

# St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30PM TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2021 at NO MAN'S LAND MEMORIAL HALL.

## Attended by:

Chairman: Robert Henly.

Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.

Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Andrea Lankston, David Keeble, Simon Lawes, Nigel Cummings.

Mr Charles Hyde, Clerk and Proper Officer of the Council.

County Councillor Armand Toms.

## Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:

**Mr Matthew Thompson – Re: PA21.02388.** The Chairman invited Mr. Thompson to present the case for the planning application.

Mr. Thompson gave background information as to the need for a home for himself and his family, and to reassure Members that his plans will have a minimum impact on the environment and his neighbours and that he plans to preserve most trees and plant additional ones to replace any removed during construction, wildlife areas will be preserved and additional wildlife areas as well as bird and bat boxes will be installed.

Councillor Lawes also explained to Members present, that he had visited the site and could see no problems with presented plans.

Questions were asked by Councillor Keeble and Vice Chairman Powley.

## Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Lawes 4.1.1 Personal (Neighbour).

Councillor Lawes 4.1.2 Personal (Neighbour).

## Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

None received.

## Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

**3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021.** It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Lankston and agreed unanimously that they be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

## Agenda Item 4: Planning Applications:

### **4.1.1: Application PA21/02388**

**Proposal** Erection of a 4 Bedroom Split Level Self Build House.

**Location** Land East of Strata Millendreath Cornwall PL13 1NY

**Applicant** Mr Matthew Thompson

**Grid Ref** 226942 / 54261

**Parish Council's Decision:** Approved.

Proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Cummings that this application be approved, agreed 6 – 0 (Councillor Lawes abstained due to declaring a person interest).

### **4.1.2: Application PA21/05583**

**Proposal** Single storey front extension and raised patio

**Location** Trezelah Road from the B3253 at Four Winds to Millendreath, PL131NY

**Applicant** Jay? (Not supplied)

**Grid Ref** 226956 / 54283

**Parish Council's Decision:** Councillor Lawes visited the site and spoke to the applicant about access and impact on his neighbours, he explained to Members present that the plans appear to have minimum impact on the environment and neighbours.

Councillor Keeble raised that he thought the plans were of very poor quality and were difficult to navigate.

Discussions ensued and the application was approved.

Proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by The Chairman that this application be approved, agreed 6 – 0 (Councillor Lawes abstained due to declaring a person interest).

**Agenda Item 5: Planning Decisions received by the date of the meeting:**

None received.

**Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters:**

None raised.

**6.2: Correspondence:**

Forwarded by email where possible.

**Agenda Item 7: – Finance.**

**7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.**

***Reconciled balances date 22/06/2021***

Opening Bank Balances 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	£20,729.08
Income to date	£8,950.42
Expenditure to date	£2,966.77
Balance to date	£26,712.73

**7.2: Accounts paid in March & June 2021.**

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	Cornwall Council (Magazine printing – Paid in March 2021)	42.08
	Total	42.08

BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks May expenses.	50.00
BACS	Zoom, May	14.39
BACS	Clerks Salary May 2021	649.98
BACS	Nigel Cummings – Website Hosting and maintenance	20.00
BACS	Caroline Hyde – Audit Fee	50.00
	Total	784.37

**7.3: Income in June 2021.**

***None received.***

It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds seconded by Councillor Lawes that Items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 are ratified. ALL AGREED.

**7.4: Requests for Funding received by date of meeting.**

None received.

**7.5: Receipts and letters of thanks received by the date of the meeting.**

None received.

## **7.6: Financial Business.**

### **7.6.1: Accounts to be paid in July 2021.**

It was proposed by Councillor Keeble, seconded by Councillor Lankston that the following be authorised for payment. ALL AGREED.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks June expenses.	50.00
BACS	Bloom & Wild (Flowers to Caroline Hyde)	36.00
BACS	Clerks Salary June 2021	649.98
BACS	Nigel Cummings – Website Hosting and maintenance	20.00
BACS	Cornwall Council (Magazine Print)	42.08
BACS	Viking Direct (Office supplies)	54.77
	Total	852.83

## **7.6: Financial Business.**

### **Agenda Item 8: Reports on Matters arising from the Minutes.**

**8.1.1: Holland Road, Litter Bin** – The Clerk received a request for the bin to be relocated away from the bench, as the smell of dog waste can be very unpleasant. The suggested relocation point is the ‘One Way’ sign pole on the footpath. The Clerk had written to Biffa.

*The bin has been relocated as requested.*

**8.1.2: Highways issues reported at the last meeting – Road Sign visibility** – Reported to Cormac who agreed to cut the vegetation on the next visit to the site.

*Land at Springfield Park garages site* – Cormac have confirmed this is not their land and have requested the adoption certificate for the estate to see who owns it. Councillor Cummings has offered to trim and clear the growth from the site.

*Fence at Number 6 Bucklawren Road* – Cormac have confirmed this land is owned by Cornwall Council and have referred the issue to them.

*30 MPH sign at May Lane Millendreath* – Cormac are looking into replacing the sign ASAP.

*Highway Improvements, Looe Hill to Bucklawren Road* – William Glassup has agreed to revisit the previous meeting notes to see if further work can be carried out. William said the new fingerpost at Windsworth is not helping the situation and suggests the finger is removed and has agreed to see if the sign on the road from Looe Hill to Windsworth can be amended to read ‘Single Track Road with NO Passing Places’ and the ‘Access Only’ sign at Seaton be moved further down the hill.

*Discussions ensued and it was agreed to arrange to have the fingerposts at both ends of the lane amended to remove the problematic signs.*

**8.1.3: Bus Stop outside Dovers House** – The Clerk and Jason from CityBus visited the site and confirmed the bus stop flag is for a stop in both directions. Jason has however agreed to refer the matter to the Health and Safety Team to see if removing the Plymouth bound bus stop should be considered as there is a stop outside Looe Bay Holiday Park.

**8.1.4: Land opposite Four Winds, May Lane** – The Clerk has reported the Camping Pod and other site issues to Looe Town Council, who have confirmed it will go to their planning committee for discussion.

**8.1.5: Wild Willow Camping** – The Clerk has reported the continued planning breach to the Planning Enforcement Team who were responsible for the two Planning Appeals which were dismissed.

*The Clerk will follow up.*

**8.1.6: Construction of Structure at number 6 Bucklawren Road** – The structure is being built within permitted development, however as it is not complete it will continue to be monitored.

### **Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda:**

None received.

## **Agenda Item 10: Information received from CC and other Authorities:**

### **10.1.1: Cornwall Council.**

**Communities and Devolution team** – Newsletters and Special Bulletins and Notices. All circulated by email during the current lockdown.

### **10.1.2: Other Authorities.**

Information pack due to be reinstated this month, however to date nothing has been received.

## **Agenda Item 11: New Business:**

**10.1.1: Tithe Map Project** – The maps have been received from the printers and it was decided that each Parish Councillor would hold a supply for sale. The Clerk is to contact various outlets to see if they will take a supply. Cost £3 per map, to retailers, £1 per map with the remaining £2 to the RNLI appeal.

## **Agenda Item 12: Around the table:**

### ***Councillor Reynolds:***

**Holland Farm, mirror request from resident** – Cormac do not supply or approve of mirrors at junctions and would not be able to fulfil this request.

**First Kernow Bus Service to Eden** – Councillor Reynolds has been made aware of the D9 Bus that runs daily from Tregoad to the Eden Project, Councillor Reynolds phoned First Kernow to ask why this service is not advertised but received an unhelpful reply. The Clerk followed up the call but was met with a similar response. The Clerk has emailed all the holiday parks in the parish to inform them of the service.

**HGV's using the lane from A387 to Twinaways junction** – The new signs on Bindown Road are not causing HGV's to use the narrow lane. The Clerk to report to Cormac.

### ***Councillor Lankston:***

Nothing raised.

### ***Councillor Keeble:***

**Planning Training** – Councillor Keeble joined the Teams training on enforcement, he was disappointed at how little can be done by the enforcement team due to National Planning Policy.

### ***Councillor Lawes:***

**Sewage Overflow and water pollution Millendreath Beach** – Councillor Lawes has spoken to the person responsible for the sewage works at Millendreath and he claims the system never overflows into the stream, however further upstream a sewage works which has a foul smell could be the culprit for the pollution of the stream. County Councillor Armand Toms is going to try to arrange a joint meeting with the parishes in his area to see if pressure can be put on South West Water to police sewage overflow into stream and rivers more thoroughly.

Caroline Petherick informed Members present that she is now part of a team monitoring pollution in the parish streams at Millendreath.

### ***Councillor Cummings:***

**Planning Training** – Councillor Cummings joined the Teams training on all three topics.

Following the training he feels he has a better understanding and some sympathy with local planning officers. National Planning Policy is the reason for many of the issues and conflicts between planners and local communities/ councils.

The Policy is being amended by National Government and the Document outlining the changes has been uploaded to the Parish Council Website, Councillor Cummings suggests all Councillors take a look at the document. Consultation has expired.

Planning Training sessions are available online and a link can be found on the Parish Council Website.

### ***Vice-Chairman:***

**Community Garden** – A £20 donation has been received from a local resident and has been handed to the Clerk.

**South West Water** – Investigating a leak outside the Memorial Hall, this was first reported by Vice Chairman Powley in 2019.

***The Chairman:***

**Suspicious Car** – A black BMW Registration T20 LGN has been seen throughout the Parish, stopping in gateways, pull ins and other areas. Two men are in the car, the activity appears suspicious. The Clerk will report to PCSO Dave Billing.

***County Councillor Armand Toms:***

**The New Planning Act-** Discussed by Councillor Cummings this with ride rough shot through Neighbourhood Plans and Parish Plans. Councillor Toms agrees enforcement is weak, as many breaches of planning rules have taken place in Looe town and no action has been taken by the enforcement team.

**HGV Sign** – Twinaways to A387. Councillor Toms will also report this.

**Sewage Overflow** – See Councillor Lawes above.

**Land Opposite Four Winds, May Lane - Councillor Toms** confirmed this has been reported by Looe Town Council.

**Summer Visitors** - The county is currently at peak season visitor levels; this is before the school holidays when visitor numbers are expected to increase substantially.

**Air B&B** – Concerns over unregulated accommodation in the area, however Air B&B are unlikely to monitor or enforce the situation, so breaches need reporting to Cornwall Council.

Date and Time of Next scheduled Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm The **Parish Council Meeting** at the No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

Zoom meetings will be used for meetings if needed until then.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.