornwall Council, in accordance with the policy is that they will not get rid of any stock.

JF noted that when the St. Dominick parish council application for affordable bungalows was submitted, they had 3 people registered on the housing needs list, but this proved to be inaccurate and many others made themselves known at the meeting. He suggested encouraging people to put their names on the list. **ACTION: RJ to post on the St. Mellion & Pillaton Hub Facebook group, providing a link to the Cornwall Council page on registration.**

5. Highway matters

5.1 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Location: Saltash Road, Callington & A388 Between Vernigo Roundabout And Westcott Lodge, St Mellion & A388 Between The Glebe And Vernigo Roundabout, St Mellion & A388 Between Paynters Cross And The Glebe, St Mellion & A388 Between Leigh Lane And Paynters Cross, Hatt & A388 Between Hatt Roundabout And Leigh Lane, Hatt & Hatt Roundabout, Hatt & A388 Between Junction South Of The Cardinals Hatt And Hatt Roundabout, Hatt & A388 Between Dirty Lane And Junction South Of The Cardinals Hatt, Carkeel & A388 Between A38 Roundabout And Dirty Lane, Carkeel

Timing: 25th March to 5th April 2019 (19:00 to 06:00 weekdays only)

6. Transport matters

6.1 *Proposed siting of northbound village bus shelter on pt9143 update:*

Michael Greet of Savills has confirmed: "The principle of a sale was discussed some time ago and the Diocese were willing to sell on the basis that all their costs (Savills, Charity Act surveyor and legal fees) were covered, a purchase price of £200 agreed and no works would be carried out prior to purchase – i.e. fencing, tree works etc. I am afraid I don't know about any utility supplies under the land."

ACTION: RJ to check what fees are payable and establish if a VAT reclaim would apply.

The matter of the removal of the trees was discussed. A member of the public asked for a prickly hedge to be planted once cleared to deter people climbing over the fence into her garden.

Lee Quinney has confirmed that the site is ideal for the bus shelter, Chris Sims is working on some ideas for design. It is unclear whether it would be funded by the OTPfC scheme. The £3K grant from CC may be applicable and the remainder to be funded from the S137 fund.

7. Parish Council finances

7.1 *To approve monthly payment schedules for February 2019:* RJ explained that although the EE phone contract has been canceled, it is not yet clear whether the final payment will be the usual £6.53, since it has not been possible to establish this prior to the meeting, she has noted the amount as £6.53 and an adjustment may be necessary after the fact. It was proposed by AT, seconded by HG and RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule for February 2019.

7.2 *To review funds available to the Parish Council and discuss potential uses*

- i. Community defibrillator: to receive an update on installation matters and agree next steps. The invoice has been received, a new enquiry with Western Power has been submitted and a site visit is to be arranged, Trevor at the Coryton Arms has confirmed that they're happy for one to go on the pub wall. BK noted that training dates need to be arranged and widely advertised.

ACTION: RJ to contact Western Power again and arrange a date for visit. BK to supply a map with proposed locations clearly marked. Once defibrillators have been received, RJ to arrange training dates with

SWASFT.

- ii. Tree in school grounds to commemorate late Chair Ian Waite: the date of the planting ceremony is now confirmed as Saturday 23rd March at 12 noon, Amanda Copson is putting this in the latest Mellanus News. SC confirmed that Ian's family are coming. RJ has sourced a plaque at cost from Bern Stewart of Callington.

ACTION: RJ to confirm date with all potential attendees and instruct Mr. Stewart to proceed with the plaque and send a purchase order for the same.

7.5 Other suggestions arising NONE

8. Parish Council governance

8.1 *Clerk's Training*: RJ has attended the Planning Conference on 28th February;

Climate Change Conference on 9th March and will be going to Community Resilience Flooding on 21st March and 'Meet the Planners' on 27th March.

9. Premises licensing: to receive an update on recent applications:

SC has received the application for Crocodon for the retail sale of alcohol. Daniel Cox applicant, deadline 20th March 2019.

10. Caradon Community Network Panel update: RJ attended the meeting on 7th March but was obliged to leave at 7:15pm. CNP Highways Phase 2 was discussed at the meeting after RJ had to leave but the request for Eols has not yet been sent out. Amongst other matters addressed at the meeting was CLLD funding for Callington; Extra Care Housing in Cornwall and developments in curbside garden waste recycling.

11. General correspondence for information and discussion:

(email from Michell Floyd which was addressed at 4.4)

A recent Facebook post about the progress on the Safe Cycle Passage project was noted and this matter will be added to the agenda for the next council meeting.

12. Items for next Parish Council meeting agenda

- Cornwall Land Trust (if initial meeting has happened)
- Glebe parking and path update
- Safe Cycle Route
- Climate Emergency

BK closed the meeting at 8:44pm