

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council held on Monday 23rd May 2011 at the Gwithian Church Hall, Gwithian commencing at 7.00pm.

<u>Present</u>	Councillors	A Crocker	D Cupples
		Mrs S Negus	L Pascoe (Vice Chairman)
		B Pocock (Chairman)	M Roberts
		S Rowe	B Slade-Elmes
		A Young	

<u>Others present</u>	Cllr R Tovey CC
	Mrs Vida Perrin, Clerk to the Council

1. Routine matters

- a) Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Marks & Spence.
- b) Members to declare personal and prejudicial interests (including the details thereof) in respect of any items on the Agenda. No declarations were made.
- c) Public Participation. Cllr Crocker noted that she was still receiving complaints regarding the frequency of bird scarers going off in fields in Rosewarne and the Clerk agreed to have the matter investigated.

2. Minutes

- a) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th May 2011. After one minor amendment it was RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Cllr Cupples arrived at this point.

- b) Business arising from the Minutes. 21/012 (8i) Notice boards - Cllr Rowe advised that the two new notice boards had now arrived and the Clerk had contacted the contractor regarding installation and was awaiting a reply.

3. Reports

Verbal and Written reports from Parish Councillors/representatives.

CNP – The Chairman advised that he had attended the latest CNP meeting on behalf of the Council and it had been agreed that the Community Network Panel Meetings will be held every quarter (rather than bi-monthly) with the next meeting scheduled for the 20th June at 6pm at Gwithian Church Hall. Where necessary these meetings will be split into St. Ives area and Hayle area however there is a need to ensure that the benefits of working as a complete network remain. The Town Framework Meetings will continue bi-monthly with some degree of flexibility required for meetings which need to be called in between. Town Framework meetings will be split into Hayle, Gwinear/Gwithian and St. Erth for one meeting and St. Ives, Carbis Bay/Lelant and Towednack for another. Hayle area meetings will continue to take place in the evening and St. Ives area meetings will take place in the day.

4. Correspondence received

- a) Cllr Tovey – The West Devon Hub Project. Noted.
- b) Local resident – Planning application – Reawla. The meeting agreed to advise the resident to seek a pre-application site meeting with the planning officer.

5. To consider planning applications

- a) PA10/08618 – Ocean Housing – Horsepool Rd, Connor Downs. Erection of 25 affordable/open market dwellings and associated works. **Planning Zone Officer-Cllr Cupples.** Cllr Cupples advised that the application had not been amended or updated since the last time and the only difference was the information given by the planning officer regarding the tenure of the housing and the possible mixes available. He felt that it would have been better to see this information within the context of the new application as there had been 25 complaint letters lodged with CC regarding the development.

He said that some of the points raised by the Parish Council had been addressed by Ocean Housing, for instance the mix of tenure, the enlargement of the existing refuge and the placement of a new refuge adjacent to the bus stop had all been added but he still had concerns regarding the dangerous nature of the build out at the surgery and was concerned that SWW were still advising that the sewerage pipe could take the capacity of the new development.

Cllr Pocock thanked Cllr Cupples for his assessment and said that the SWW assessment would have only looked at the capacity of the pipe and the concern was the condition which after many complaints by local residents he felt was not fit for purpose.

It was RESOLVED to support the application in principle with the conditions that:-

1. The build out outside the doctor's surgery is removed.
 2. The sewerage pipe is upgraded.
 3. That a commitment to a community facility is made for phase two rather than a subsequent phase.
- b) PA11/03062 – Williams – 9 Blacksmith Lane, Connor Downs. Single storey extension and alterations, conservatory extension, and raising of roof height to provide additional accommodation. **Planning Zone Officer-Cllr Pocock.** Cllr Pocock advised that the address for the property was actually no.6 and the agent for the application had put the wrong number on the application form. He advised that he had visited the site and felt that the works would be an improvement to the property and would not have any detrimental effect to neighbouring properties. It was RESOLVED that there is no objection.

6. Parish Plan

To discuss the priorities of the Parish Plan and update the objectives. The Chairman advised the meeting that a PPIC meeting was to be held tomorrow evening and asked if there were any updates or queries for that meeting and none were raised.

7. Other matters requiring decisions of the Council

- a) To agree the way forward regarding the casual vacancy. After a brief discussion the meeting RESOLVED to advertise the casual vacancy and ask prospective candidates to provide a short letter on why they wanted to become a Councillor in time for the next meeting on the 13th June.
- b) To consider a quote for maintenance works on the lane to the Parish Council cemetery. The meeting RESOLVED to take the money amounting to approximately £600 from the cemetery earmarked reserves to carry out the maintenance required to the lane.
- c) To agree the way forward regarding venues for Parish Council meetings – 2011-2012. After a brief discussion the meeting agreed to use the Wall Methodist Church Vestry room for future meetings in the Reawla area if it was available.
- d) To consider and approve a sum of money to pay for Mr Thurnell-Read's Luncheon and agree a date. After a brief discussion the meeting agreed to a lunch date at Trevaskis Farm on the 31st May at 12.30pm and that each Councillor would contribute around £3 each towards the cost of Mr Thurnell-Read's meal.
- e) To discuss ways to engage with neighbouring Parish & Town Councils in future consultations (Cllr Roberts) Cllr Roberts said that he wanted to find ways to engage with other Town and Parish Council's and felt it would be good to ask for Hayle and St Erth to send us agendas of their meetings so that we can see if there are common areas where we can engage with them.
Cllr Pocock agreed and said that that had been the general view at the recent CNP meetings and it was hoped that the new arrangements would mean more informal meetings at a more local level. He asked the meeting if they would agree for him to meet with the Clerk and Chairman of St Erth to discuss future engagement and this was agreed. The meeting agreed to ask Hayle and St Erth Council's if they could send us their agendas.
- f) Future of Reawla Projects.
 - i. The Chairman advised that Cllr Tovey had arranged for a informal meeting of Parish Councillors and Officers of Cornwall Council to meet and discuss the streetscape project but that at the meeting and prior to the meeting there had been confusion by some Gwinear Ward Councillors as to what the Reawla Working Group was and why those Gwinear Ward Councillors had not been invited to attend those meetings. The Chairman invited Cllr Tovey to explain.

ii. Cllr Tovey advised the meeting that the Reawla Working Group had been set up by him in his capacity as a Cornwall Councillor solely to bring together the various agencies that played a role in the community cohesion project at Reawla. He said it involved 1 representative from each agency and the purpose of those meetings was to ensure that each agency involved was delivering what they were supposed to be delivering in that area. He said the meetings were not arranged by Parish Council but by him through Cornwall Council and it was down to him who was invited. He said that the meetings were not a replacement for the PACT meetings, these were down to the Police and Community to arrange and were entirely different. Cllr Tovey said that no decisions had been made regarding the streetscape project or any other projects other than those that particular agencies such as the Fire Brigade with their mobile skate unit, the PTRAs with their games evenings and PCDT with the mobile youth unit who were there purely to deliver those services to the area which would not be the case without these meetings and Cllr Tovey's input.

iii. Cllr Roberts was concerned that no one from the Gwinear Ward had been present at any of the meetings and he felt that opportunities for more community involvement had been missed.

iv. Cllr Slade-Elmes agreed that it would have been good to have someone from the Gwinear Ward representing the people of the area on the group.

v. Cllr Negus felt that there should be more community involvement in any decisions made.

vi. The Chairman advised that no decisions had been made as yet and the first community meeting which was held back in January sought views from the public and Parish Council but no changes had been made to the streetscape between that meeting and the informal meeting held last week for Parish Councillors.

vii. Cllr Pascoe said that he was a District Councillor for four years and if he called a meeting with Officer of the District Council it had nothing to do with the Parish Council. He said that he felt Ray had worked very hard in the area on behalf of the Parish Council.

viii. Cllr Cupples said that he was happy with how Cllr Tovey was working with the Parish Council and felt that if and when Cllr Tovey wanted the Parish Council's involvement he would trust his judgment and get involved at that point.

ix. The Chairman felt that the Councillors needed to draw a line under this matter now and said that we now needed to concentrate on the future and what involvement we had in the progression of the Reawla Projects.

i. Possible Pen Tye Development.

The Chairman advised the meeting that a potential developer had shown an interest in the possible project at Reawla to create affordable housing and community facilities. He said that it was the role of the Parish Council to facilitate discussion not to decide whether a possible developer and a possible land owner will work together, if the two did not work out then it would be down to the Parish Council to facilitate talks with other potential developers/land owners. He felt the next step was to resolve in principle to continue to facilitate discussions, then to look at time lines for a possible project and at what stages the Parish Council and the community needed to be involved. The Parish Council needed to be clear regarding predetermination of any possible planning application. He said that CALC had advised that the Parish Council may want to consider being a trustee of any community facility rather than take full ownership so that there is complete transparency when looking at any planning applications. The Clerk said the Parish Council needed to ensure it was open and transparent in its discussions and did not look to predetermine any future applications. The meeting RESOLVED in principle to continue to facilitate discussions regarding a possible project and to ensure that all meetings and discussions are held in public with community involvement key to any decisions made.

ii. Possible Streetscape project.

The Chairman said that it was now down to members of the public and Parish Councillors to step forward and facilitate this project, he said the next steps were community consultation and a costing exercise. He said that although no formal decision had been made to earmark any of the section 106 funds held by the Council for this project he felt it was a worthy project for the money to be spent on.

iii. Community Involvement

The Chairman felt it would be prudent to wait until further discussions regarding the first two priorities above have been finalised before looking at community involvement but did emphasize that the Parish Council could not do all the work alone.

8. Late or urgent items not on the agenda.
 - i. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had today received a draft lease regarding the office unit the Parish Council intended to rent and asked that Councillors look at the information and contact her with any queries or questions as soon as possible before the next meeting as an agenda item regarding the draft lease will be put on the next meeting.
 - ii. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received clarification on the protocol regarding the spending of the 106 money and the meeting agreed that any future discussions regarding how to spend the money will bear in mind the advice given by Cornwall Council.
 - iii. The Chairman said that he would put off the press release for the section 106 money until a clearer picture of the future of the Reawla projects was known.
 - iv. The Chairman said that he had received some draft Parish Council logos and asked that the PPIC look at them tomorrow and this was agreed.

9. Agenda items for future meetings
 - a) Raised in public participation. These had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.
 - b) Raised by members. None.
 - c) Late items notified to the Clerk. None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.04pm.