

# Zennor Parish Council

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## Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Present:** Cllrs Jon Brookes (Chair), Sam Nankervis (Vice Chair), Lottie Millard, Milly Ainley, Nick Lambert, Nicky Monies, Kevin Hughes

**Also Attending:** Mickey Downing (Clerk)

**Members of the public:** Marcus Hughes, Charles Downing, 18 parishioners

**Absent:** Cllr Roy Mann (Cornwall Council)

1. Welcome and Apologies

As above

2. Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Signed as read, correct and agreed.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Hughes declared an interest regarding his being the Chair of 'Towednack Parish Council', a charitable trustee and elected board member of the 'Cornwall Council Flood Forum', a quarterly 'Advisory Group' for Derek Thomas MP, Chair of the 'Dark Skies' Campaign.

5. Public Participation

As above, M Hughes, C Downing & 18 members of the public

6. Parish Council regulations & procedures

None

7. Cornwall Council (standing item, Cllr Roy Mann)

None due to absence of Cllr Mann

8. Towednack Parish Council (standing item courtesy of Cllr Hughes (TPC Chair))

- Cllr Hughes reported that Fiona Drew was now the TPC clerk though Margaret would continue to offer support and remain involved as the area flood warden.
- Plans to build 'affordable housing' in the area had been repeatedly refused by TPC though requests continue to be made.

## 9. Flood Report

- Cllr Hughes spoke of Cormack's request for members of the public to 'adopt a drain' i.e. keep the drain closest to their home clear explaining that, should the council endorse this they could then become liable in the event of an accident.

## 10. Planning

- PA16/09876 Land adjacent Treen Common Telecom proposal as part of the project to give mobile, data and emergency services coverage to more remote areas.

Emails strongly objecting to this have been received from Mrs Joan James, St Just and David and Jennifer Gourley.

This evening meeting was attended by 18 members of the public, some of whom were local farmers and who agreed with the need for improved links with the emergency services though strongly disagreed with the plan mainly due to the proposed position of the mast which is known to be an area of outstanding beauty. Mr P Carter explained that access would be required over his land for which he would refuse permission. Mr M Pilcher said he had no problems with mast, but did feel strongly against the proposed position and that there were many other suitable locations within the area. Cllr Lambert asked if he felt there was pressure from visitors/tourists to have mobile access to which Mr Pilcher said no as there were plenty of other forms of communication available within the area. Charles Inkin said many visitors preferred the freedom of not having mobile contact allowing them the opportunity of escapism to enjoy the beautiful scenery, wild life etc. Cllr Lambert explained that the mast would be EE only and that this company do not share with other account holders. Dziga Pozzi said that whilst he was a younger member of the parish he too strongly objected to the mast and particularly it being place in an area of such outstanding beauty. Vicky Stone asked, if the mast will not reach the village how will it reach coastal paths which are lower down and likely places where assistance could be required. John Linfield explained that it was not so long ago people were objecting and wanting rid of telegraph poles, now there was talk of building an ugly mast, which signals will not reach to the bottom of the cliffs. Chunky Penhall said that whilst he could appreciate both the for and against it was simply intended to be built in the wrong place. Vicky Stone suggested it could damage tourism if the area began to look like everywhere else in the UK She asked if the supporters who had written to the Chair had any vested

interested to which the Chair replied 'no, not at all'. John Linfield asked if other sites had been considered Cllr Lambert explaining that they had though for various reasons, none specific, this was the chosen one. Chunky Penhall asked why no public notice had been made. Cllr Brookes (Chair) said that the application was made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 the determination date being set for the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016 though it appears discussions had been taking place for some time prior. He went on to query the absence of Cornwall Councillor Roy Mann at this evenings, and several previous, meetings. Cllr Lambert shared 'Google Earth' pictures of the planned locations explaining a worse position, from all directions, could not possibly have been chosen. He went on to suggest the mast should be placed in a less prominent sight e.g. in the car park of the 'Gunnard's Head' or near to some farm buildings. Further charts produced by Cllr Lambert showed involved potential risk factors. Cllr Lambert said that whilst people, and particularly local businesses, need to communicate local radios work fine, better than the proposed mast would reiterating that the chosen site could not be worse. Cllrs Nankervis and Hughes totally agreed. Cllr Monies said that nowhere would be suitable for the mast, that he certainly did not want it near his home, but that it would come, so be it. Cllr Lambert agreed, but suggested that as a community they should be allowed to state their opinions and say where the mast should go. Cllrs Millard and Ainley both agreed with Cllr Lambert. Cllr Lambert then asked if the erection of this mast would then lead to the start of something bigger. No one was in favour of the mast, the council voting unanimously against the planning application.

- Cllr Hughes apologised and left the meeting following this vote at 8.15 pm

**11. Police Report (standing item courtesy of Terry Webb Devon & Cornwall Police)**

- No information was received from the police.

**12. Transport (standing item courtesy of Peggy Rickaby)**

- No information was received regarding transport.

**13. Parish Plan (standing item)**

None

**14. Finance (standing item)**

- Deposit account of £1,000.00 contingency fund to be arranged (**Cllr Brookes, Chair**) Cllr Brookes explained he was having difficulty communication with Barclays Bank, Penzance.
- LMP grant ~ both parts of the LMP grant have now been applied for though not yet received. **Action:** emails to be sent regarding this matter (**clerk**)
- Accounts ~ shared. The precept of £5,500 has now been agreed.

- Christmas tree donations have been requested only one response received from the Zennor Village hall for £25.00

#### 15. Parish Paths (standing item)

- Councillor expressed concerns that dog mess was not being cleared in certain areas. Not only does this look unpleasant it has potential health implications. Cllr Nankervis suggested a report be placed in the 'Mermaid's Echo' and on the ZPC website. Cllr Millard suggested encouraging local children to draw pictures, which could then be posted around the village to discourage this act of countryside disrespect.

#### 16. Correspondence

- 2 email objections to the planning application

#### 17. Forthcoming Meeting

- **ZPC 7.30pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

#### 18. Other Business

- Website update ~ Cllr Lambert said the website was constantly being updated more recently older agenda's having been included.
- Dark Skies ~ Cllr Hughes reiterated the need for increased media cover informing people of the contents and importance of the 'Dark Skies' information/questionnaire.
- Phone box updating/painting ~ no further progress other than Cllr Brookes reporting that phone/credit cards are required rather than cash.
- Defibrillator regulator ~ Cllr Lambert explained that there was no financial assistance at this time though he will continue awareness of the matter. Cllr Millard suggested that the 'Tinnars Arms' might be a more suitable location for the machine rather than the public phone box.
- Precept ~ has been agreed though not yet received.
- Election process ~ not required at this time.
- Parish Council article for the parish newsletter, 'Mermaids Echo'.
- Lantern & Balloon ban ~ Cllr Monies explained that wire from lanterns and balloons often became chopped up with silage making, that cattle then digest this causing damage to their stomachs and ultimate death. Lanterns are also considered a fire risk. **Action:** response be made to the respective email (**clerk**)

#### 19. Future Agenda Items

- a) Decision whether to accept Cornwall Council Local Maintenance Partnership grant offer.
- b) Seek tenders from footpath-cutting contractors

**Meeting closed at 8.43 pm**

**Minutes signed as correct by Chairperson**

**Signature.....**

**Date.....**