

Zennor Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 11th March 2014

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

Also Attending: Jeanette Ratcliffe (JR), Clerk; Roy Mann (RM), Cornwall Councillor; Julian Cowans, Cornwall Development Company (left meeting after Item 5); plus 5 members of public, including 2 from Nancledra parish.

Apologies: Terry Webb (TW), Neighbourhood Beat Officer; Jenni Pozzi (JP), Parish Transport Liaison Officer

1. Welcome and Apologies

As above

2. Minutes 11th February 2014

Minutes signed as read and correct.

3. Matters Arising

- *Zennor public toilets.* The final views of Zennor councillors regarding the three options identified for Zennor public toilets have been emailed to Jon James, Cornwall Council, in order that he can include them in the report he is compiling.
- The views were summarised as follows: no councillors chose Option 1 (Zennor Parish Council leasing and maintaining the present toilet block from April 2014, with CC grant guaranteed for one year only); 4 councillors chose Option 2 (Zennor Backpackers provides public access to its toilets for 5 years in return for land ownership transfer and demolition of public toilet block), with two suggested additions (a covenant re continuing public access; parish council having ownership of the land and backpackers paying a peppercorn rent); 2 councillors chose Option 3 (leave the situation as it is for a year, with CC continuing to maintain the public toilets and then review).
- Councillors' continuing concern about the future of the toilets after the 5 years was emphasised.

4. Declarations of Interest

None

5. Superfast Broadband update (Julian Cowans, Programme Manager)

- Julian Cowans (JC) reported that the cabinet on the edge of in Zennor village and that near Gurnards head were now 'enabled' and will provide a much better broadband speed. Newmill is still being looked at and is Priority 1, so will hopefully be done within the current programme (a new cabinet being installed at the main connection point).
- Between Zennor village and St Ives (including Nancledra) some very complicated work is required owing to it being at the junction of 3 existing networks. CC is trying to get a technology partner to take advantage of an additional £10 million of funding for exploring innovative alternatives to fibreoptic broadband. Another similar area lies towards St Just.
- Other parts of the parish fall within the 5% that will not benefit from the programme.

- Nancledra residents that were present expressed concern they neither get an adequate 3g or broadband signal. JC agreed to visit Nancledra to explain the issues to local people there.
- NL asked about the potential for any improvement for those residents on the moor between Zennor and Newmill which are off the fibre footprint. JC said some of the funding will be used to look at possible alternatives.
- A Zennor parishioner present asked about potential for improvement of the connection to Bosigran. JC said it was outside the current fibre footprint but will be part of research into extending the 1.5 km limit (by extending the service from the Gurnard's Head cabinet).
- JC highlighted other solutions outside of the programme, such as using dishes to transfer a signal from a location with superfast to one without which is within its line of site (a likely solution for Trythall School).
- He also highlighted another programme hosted by Cornwall Development Company - Digital Inclusion, for people who need help learning how to connect to the internet for the first time.
- **Action:** Email Julian Cowans (copy in Andrew George) ZPC's thanks and ongoing concern for those parishioners who will not benefit from the Superfast Broadband programme (**JR**).

6. Planning

- Registering of common land COM 510 – planning inquiry 20th May.* ZPC have been notified by the Planning Inspectorate that an inquiry has been arranged to determine this application, which relates to land encircling Carn Galva. The National Trust will be represented by a solicitor and a local historian and also advised by the local farmers. **Action:** JB to let JG know process for applying to the inspector to speak, plus areas of land, so she can advertise in Down Your Way (**JB/JG**).
- Common land application No. 2852 (Boswednack Common).* ZPC have received notification of this application, the 5th concerning land in the parish.
- Planning applications PA14/01278 & PA14/01279 (lifting of agricultural occupancy restrictions on Higher Kerrowe Farmhouse and Cottage).* Councillors voted as follows: 1 in favour; 4 against; 1 abstention.
Resolved: To not support the application.

7. Parish Plan

- *Neighbourhood Plan (update/next steps).* The following ideas and actions were raised: find out how to get started (JR and NL to inquire at forthcoming AONB meeting); have an open meeting within the parish and float some radical ideas; circulate a questionnaire to everyone in the parish; inquire of other parish council/town clerks about a sample questionnaire; find out about funding and stage that you get it at; look into forming a cluster with our surrounding parishes; think of some controversial ideas to kick start interest and discussion amongst parishioners.

8. Finance

- Clerk's quarterly budget report.* Bank balance 28.02.14. £ 3280.79. Income: Local Maintenance Partnership Gold payment (£606.60); Xmas lights collection (£7.63). Expenditure: Clerks wages (£530.46); Parish Paths Co-ordinator (£606.60); finger post sleeve (£55). Invoices presented for payment: Headland Printers (printing of parish maps); Silver Tree Restoration (minute book scanning). CP sending last invoice for black and white map printing. **Action:** Ask Heather Morse for invoice for parish hall hire for the year (**JR**).

9. Parish Paths

- Local Maintenance Partnership 2014.* ZPC has received the LMP grant offer (£1,191) and cutting schedule from CC. JB signed and dated acceptance form. **Action:** Returned LMP acceptance form to CC (**JR**).

- a. *Way marking & Silver path cutting.* Email from Ali Clough highlighting that owing to bad weather, she has done very little work on the paths over last couple of months. She has now got several dates booked in her diary in March to do the outstanding works on Zennor's paths before the end of the financial year.
- c. **Actions:** Email Paths Co-ordinator emphasising need for work to be completed and invoice provided in order for ZPC to be claim remaining grant for 2013 before the end of March **(JR)**.

10. Transport

- a. *Bus service update.* Email from JP summarising the tendering arrangement for 1st June new bus services: March - tenders evaluation by CC; 3rd April - CC decision on award of contracts and subsequent 56 day statutory advertisement period; 1st June - New contracts take effect. She will attend April's ZPC meeting.

11. Correspondence

- a. *Home Office Consultation on fees under Licensing Act 2003.* Decision made to take no action.
- b. *Local Audit and Accountability Act consultation.* Decision made to take no action.
- c. *Andrew George letter.* For information copy of DCLG letter regarding capping of parish and town council income/expenditure and smaller councils being excluded from any need for a council tax referendum.
- d. *Victim support funding request.* **Agreed:** no contribution owing to ZPC policy to only fund organisations directly related to the parish.
- e. *Police Report for January.* No crimes recorded. Action: email Terry Webb re graffiti on Gurnards Head broadband cabinet **(JG)**.
- f. *Notification of new Community Network Manager, James Hardy.* Noted.

12. Forthcoming Meetings

- a. *ZPC 7.30 Tuesday 8th April*
- b. *AONB Annual Forum Saturday 22nd March, Duchy College, Stoke Climsland.* (JR and NL attending)
- c. *Joint Community Network Panel 7pm 20th March St John's Hall*

13. Other Business

- a. *ZPC Standing Orders.* Signed as adopted.
- b. *ZPC website (update).* NL brought along web site text and reported that request for photographs of activities happening in the parish going out tomorrow; JG to put in Down your Way.
- c. *Resignation by Cllr Penhaul.* Letter of resignation received by Chairperson. CP said that after more than 36 as a parish councillor he had decided to stand down. Having stood again last May to ensure some continuity. Over the last ten months, he had seen that the current members and clerk have the integrity, skills and determination to look after the interests of the parish in challenging times. As some of the projects that he had been directly involved in have come to fruition now seems an appropriate time to resign. JB thanked CP for the longstanding his longstanding contribution to the parish. **Actions:** Notify CC Democratic Services of CP's resignation and get advise on appropriate procedure for filling the vacancy **(JR)**; advertise vacancy in Down your Way **(JG)**.

Meeting closed 9.20pm

Minutes signed as correct by Chairperson

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Date.....