

Zennor Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 10th December 2013

Present: Cllrs Jon Brookes (JB), Nick Lambert (NL); Sam Nankervis (SN)

Also Attending: Jeanette Ratcliffe (JR), Clerk; Ali Clough (AC), Zennor Parish Paths Co-ordinator; Roy Mann (RM), Cornwall Councillor

Apologies: Jennifer Gourley (JG), Lottie Millard (LM); Chunky Penhaul (CP); Nicky Monies (NM); Jenni Pozzi (JP), Parish Transport Liaison Officer; Terry Webb (TW), Neighbourhood Beat Officer

1. Welcome and Apologies

As above

2. Minutes 12th November 2013

Minutes signed as read and correct.

3. Matters Arising

- a. *Superfast Cornwall*. NL reported that (in his business capacity) he had received a letter from SFC last week saying satellite services will be available as a subsidised connection for those outside the superfast broadband area. NL's assessment is that this alternative is a very limited service, but it is interesting that SFC are now writing to people acknowledging that they will not be getting SF.
 - **Action:** Email Julian Cowans (SFC) highlighting the positive and negative effects of SFC and confirming his follow-up visit to ZPC February meeting (**JR**)

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Planning

- a. *Registering of common land (update)*. Letter requesting help for Zennor farmers sent by SN on behalf of ZPC to: Andrew George MP, St Ives Constituency; George Eustice MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for DEFRA; Melanie Squires, SW Regional Director, National Farmers Union; Patrick Aubrey-Fletcher, County Adviser, NFU; and Brian Trewin, Cornwall Chairman, NFU. Telephone response from Patrick Aubrey-Fletcher – he has discussed issue with regional office and at a Cornwall AONB partnership meeting (where Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the AONB manager expressed concern about the impact on HLS schemes and biodiversity). NFU want to give support to farmers but don't think they can take the lead. Andrew George convened a meeting last week in Zennor Village Hall and is going to speak to lead office at Cornwall Council, who are a pioneer authority actively promoting the registration process. The amount of CC assistance provided to applicants contrasts with the lack of help for farmers and the limited time they have to respond to the notification. The National Trust is objecting to the Carn Galva application and commissioning a legal brief to represent them at the planning inquiry.
 - **Action:** Follow up email to those who haven't responded to SN's letter, particularly George Eustice, suggesting that he take the lead on farmers' behalf (**JR**).
- b. *Supplementary planning guidance consultations*. JG was unable to attend the CC Wind and Solar Landscape Guidance meeting owing to it already being fully booked up. Councillors have not all had a chance to view the DVD containing the three supplementary planning documents.

- **Action:** email CC before 20th December deadline informing them that owing to the lead up to Xmas and other pressing items on the agenda, ZPC has not been able to collectively consider and formulate a response to the guidance (**JR**).

6. Parish Plan

- a. *Neighbourhood Plan (update)*. Article has been published in the Mermaid Echo; no feedback yet from parishioners to JB. NL said he thought NP was essential so that ZPC doesn't get left behind; RM suggested grouping up with other parishes who are addressing the same issues; SN said ZPC needed to have a key idea of the gains of having a NP. **Agreed:** Councillors to discuss and scope some ideas at January's ZPC meeting

7. Finance

- a. *Bank balance & budget*. Balance £3858.62. A tabulated budget report summarising income and expenditure since the beginning of the financial year was provided by the Clerk.
- **Action:** Check and let JB know if there is funding in the finger post budget for putting up the sign (**JR**).
- b. *Receipt of Community Fund grants (Parish Maps & Xmas Tree)*. JB extended formal thanks to RM for agreeing these grants.
- c. *Invoices/reimbursements - Penzance Town Council (Xmas Tree); Nick Lambert (website registration)*. Cheques written and signed; RM to pass on cheque to PZTC.
- d. *2014/15 Precept Notification to CC & Council Tax Support Grant (decision required)*.
Resolved: not to increase ZPC precept.
- **Action:** notify absent councillors that consensus reached not to increase (no response within 3 days to reflect their agreement) and then respond to CC by 31st Dec deadline (**JR**).

8. Parish Paths

- a. *Progress Report from Parish Paths Co-ordinator (Ali Clough)*. AC thanked ZPC for the role, which she is very pleased to be doing. She started in mid-July. Only one cut of all the paths is feasible by end of 2013, which she has almost completed. Her first project was Trewey path in August, in response to a complaint about how overgrown it had become. 30 walkers passed her while she was doing it – an indication of how well used the path is. Foage path was a wall of bracken and brambles when she tackled it (with a strimmer), aiming to create a path 1.5 metres wide, which would then be easier to maintain in the future. It took 3.5 days in all. AC flagged up that there is a very low telephone wire over the Foage path. Overall the payment seems just about right for the hours she has; part of her fee covers inspection (as well as clearing). JB said the deadline for ZPC claiming the money from CC is end of financial year. AC is happy to carry on in the role next year.
- **Action:** check with Terri Winchester (CC) in order to make the process of Ali claiming from ZPC and ZPC claiming from CC as simple as possible, and feed back to AC and JB; look up paths maps (**JR**).
- **Action:** mention low hanging telephone wire to Rosemorran residents (**JB**).

9. Transport

- a. *CC consultation on 'supported' bus services issues*. RM highlighted Cllr Bill Maddern's letter requesting feedback (by 20th December) on any issues about the present local bus service in order to influence CC's contract tendering process for 2014/15, which will be considered at a joint meeting of Hayle and St Ives and West Penwith Community Networks during late January/early February. JP has emailed to ZPC a summary of the key reasons Zennor needs a reliable bus service. The replacement First bus is too big, the route too slow and the timetable not adhered to.

- **Action:** letter from JB to Cllr Jim Mckenna reiterating the deficiencies of the replacement service and the points about the need for a reliable service made in JP's recent email (**JB/JR**).

10. Correspondence

- Police Report (November 2013).* Report received. One Crime (theft from vehicle) recorded; two persons arrested, pending further investigation.
- Poltair stakeholder consultation.* Poster advertising consultation period put up on noticeboards. **Agreed:** councillors to make individual responses if wish.

11. Forthcoming Meetings

- ZPC meeting 7.30 Tuesday 14th January 2014*

12. Other Business

- Zennor public toilets (update).* CC indicated that a 10 year arrangement was not possible with the Backpackers because the latter will not commit to more than 5 years.
- **Action:** Email Steve Wood (CC) thanking him for information on Kendal toilet share scheme and stating that ZPC still prefers a longer term and are concerned about the loss of the existing toilet block (**JR**).
- ZPC Standing Orders.*
- **Action:** NL to assist **JR** with compiling a first draft in January, for consideration by full ZPC.
- ZPC website (update on progress).* NL said only final proof reading of text left to be done and Ben Lambert will be working on the web site over Xmas, ready for a re-launch early 2014.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Minutes signed as correct by Chairperson

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