

# ZENNOR PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017 AT 7.30 PM IN ZENNOR VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Brookes (Chairman), S Nankervis (Vice-Chairman), M Ainley, K Hughes, N Lambert, L Millard & N Monies.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Fiona Drew (Clerk), Councillor Simon Elliott (Cornwall Council).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** 22 members of the public were present to discuss the Planning Application.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

**WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** The Chairman welcomed all the members of the public to the meeting and said he would be amending the order of the meeting to accommodate the large numbers there. No Apologies were received.

### 5. PARISH COUNCIL REGULATION AND PROCEDURES:

Employment of New Clerk. Only one application had been received for the position, as advertised on the Parish Noticeboard. The application and CV had previously been circulated to all Councillors. The Chairman **proposed** offering the position to Fiona Drew. The proposal was **seconded** by the Vice-Chairman and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Chairman to organize for a contract for the new Clerk.

### 9. PLANNING:

#### a) Applications:

**PA17/03115** Proposal: Installation of telecommunications compound including equipment cabinets, generator, satellite dishes and a 15m high pole on a concrete base. New opening formed in wall and provision of a 1.2m high fence surrounding the compound. Land At Treen Farm Treen Zennor. Councillor Lambert gave a power point presentation on the application and Councillor Hughes spoke strongly regarding it. The Chairman asked Councillor Elliott for his opinion and then closed the meeting for public participation. The meeting reopened and further discussion took place around AONB, Article 4, the quality of the application and the need for a signal for the emergency services. The Chairman then **proposed** that the Council object to the application on a number of grounds as follows: coverage – it will give none and will open up the way for other masts throughout the village; planning application – was misleading and contradictory and consultation from the mobile phone company had been non-existent despite their own industry guidelines; landscape – this is an AONB area and Article 4 is relevant here and this is the wrong site for this application. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor Hughes and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to notify planning of this decision.

The Chairman then asked how the Council should move forward as there would be other applications. Does the Parish feel that the Council should pursue this more positively and proactively? **AGREED:** the Clerk to put it as an agenda item to discuss at the next meeting.

**1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017:**

The minutes, previously circulated, were taken as read, an amendment made to read End of Year Audit as opposed to Quarterly Budget Report, and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**2. MATTERS ARISING:**

**a) Council Tax bill** – Following Mr Linfield’s query at the last meeting the Chairman had spoken to Cornwall Council and the precept had indeed been increased for 2017/18 by £1,000. This had been done by the previous Clerk and the Chairman and Councillors had no recollection of this being agreed. **AGREED:** The Clerk to add this as an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

**3. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY & OTHER INTERESTS, RELATING TO ANY AGENDA ITEM:**

The Chairman declared an interest as the Vice-Chairman of Towednack Parish Council, Vice Chairman of the Dark Skies Group and regarding the parish paths. Councillor Hughes declared interests as the Councillor for St Ives Town Council West Ward for the Conservative Party, representative for St Ives Town Council on the Coastal Communities Forum, representative for St Ives Town Council on Penwith Rural Transport Forum, representative on St Ives in December, serves on two of the Council’s Committees – Community and Environment Committee & Grievance and Disciplinary Panel, a Charitable Trustee & Board member of the Cornwall Community Flood Forum and as Chairman of Towednack Parish Council. He also sits on a quarterly advisory group for the MP, Derek Thomas and Chairs the Dark Skies Policy Group

**6. CORNWALL COUNCIL: (standing item Councillor Elliott)**

Councillor Elliott reported on the housing development plans that are proposed throughout Cornwall. He referred Councillors to the Penzance plan which will mostly involve houses on the west side of Penzance and, if they happen, will have a knock on effect on travelling from Zennor eastwards. The consultation expires on 7<sup>th</sup> August. **AGREED:** Councillor Elliott will email the Clerk the link to the documents to forward to all Councillors.

**7. TOWEDNACK PARISH COUNCIL: (standing item Councillor Hughes)**

Nothing to report.

**8. FLOOD REPORT:**

Councillor Hughes reported that Martin Alvey has now resigned from the Flood Forum and they are looking to fill the paid post. There is funding available for the post for the next two years. Councillor Hughes intended to apply for the position.

**10. POLICE REPORT: (standing item PCSO T Webb)**

Nothing to report. The Clerk will ensure that she emails PCSO Webb prior to each meeting. Councillor Ainley reported there had been an issue recently with a caravan being dumped in the village and there had been issues when trying to get the Police to come out. **AGREED:** Councillor Hughes to discuss this with PCSO Webb.

**11. TRANSPORT: (standing item Peggy Rickaby)**

Nothing to report.

**12. PARISH PLAN: (standing item)**

The Chairman said that the Penwith Landscape Partnership was progressing towards a conclusion. There will be benefits for Zennor in having this in place as it will recognize what people feel is special about the area and will set out strong restraints for planning. It will also take on board the Dark Sky application.

**13. FINANCE: (standing item)**

**(a) Deposit account of £1,000 contingency fund:** The Chairman has had issues trying to open it. **AGREED:** Councillor Millard would investigate when she went into Barclays to change the address for statements to now go to the new Clerk.

**(b) Quarterly budget report:** Nothing to report.

**(c) Fingerpost – Terry Monk invoice £70.00:** Work had now been completed. The Chairman **proposed** to pay the invoice. The proposal was **seconded** by the Vice Chairman and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** Cheque written and signed for Mr Monk.

**14. PARISH PATHS: (standing item)**

**a) LMP:** The first cut had now been completed and the Chairman **proposed** paying Sam Brookes invoice of £660 (as previously agreed). The proposal was **seconded** by the Vice-Chairman and **carried unanimously**.

**b) Other footpaths:** Jennifer Gourley had emailed the Chairman regarding the footpath that leads from the back of Veor Cottage to the coast path as it had become very overgrown. The Chairman responded that this path was Cornwall Council's responsibility not the Parish Council. Mrs Gourley also reported that the signpost saying it was a footpath had disappeared at the entrance to the lane.

**AGREED:** The Clerk to contact Cornwall Council to inform them that this path needs cutting and to report the missing signpost and request a replacement.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**16. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:** Next Parish Council Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**17. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**a) Website Update** – events and local businesses get a free advert. Registrant is Parish Clerk.

**b) Dark Skies** – Councillor Hughes reported that Bodmin Moor has now become a Dark Sky community. Initial light readings have been done for this area. Cornwall Council has a planning policy which won't kick in until registration has been accepted. Everything is moving forward.

**c) Phone Box updating / painting** – Nothing to report. Clerk to take off next agenda.

**d) Defibrillator** – John Linfield was going to talk to the pub to see whether they would have it outside and supply electric. Move to next meeting. Clerk to put on agenda.

**e) Parish Council article for Parish Newsletter (Mermaid's Echo)** – The Chairman will check the timescale with Chunky, and if there is space and time he will do one.

**f) Insurance request to add Peter Poole prints and photos to Parish Council insurance on behalf of Zennor WI** – Valuation had been received of £250. The WI had requested to add it to the Parish Council's insurance. **AGREED:** The Clerk to speak to the insurers to see what this will cost.

**g) Electoral Review** – Councillor Elliott reported about the effect that reducing Councillor numbers from 123 to 87 or 99 would have, and that it was more about the fact the Council had become unwieldy in its size and complexity rather than reducing costs. The deadline for responses was 7<sup>th</sup> August. **AGREED:** The Clerk to email all Councillors and discuss by email.

**18. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

Councillors to contact the Clerk no later than Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September with items they wish to be

included, other than those already noted in the minutes.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_