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Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 8th January 2020 held at St Marks Church Hall, Sticker.

OC181/19 Persons Present/Apologies

Persons present: Cllr Kneller (Chair), Cllr Mrs Tarbox (Vice-Chair), Cllr Mrs Padley, Cllr Mrs Mitchell, Cllr Mrs Ringrose, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Holman, Cllr Jannaway, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Wallis

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Apologies received and duly accepted: Cllr Passmore, Cllr Nicklin

Public – Cornwall Cllr Bob Egerton (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economy) Clean Earth Energy (Dean Robson and Amber Trenberth) plus one member of the public.

OC182/19 Declarations of Interest from Members / Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members.

The Chairman moved Agenda Item 4 Clean Earth Energy to Agenda Item 3.

OC183/19 Clean Earth Energy

Dean Robson – Currently there are two turbines in the parish but there has been little scope to erect further wind turbines due to the airport and the difference in turbine heights. There is now an opportunity for limited developments with the intention of keeping turbines below the height of other obstacles and wish to propose certain locations which may be suitable in the parish.

Amber Trenberth circulated charts identifying four potentially acceptable sites, on Imerys land, and would be in similar locations to the existing two, causing least visual impact and showing comparisons to the existing turbines in the parish. With Cornwall Council and St Mewan Parish Council declaring a climate emergency there is a desire to development, however appreciating there can be contentious issues particularly with visual impact. The height of new turbines proposed are 135m tall and will generate eight times more power compared to the existing turbines at 77m. This will save 100,000 tonnes of carbon in 30 years.

Clean Earth Energy will email the PDF charts and is happy to attend a further meeting to discuss feedback if the council are mindful to support the proposals.

The Chairman invited questions and Clean Earth Energy confirmed: -

- Four potential locations in the Parish
- To replace at the end of their life span
- Garlennick turbines are 110m in height
- Discounted other sites in the parish which are close to properties
- Financial scheme will be available and honoured
- Altitude does have a bearing on wind speeds

Cornwall Cllr Bob Egerton confirmed Cornwall Council are working on a Climate Change Action Plan currently looking at allocated land in the Site Allocation Development Plan Document.

OC184/19 Public Participation

No public participation

OC185/19 Cornwall Councillor's Report

No report from Cornwall Cllr Cherilyn Mackrory and MP for Truro and Falmouth

OC186/19 Council Meeting: Minutes 11th December 2019

It was

RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the Meeting of St Mewan Parish Council, previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Prop Cllr Wallis, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox.

It was

RESOLVED that the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of St Mewan Parish Council, tabled, be taken as read, approved and signed. Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox, sec Cllr Mitchell.

OC187/19 Clerk's Report

FC198/18 – Abandoned vehicles in progress

FC222/18 – Land at St Stephens Rd in progress

AC27/18 – Asset register in progress

AC41/18 – Parish Council land in progress

OC76/18 – Project list in progress

OC110/18 – Confidential -actioned

OC154/18 – Trewoon Wall in progress

OC164/18 – In progress

OC176/18 – Cutting agreement – recent email from CC 4/6 with error on agreement

OC178/18 – Hi Vis Vests in progress

OC180/18 – Purchase 2 sets of solar panels – on hold

OC185/18 – Confidential in progress

OC199/18 – Community Volunteer Award in progress

OC205/18 – Confidential in progress

OC60/19 – Traffic Parking Orders in progress

OC63/19 – Completed

OC69/19 – Confidential

OC74/19 – St Stephens Rd, speeding issues, in progress

OC84/19 – Speed Data in progress

OC90/19 – Confidential

OC101/19 -Awaiting seat location from the family and Imerys permission

OC105/19 -Wildflower project Cllr Wallis

OC110/19 – Notice Board at Trelowth – in progress

OC132/19 – Awaiting response from Highways re MA Grigg Ltd proposal

OC1341/19 – Awaiting response from Highways re clearance of bank in Trewoon

OC136/19 – Completed other than notice in Trewoon Post Office

OC139/19 – Completed

OC162/19 – Precept approved

OC163/19 – Awaiting delegation of other members when appropriate

OC164/19 – Website Accessibility Statement published on website

OC167/19 – Wildflower planting in progress

OC168/19 – Responded re Trewoon Allotment Wall

OC169/19 – In progress

OC170/19 – Responded re BT telephone box in Trewoon

OC172/19 – Clerk to report postage costs at February meeting

OC173/19 – Awaiting response from residents re trees

OC180/19 – Confidential – in progress

Poster request for singalong groups

Memorial information on Roll of Honour – forward to Cllr Holman

Dog bin overflowing in The Goffin

Tree fallen across footpath that runs from the main road to Truro to the top of Tyshute Lane – Cllr Holman investigating. Now actioned for clearance

Branch fallen across the footpath at the bottom of the steps that lead from Trelowth Road to the playing field at The Goffin. – Cllr Holman investigating. Now actioned for clearance.

Rosehill Speedhill device – intermittent recording

The Cage Bird Society have kindly removed their items from Trewoon Shed.

Highways are still investigating the best way to cut back Trewoon bank on the A3058 and will carry out the works as soon as possible. They have verbally confirmed there will be an award for ongoing maintenance.

It was agreed to publish the council's achievement on obtaining the Local Council Foundation Award Scheme accreditation.

OC188/19 Committee Meeting Minutes

No meetings held.

OC189/19 Climate Change Objectives

Cllr Holman confirms there is no firm policy that the parish council can follow at present, therefore it will be difficult to link in with the St Mewan Neighbourhood Plan.

Parish Cllrs Harrison and Holman, portfolio holders for climate change will attend the Climate Change Workshop on the 30th January 2020 and report back to full council.

Cllr Wallis expresses there is no Neighbourhood Development Plan policy on renewable energy which is part of climate change objectives.

Cllr Kneller re-enforces the parish council needs clarity of the process the adopted plan may have to take if any changes or additions are proposed.

Cornwall Cllr Bob Egerton welcomes the engagement with parish councils demonstrating proposals they may wish to move forward and is available for future discussions.

He also appreciates the parish council is currently without a ward councillor and offers his assistance with any matters the council may need raising.

The Chairman thanked Cornwall Cllr Bob Egerton for attending the meeting and his offer of assistance.

OC190/19 Wildflower Planting

The draft wildflower planting specification prepared by Cllr Wallis was discussed. The clerk advised council she had spoken with Rachel Tatlow from Highways on an area of Cornwall Council land included in the brief and Highways agreed in principle providing the parish council submits a map, the type of seeds to be used and how we intend cordoning off. It was suggested the council may wish to consider traffic cones and tape with accompanying A4 poster advising the public of why it is cordoned off. If posts are considered Highways will need more details as there could be underground services to be considered on excavation and erection of posts.

It was

RESOLVED to approve the draft specification for Cllr Wallis and the Clerk to obtain three quotations and the clerk to liaise with Highways. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. **Action: Cllr Wallis and Clerk.**

OC191/19 St Mewan Parish Council Action Plan

Cllr Mrs Tarbox - to consider a village feature in Trewoon by relocating the parish council notice board, purchase two benches and flower tubs.

Cllr Mrs Padley – to consider the planting of more trees and create more allotment space in the Parish. The clerk confirms there is a waiting list for Trewoon.

Cllr Kneller suggests consulting to see if there is demand for more allotments in the parish.

To agenda this item again where Cllrs can bring ideas to the February 2020 meeting.

OC192/19 75th VE Day Anniversary weekend 8th – 10th May 2020

The clerk advised council that Peter Hough a resident in Sticker and Carl Ball landlord of the Hewas Inn intend organising an event to mark the anniversary. Preliminary idea is a street party in the pub car park, bunting, decorations, food, bugler etc. The clerk understands the Polgooth Inn are not participating, therefore Carl is willing to try and encompass the Polgooth area. More detail to be confirmed after meeting. Cllr Holman would like to attend with the clerk. Cllr Kneller suggests there may be other volunteers in Polgooth who may like to organise an event. The clerk asks council if they would consider a contribution for expenses to each village group who goes ahead.

It was

RESOLVED to support voluntary group expenses from the Community Benefit Fund of £300.00 per village group. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Holman. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Holman.**

Note: The clerk will contact the White Pyramid in Trewoon.

OC193/19 Litter Bin in Trewoon

A resident's request for the provision of a litter bin to be provided for Trewoon at the northern end of the village. The village has seen expanded growth in the form of additional housing estates at this end of the village namely Pyramid Close and Badger's Watch, where there is no provision for litter. Close monitoring by the resident has revealed pedestrians/residents from the northern estates returning home from the local shop, discarding their beer cans/glass bottles, scratch cards, food cartons, crisp bags, chocolate wrappers (as well as dog dirt bags) on the pavement and in the hedgerow.

It was

RESOLVED to purchase a waste bin and fixings, expenditure from the Community Benefit Fund, waste collection expenditure from the Amenities Budget. Prop Cllr Spencer, sec Cllr Kneller. **Action: Clerk**

Note: To obtain the required permissions from Highways on the location.

OC194/19 SLCC Regional Training Seminar, Plymouth

It was

RESOLVED for the clerk to attend. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. **Action: Clerk**

OC195/19 Finance

a) It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the 8th January 2020, pay schedule as presented and **AUTHORISE** payments for BACS transfer. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Wallis.

The bank balances inc petty cash as at 31st December 19 are **NOTED**.

Income: 1340.55	Expenditure: 2601.86
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OC196/19 Members reports/feedback from training/workshops/meetings/external bodies/matters of interest in the parish

- Cllr Holman – Localism meeting. The presentation re-enforced the government meaning of Localism and how they are pushing power away from the centre to every council, neighbourhood and home in the country. Local government is properly accountable to local people, not Westminster. If you want people to feel like they have a stake in the future of their communities, that they are really connected to what's going on, you give people closer to home a real say over what happens there and the power to make a difference. Localism is more advanced in Cornwall compared to other authorities and St Mewan Parish Council can be instrumental in encouraging parishioners to form their own groups within the communities.
- Cllr Harrison – Three new Community Speedwatch sites have been approved including St Stephens Parish. With Cllr Mike McLening from St Stephens Parish Council holding public meetings on speeding it would be appropriate for them to become involved in setting up a Community Speedwatch Group.
- Cllr Spencer – request for Highways to clear the ground vegetation from Tregongeeves Lane into St Mewan/Bosinver footpath in the interest of pedestrian safety.
- Clerk – dates and Cllr attendance for Pear Technology training on digital mapping. 28th January 2020. Clerk to book the morning at Sticker Village Hall for 7 candidates.

OC197/19 Correspondence received up to time of meeting (previously circulated and for information only)

1. Clean Earth Energy
2. Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly Health Care Update
3. Vision ICT Newsletter
4. Cornwall AONB
5. Weekly Planning & Decision Lists 13/12
6. Hewaswater Action Group Newsletter
7. Community Network Schemes update
8. Standards Committee update
9. St Austell & Mevagissey Community Network meeting notes
10. The Rural Bulletin 17/12

- 11. Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly Health Care Update 17/12
- 12. CALC AGM meeting 30th January 2020
- 13. CALC Christmas Hours
- 14. Weekly Planning & Decision Lists 20/12

2nd January

- 15. Cornwall Air Ambulance – Seasons Greetings
- 16. Streetwork Chapel Hill 4th – 7th Feb 2020
- 17. Cornwall Council Budget Consultation
- 18. ICO News
- 19. The Rural Bulletin
- 20. Weekly Planning & Decision Lists 27/12

7th January

- 21. Community Link Officer -Climate Change Workshop

8th January

- 22. National Association of Local Councils – confirmation of Local Council Foundation Award Scheme achieved by St Mewan Parish Council
- 23. Rural Funding Digest – Jan 2020
- 24. Cornwall Rural Housing Association Board Member Recruitment
- 25. The Rural Bulletin 7/1/2020
- 26. Citizens Advice Newsletter for Cornwall
- 27. Cornwall Air Ambulance – thank you letter for donation

OC198/19 Items for agenda: 12th February 2020

- a) Clean Earth Energy
- b) St Mewan Parish Council Action Plan

OC199/19 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To **RESOLVE** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and are instructed to withdraw during the discussion of the following item. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox.

Confidential Minute filed minute no: OC200/19

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.27pm

Signed.....
Chairman of Full Council

Date.....

Full Council Members

- Cllr J Kneller (Chairman)
- Cllr Mrs P Tarbox (Vice – Chair)
- Cllr Mrs M Mitchell
- Cllr Mrs J Padley
- Cllr Mrs J Ringrose
- Cllr W Harrison
- Cllr D Holman
- Cllr D Jannaway
- Cllr D Nicklin
- Cllr C Passmore
- Cllr J Spencer
- Cllr R Wallis