

Zennor Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 8th October 2013

Present: Cllrs Jon Brookes (JB), Chunky Penhaul (CP), Jennifer Gourley (JG), Nick Lambert (NL); Nicky Monies (NM); Sam Nankervis (SN); Lottie Millard (LM);

Also Attending: Jeanette Ratcliffe (JR), Clerk; Jenni Pozzi (JP), Parish Transport Officer; Roy Mann (RM), Cornwall Councillor

Apologies: Terry Webb (TW), Neighbourhood Beat Officer

Minutes 10th Sept 2013

Minutes signed as read and correct.

Matters Arising

- *ZPC old Minutes book* is currently being scanned (CP).
- *Superfast Broadband.* JG wrote to Andrew George expressing concern that a significant proportion of the parish will not get Superfast Broadband. Letter received back stating that he has raised the matter with Ed Vaizey MP (Parliamentary Under Secretary for Communications in the Department for Culture, Media and Sport) and will contact her again when he has received further information.
- *Parish maps.* A funding application has been submitted to RM's Community Fund (CP)

Planning

- *Application 2826 to re-register 65 hectares of coast as common land in Zennor.* **Resolved:** the Council has concerns but feels unable to respond within the allocated time frame.
- **Action:** write to the applicant Save Penwith Moors to invite them to put their case to the council if they are planning any further applications (**JR**).
- *Planning Inspectorate consultation re Watch Croft common land application (COM 510).* Letter received from The Planning Inspectorate stating that they were considering whether a public inquiry would be the best method of determining this application and seeking confirmation whether the Council wished to speak at the inquiry or present additional written evidence in advance of it. **Resolved:** No to both these questions.

Parish Plan

- *Report on CC Neighbourhood Planning Event 2nd October (CP).* Neighbourhood Plans in process of being prepared in 65 out of 213 parishes in Cornwall. The NP refines the Cornwall Local Plan and consists of a survey, plan and referendum (in which 50% of local people have to agree for it to be adopted). There are also other alternatives, such as a Neighbourhood Development Order or Community Right to Bid.
- Ideas suggested: a parish policy relating to solar panels (JG); and the issue of planning permission being gained for converting disused buildings to holiday lets as a deliberate stepping stone to them becoming permanent residences (NL). Andy England, Assistant Head of Planning & Regeneration, has agreed to talk to next ZPC meeting (12th November).
- **Actions:** email PDF of Zennor Parish Plan to Andy England, together with initial ZPC ideas (**CP**); advertise his attendance at the ZPC meeting in Down Your Way (**JG**).
- *Review of Parish Plan Content.* On hold for moment.

Finance

- *Bank balance.* £2834.72 - 30th (August bank statement).
- **Action:** inquire of Barclays re possibility of online account/statements (**JR**).

Parish Paths

- *Finger post.* JB has contacted Dave Tigwell re sleeve for fixing the new sign to its post.
- **Action:** Complete Notification of Use of the Grant form and submit to CC (**JR**).

Transport

- *Cancellation of Western Greyhound bus routes 507 & 508.* JP has been emailing and petitioning on Zennor's behalf and attended an emergency meeting about the Western Greyhound's withdrawal of services from West Penwith.
- ZPC letters expressing deep concern and strongly requesting support for the retention of this vital service sent to: Bert Biscoe (CC Portfolio Holder for Transportation, Highways and Environment Operations); Peter Marsh (CC Interim Corporate Director Environment); Andrew George MP; and Cllr Roy Mann.
- Email & letters received back from first three expressing commitment to maintain some sort of service and RM provided update during the meeting. Also email from Clerk to Towednack Parish Council (Margaret Taylor) inquiring about collective response from adjoining parishes.
- RM reported that CC press release imminent; First South West Ltd to take over 508 until April 2014, different route (will go via Nancledra) to roughly similar timetable; from April, all change, details as yet unknown.
- **Actions:** write to Peter Marsh and Bert Biscoe ref ZPC appreciates this temporary measure to preserve this essential route; email Margaret Taylor suggesting get together and combine forces in April 2014 (**JR**).

Correspondence

- *Police Report (September).* No crimes recorded. No Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator identified for parish.
- *Zennor public toilets.* Email received from Steve Wood (CC). CC have received an approach from the owners of Zennor Backpackers with a proposal which could potentially see the toilet block demolished in return for them offering their toilets for public use, saving CC the entire revenue cost of continuing to run the facility. CC is seeking the parish council's view.
- Issues/questions raised during meeting: opening hours, what happens if business closes, what if building gets converted into house, what has happened to the service at present, why are the toilets now closed (in the middle of being re-furbished) and the replacement portocabin gone, put it back until decision made, future security and level of service if Backpackers take over, future security if ZPC says no to the latter, has CC explored the alternatives within other businesses in the village and the re-use of the septic tank if not the toilet block, would there be any capital grant available if the Parish comes up with a solution?
- **Action:** email Steve Wood with these questions and ask for ZPC to be kept informed of any developments (**JR**).
- *Community Network Panels (CC consultation).* Document received about options for the future of the panels, in order to make them more effective. **Agreed:** JR to attend Thursday night's meeting and report back (see below).
- *Andrew George forthcoming surgeries – letter & posters.* Handed out for putting up on parish notice boards.
- *St Hilary PC housing figure email.* The chair of St Hilary PC is concerned about the informal process by which a proposal has arisen to increase the West Penwith new build housing

allocation (in the Cornwall Local Plan) from 2500 to 3850. ZPC councillors expressed concern about the infrastructure, employment, transport and suitable sites that would be needed to accommodate such large numbers of additional housing.

Forthcoming Meetings

- **ZPC meeting 7.30 Tuesday 12th November.**
- *West Penwith Town & Parish Forum (aka Community Network Panel) 10th October. Action: JR* to attend.
- *Community Energy Workshop - 30th October 2013: University of Exeter: Penryn Campus. Action: advertise in Down Your Way (JG).*

AOB

- *ZPC Website.* Almost there (NL). Request from Cornwall Wildlife to include moorland management plan (JB).
- *Code of Conduct. Agreed:* to adopt code based on CALC template. **Actions:** adapt template to make it specific to ZPC for adoption at next meeting; bring Standing Orders for discussion at next meeting **(JR).**
- *Christmas tree festival.* To raise money for Cornwall Hospice; ZPC invited to decorate a tree. Agreed to accept invite. **Action:** put on next meeting's agenda; bring ideas and materials **(all).**
- *Village Christmas Tree.* RM will pay for xmas tree outside church out of his Community Fund.
- *Undergrounding of cables.* JB has received email from Nigel Sumpter, Cornwall AONB, stating that Zennor has been presented TO Western Power Distribution as one of two undergrounding schemes, with Zennor being identified as the 1st priority. **Action:** provide Nigel Sumpter with a constraints map **(JB).**

Meeting closed 9.26

Minutes signed as correct by Chairperson

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