

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2020
AT NO MAN'S LAND MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.30pm.

Attended by:

Chairman: Robert Henly.

Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Andrea Lankston, Lynne Burt,
Simon Lawes, David Keeble.

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

County Councillor Armand Toms.

Public Question Time & Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:

Dark Sky and lighting in Millendreath – A Millendreath Parishioner made a presentation about the importance of keeping lighting to a minimum to ensure the dark sky, so envied by city dwellers be preserved in the Parish. In particular lighting left on all night or badly directed lights, interfering with neighbours was highlighted.

Discussions ensued and it was agreed that the Parishioner submit an article for the next Parish Magazine and also the Parish Council to write to the Black Rock Beach Cafe manager asking if the lights left on all night could be switched off.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.

PCSO David Billing.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2020. It was proposed by Councillor Lawes, seconded by Councillor Reynolds 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 PA19/10682.

Proposal Change of use of a 9350m² part of the site to mixed use agriculture, forestry, tourist accommodation camping and facilities.

Regularising the siting of: one camping pod (10.8 m²) existing, a composting toilet (1.6 m²) existing, a shower (3.3 m²) existing. The proposed siting of two camping pods (2 x 10.8 m²), a shepherd's hut (10.8 m²), six camping pitches, a composting toilet (1.6 m²), a shower (3.3 m²), extended hardstanding (85 m² and 3 x 11.5 m²).

Location Field at Bokenver.

Applicant Mr Pete Buttery.

Grid Ref 228433 / 55493.

Parish Council's Decision: Application refused - unanimously.

Reasons:

Parish highways have reached saturation point in the summer months in particular, continued expansion of additional tourist sites is not sustainable. Planning officers are well aware of our concerns.

Visual Impact, although the applicant states there will be limited visual impact, we disagree, visitor vehicles alone will be detrimental to the area of outstanding landscape value, never mind the development of the site.

Lack of public transport, the applicant states they will encourage the use of public transport, the

village of No Man's Land is too far to walk to the nearest bus service. If visitors to the site were to use public transport, they would be endangering themselves by walking the lanes to and from with luggage. The applicant stated there would be at most 10 vehicles on site, that is 10 vehicles too many.

Unsupervised site, is simply not acceptable, once the owners go home from their agricultural business there will be no one on site should issues arise, also there would be nothing stopping visitors from having large gatherings of people on the site in the evenings.

Limited benefit to the parish, only 1 part time job is proposed sometime in the future so the development will have no economic benefits to the parish.

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

None received.

Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters:

None received.

6.2: Correspondence:

In information pack.

Agenda Item 7: – Finance.

7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.

Reconciled balances date 04/12/19	
Opening Bank Balances 1 st April 2019	£25,365.22
Income to date	£13,444.68
Expenditure to date	£8,728.10
Balance to date	£30,081.80

7.2: Accounts paid in January 2020.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks expenses	53.93
BACS	Cornwall Council – Clerks December 2019 Salary	610.61
838	Oak Johnson – Path works	160.00
BACS	Cornwall Council – Magazine printing	42.08
		866.62

7.3: Income in January 2020.

21-Jan-20	Keveral Farm AD REVENUE	£	30.00
29-Jan-20	Moon & Ben AD REVENUE	£	30.00
30-Jan-20	JG Car Body Repairs AD REVENUE	£	60.00
6-Feb-10	Cornwall Council - Paths Grant	£	103.76
		Total	£ 223.76

It was proposed by Councillor Keeble, seconded by Councilor Lankston that Items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 are ratified. ALL AGREED.

7.4: Requests for Funding received by date of meeting.

7.4.1: Request for a donation from Tanya's Courage Trust – supporting young people with cancer. (£100 donation in 2011).

Discussions ensued and it was proposed by Councillor Keeble, seconded by Councillor Lawes to send a £25 donation. ALL AGREED.

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 February 2020.

It was proposed by _____ and seconded by _____ that the following be authorised for payment.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks expenses.	62.39
BACS	Cornwall Council – Clerks January 2020 Salary.	610.61
839	Tanya’s Courage Trust – donation.	25.00
	Total	698.00

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

8.1.1: Parish Roads – Meeting on 12th December 10.30am, Luxstowe House.

Attended Paul Allen, David Reed, Armand Toms, The Chairman and The Clerk.

Email received from Paul Allen on 14th January 2020.:

Dear Charles

Thank you for your email.

As discussed at the meeting, we are putting together a works package to put new signs at No Mans Land and the bottom of Looe Hill, Seaton which will direct traffic to Seaton/Downderry and Looe respectively along the main A and B road network.

The issue with the drainage gully by the bus stop will be investigated.

Regarding the drains at Millendreath, they are cleared three times per year. The next visit should be within the next couple of months.

The scheme to review the parking restrictions in Millendreath has been approved by the Community Network Panel and is currently with our engineering design team to programme and resource with the many other similar schemes across the county. They will be in contact in due course with the aim to complete the works within 12 months.

Councillor Lawes, stated the drains at Millendreath at full with debris in the 2m deep drains being only 5cm from the top. The Clerk will contact Paul Allen at Cormac Solutions with this information.

8.1.2: Cornwall Council Housing Survey – Letter to be sent to all households and additional letters sent to Morval residents in Springfield Park, Holland Farm and on the B3253 at No Man’s land. to be agreed.

Council Reynolds confirmed these letters have been delivered.

8.1.3: Public Footpath and traffic Issues – Email received by Cllr Toms from James Clapp, Countryside Ranger (PRoW – East):

I did speak to a Parishioner yesterday concerning the reopening of this section at the Monkey Sanctuary as he expressed some concern over people using the road system there. In short, Sophie and I have secured the funding from Natural England for the old route to be reinstated (along with a large number of improvements over the 73 miles of Coast Path we manage). The latest info we have is that the money should be available in February and we then have a 2-year window to complete the works. We have not yet prioritised the order the schemes will be delivered in, but it will definitely be completed by 2022 – if not sooner.

Once we have had the opportunity to prioritise and schedule the works, we can then narrow the timeframe down a bit. Discussions ensued and although the above email was positive news The National Trust have still not agreed to open the closed footpath at Struddicks, if this were to reopen it would make it safer for walkers. County Councillor Armand toms suggested the Clerk make contact with The National Trust and James Clapp, Countryside Ranger.

8.1.4: Holland Road Estate – Email received from Richard Lewis, Housing officer, Cornwall housing:

In response to your email of 9th January 2020 I can confirm the following responses to the issues you have raised: -

Public Footpath between 4-5 Holland Road, now impassable and the area is full of rubbish, in previous years this was the tenant's responsibility and we have not been informed that this has changed.

Our grounds maintenance team have raised an order for this work to be carried out, and this will include the brambles outside no.3. Cornwall Housing have to get this path back to manageable state for tenants to use, and then decide if it is an issue that we need to maintain going forward.

Properties in Holland Road, now has 10 black sacks in the garden and looks terrible.
Two Properties front gardens are full of rubbish and rubble. -

I have written to all properties reminding of tenancy conditions and asking for offending items to be removed.

The turning circle opposite number 14 regularly has vehicles parked in it preventing vehicles turning and the bin men collecting as well as preventing access for emergency vehicles. -

The road is a public highway and as such Cornwall Housing have no powers to enforce parking on the estate, so I would recommend that the Parish Council contact Civil Enforcement to see if the area can be patrolled and whether or not parking in the turning area is something that is enforceable on their part.

The grass verges at the entrance to the estate now has 3 vehicles parked on them which has churned up the verges making them unsightly, Highways have agreed to look at a scheme to prevent this but a letter from you advising tenants that parking is not permitted on the verge would be useful. Also, the grass verges are often used by dog owners who do not pick up the mess, this is unacceptable.

The verges outside the estate walls are not under Cornwall Housing management, and writing blanket letters regarding parking on the verges is something Cornwall Housing do not feel is appropriate to do. Cornwall Housing recognise there is a parking issue at Holland Road, and we have previously created an extra 10 spaces following the removal of the garages. It may be prudent on the issue of parking for the Parish Council to liaise with the owners of the car park at the Memorial Hall as to whether an agreement could be reached which would allow further parking to be offered for free to residents.

I am happy to arrange another estate walkabout with yourselves in the spring if you feel that would be useful.

8.1.5: Bus shelter, B3253 – Meeting held with The Chairman, Councillor Reynolds and Claire from Dave's Sheds on 13th January 10am.

Preliminary plans and a quote for £4k has been received from Dave's Sheds.

Discussions ensued and it was agreed to get a further quote for the work, PK Wanless, Looe was suggested, The Clerk to make contact.

8.1.6: Cars Overtaking Buses and Holland Road, Parking in the Turning Area – Email received from PCSO Dave Billing:

Regarding the vehicles overtaking the buses I've emailed a Traffic Officer to ask what we can do, so I await his reply.

The turning circle I know that housing have said "It's a Police problem" well only if the vehicle is causing an obstruction, and unfortunately, we can't foresee an obstruction. I shall contact Housing and ask them to send letters to all their tenants reminding them not to park there.

Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda:

9.1.1: Liskeard Cluster Climate Change Workshop – The Parish Council's opportunity to see how we can make a difference. Liskeard, Eliot House Hotel, Saturday 29th February, 9.30 for 10am start till 1pm.

Councillor Keeble, the Clerk and possibly the Chairman to attend, The Clerk will book spaces.

9.1.2: Holland Road, No Man's Land, Footpath Scheme – A meeting held between Joel Harman, Cormac Solutions, The Chairman, Councillor Reynolds and the Clerk was held on 31st January 2020, 2pm. The scheme was discussed and various ideas were shared. Parking for the residents was a concern but parking has never been authorised on the grass verges as it was considered dangerous to back out onto Holland Road. The proposed scheme will stop all parking on the verges as a soil bund will be constructed alongside the new footpath.

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.

10.1.2: Other Authorities.

CPRE – Campaigns update, January 2020.

Fields in Trust - Green Spaces for Good, newsletter.

Western Power Distribution – Annual Worksop in Wadebridge, 25th February 2020.

Shelterbox – Beyond the Box Magazine.

Great British Spring Clean – Information sheet.

Broxap – 2020/21 Product catalogue.

Agenda Item 11: New Business:

11.1.1: A387 Between Sandplace & Sandplace Road, St Martin. - Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic.

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd have requested to close the following road(s) to carryout works to their apparatus.

Timing: 0001 hours on 3rd March to 1200 hours on 5th March 2020

Agenda Item 12: Around the table:

Councillor Reynolds:

Caravan at Bodigga – A caravan has appeared on the cliff edge, has this permission? County Councillor Armand Toms is aware of this and has reported it to the relevant authorities.

Parish Lending Library – A library is to be started in the Memorial Hall, fortnightly starting 13th March 2020, 12 noon, refreshments will be available. Donations of book, DVD's etc welcome.

Councillor Keeble:

Fallen tree debris – There is still fallen tree debris in the passing space on the road to Windsworth. The Chairman, whose land the tree is on is aware of this and will deal with clearance.

No Through Road Sign – Reinstalled, all be it on a wonky post!

Councillor Lawes:

Millendreath Drains – As discussed in 8.1.1. The Clerk will get in touch with Paul Allen from Cormac Solutions.

May Lane, road surface – The road is wearing badly a surface treatment is getting urgently required. The Clerk to Contact Cormac Solutions to see if this has been looked at recently.

Councillor Burt:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Lankston:

Looe Hill – Future of the highway network due to erosion? The Clerk to contact Cormac Solutions.

The Chairman:

Bay View Farm Enforcement – Could the Clerk please get an update.

The Oaks Holiday Park – Unauthorised living on site – The Clerk to report to Planning Enforcement.

County Councillor Armand Toms:

Youth Transport – County Councillor Armand Toms is working on ways to improve youth transport in the Parish.

Medical Facilities in the Looe Area – A Meeting with Derek Thomas MP was held to discuss facilities available in the area.

Lifejackets project – Now complete and issued to all fishermen, the jackets have location beacons and will make rescue in emergency easier.

Trenode School – Looking for storage facilities in the Parish, will make contact with groups such as The Rotary Club to see if they can help.

Date and Time of Next Meetings: 5th March 2020, **Parish Council Meeting** at 7.30pm at No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

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