

St Mabyn Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, St Mabyn on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs M Grigg (Chairman), J Gillespie (Vice Chairman), A Finnamore, Mrs P Lloyd, G Martin, Mrs C Bray, D Masters, R Chadwick, B Wiltshire and Mrs C Daniels.

In Attendance: Mrs L Coles, Locum Clerk and Cllr Stephen Rushworth (Cornwall Council)

There were 8 members of the public present

Item No		Action By
1	Apologies Not applicable.	
2	Declarations of Interest 1. Agenda Items. None declared. 2. Gifts. None declared.	
3	Written Requests for Dispensations None received.	
4	Public Participation Mrs B Flint said that since 2009 when the Miscanthus farming started, things have moved on and there are several consequences. The noise from the machines is regularly 60/70 decibels and the regulations state it should be no higher than 50 decibels. Last Tuesday the machines were still running at 9pm. The dust is impairing air quality and health. Mrs Flint showed photographs displaying the Miscanthus shards on vehicles, which also attach themselves to fabrics and, if breathed in, to mucus membranes. Samples of the logs produced from the Miscanthus were also passed round. The Farm has now become an industry and not a farm. Natalie Godfrey said that the dust impacts on the clothes on the washing line, which is then taken into the home and breathed in. Helen Barrett asked that the planning permission granted for this use of the farm is looked at again and compared to the industry that is being carried out. The Chairman read out the email received from Helen Barrett giving further details of the problems experienced by local people. Peter Holmes said that he is not aware of any problems emanating from the Farm, but another resident said that dust has been seen on the car and he has had breathing problems. Cllr Martin, who is asthmatic, has had reports from people local to him that they are suffering breathing problems. James Mutton was invited to speak about Burlerrow Farm and the Miscanthus production. He is frustrated that people have not approached him directly about the problems but is willing to co-operate as much as possible. All planning permissions have been complied with and it is not industrial but an agricultural business. It is appreciated that there are times when the noise of the machines is louder in the village, but this is sometimes attributed to the wind blowing in a certain direction. There was a recent problem with bales being chopped in the open yard and the dust being carried on the wind and this will not happen again. James has invested £200k in machinery that has not quite done the job it promised to do. At present 50-60% of the dust is being taken away by lorry and the wind can carry particles during loading. However, by the Autumn all the dust will be made into logs and any lorries will be loaded in a covered shed to minimise the dust getting into the atmosphere.	

	<p>The bedding that is produced from the Miscanthus is recommended by Vets for horses suffering from COPD because it is a natural product. He is looking to move all the machinery to different locations on the farm by the end of the summer and the fan that makes the noise will be moved into an insulated shed to minimise the sound, the noise level will be reduced by 25%. Some concerns have already been addressed but James realises that there is a problem and is doing what he can as quickly as he is able. Helen Barrett said that it would be useful if Environmental Health could look and report to put people’s minds at rest because they are concerned about their health. James Mutton will attend the September meeting of the Parish Council and give an update. The Chairman thanked James Mutton and all those who had brought this matter to the attention of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Unitary Councillor’s Report</p> <p>Cllr Rushworth said that the big debate at County Hall is whether to invest in a Stadium for Cornwall. Cornwall Council is being asked to put in £3m which will match fund the £3m that Central government is providing. Cornish Pirates is putting up £2m as is Truro City FC. A discussion followed during which Cllr Rushworth asked the Members and the public present what their thoughts were on a Stadium for Cornwall and its proposed location at Truro.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Response to Public Participation Responded as above</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) PA18/02122 Miss Jasmine Parkyn, Wellhayes, Wadebridge Road, St Mabyn, Bodmin. Removal of wall to create vehicle access onto proposed driveway for two vehicles. Cllr Bray and Cllr Masters had visited the site and there were no objections from neighbours. During discussion the Members raised concerns about the visibility for vehicles exiting the property. This development could potentially exacerbate the parking problems in the village. The removal of the wall will not be visually in keeping with the aesthetics of the village. It was RESOLVED to object to this application, proposed by Cllr Gillespie, seconded by Cllr Martin with all in favour.</p> <p>b) Planning Applications received after the Agenda was finalised: None received</p> <p>c) Planning decisions from Cornwall Council. None received.</p> <p>d) Other Planning Matters.</p> <p>PA17/11676, B R Hodgeson Group, Former Longstone Garage, Longstone on road B3266, St Mabyn Bodmin. Application for the erection of 10 dwellings (amendment to scheme granted under E1/2005/00115 and E1/2006/02529). To discuss whether to call this application in to Committee for a decision and receive an update from Cllr Rushworth. Cllr Rushworth has had several meetings with the Head of Housing at Cornwall Council. The £171k must be spent within 10 years and Cllr Rushworth has an agreement that this sum of money can be ‘ring-fenced’ for the use of St Mabyn for the first 5 years. Cllr Rushworth has not yet had an answer about whether the money could be used by the Parish Council to deliver an affordable housing scheme. Cllr Rushworth will support the Council with a decision for the 5-day protocol when received.</p> <p>It was reported that an application for prior notification of change of use has been submitted to Cornwall Council for the Village Store and Post Office to be changed into a residential dwelling. This is not an item for consultation and the Clerk and Cllr Rushworth will contact the Case Officer to get more detail. It was said that it would be sad to lose the Village Shop because it is the only one.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

7	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th March 2018 With the deletion of Cllr G Martin as having been present it was RESOLVED that the Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Bray, seconded by Cllr Wiltshire with all in favour.</p>	
8	<p>Matters Arising from the above Minutes and Action Tracker There were no matters arising that were not agenda items.</p>	
9	<p>Playing Field There was no report for this month. The Clerk has taken delivery of the Cradle Swing and Cllr Daniels will arrange to have it put up. Cllr Daniels will carry out April's inspection with the help of Cllr Wiltshire. The Clerk will forward an up to date inspection list to Cllr Daniels. The Clerk will remind A1 to cut the grass at the playing field.</p>	<p>CD CD/BW Clerk Clerk</p>
10	<p>Neighbourhood Development Plan Cllr Gillespie reported that the Public meeting held on the 26th March went very well with an excellent turnout. There had been positive feedback about the Plan and the Key Speakers answered questions. This marks the end of the first phase of the Plan. The Clerk has collated the information from the cards that were given to all attendees and this will help towards building a bigger team to develop the various topics. The Group is waiting for details of the application process for the next round of funding for the Plan and there is also the possibility of applying to The Big Lottery. It is hoped to complete the Plan within 18-24 months' time. Cllr Daniels thanked Cllr Gillespie for his excellent job of Chairing the Public Meeting. It was proposed that Cllr Wiltshire becomes a member of the committee, proposed by Cllr Gillespie, seconded by Cllr Daniels with all in favour.</p>	
11	<p>Footpaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Footpath at Old Rectory Drive. There was some discussion about whether this footpath is an official one; it is not on the definitive map, so it was agreed that nothing could be done. ii. Cllr Martin reported that the footpath by the Church, owned by Cornwall Council needs sweeping and there is also a significant amount of dog fouling and he wondered about the possibility of signs being put up. The Clerk will contact Cornwall Council about the path. iii. The Clerk said that she had not received any Tenders for the Footpath Maintenance Contract. Cllr Masters will ask a local contractor if he is interested in the contract and if so will ask him to contact the Clerk. This will be an Agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting. 	<p>Clerk DM Clerk</p>
12	<p>Highway Matters Potholes in the Parish were reported – nasty one after the turning to Tregaddock by Elderbush Cottage, large pothole on the left-hand side of Mainsbridge Road towards Helland near the bridge. The lumpy road surface near Tredinnick House has been reported by Cllr Daniels. There are a lot of potholes on the St Tudy road out of St Mabyn towards Treveglos Farm. The Clerk will report these to Highways. The tiger teeth have still not been repainted. The Clerk will chase this up. Cllr Masters reported that a lady had had her car window smashed and handbag stolen while she was in the Cemetery. The incident has been reported to the police, but no one has contacted the lady concerned, who is very shaken by it. Cllr Masters asked Cllr Rushworth if he could speak to the police. Cllr Lloyd reported that a gentleman drives his mobility scooter through the village at some speed. He has two dogs with him and recently one of them attacked another dog. Cllr Rushworth said that he will ask if the police could attend the next Parish Council meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk SR SR</p>

13	<p>Defibrillator Cabinet Cllr Bray has met with Alan and the cabinet is to be changed to a Duchy one. There will be a set up fee of £125 + VAT and an annual fee of £192 including VAT. The Emergency Services know the code for opening the cabinet, which can be accessed by dialling 999. It was RESOLVED to change to Duchy for the defibrillator service, proposed by Cllr Gillespie seconded by Cllr Daniels with all in favour. Clerk to contact re invoice and set up.</p>	Clerk
14	<p>Cemetery Update The Clerk will meet with Carole Grigg in the next few weeks.</p>	
15	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Letter from Mrs B Flint re Miscanthus at Burlerrow Farm b) Letter from Mrs S Martin re noise and dust from Miscanthus processing at Burlerrow Farm c) Letter from G Brindle re Burlerrow Farm d) Email from Helen Barrett re Burlerrow Farm e) Email from Natalie Braithwaite re Burlerrow Farm f) Letter received K Everett re Burlerrow Farm 	
16	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was RESOLVED to sign the cheques for the Clerk's March salary and other payments. Proposed by Cllr Gillespie, seconded by Cllr Fynamore with all in favour to pay the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chq 001859- Boscawen CEP for NDP - £2020.00 • Chq 001860 – L Coles, Clerk salary + additional hours worked July 17- March 18, expenses and Office- £858.17 • Chq 001861 – HMRC Direct- PAYE & NI March - £247.18 • Chq 01862- B McNary, Toilet/Bus Shelter cleaning - £80.00 • Chq 001863- CALC, Membership 2018/19 - £260.75 • Chq 001864- Outdoor Play Ltd, new cradle swing - £130.80 • Chq 001865 – Local World (L Coles) Advert for Tenders for Footpath Maintenance Contract - £106.08 b) It was RESOLVED to ratify the cheque to Boscawen CEP in respect of the NDP £2020 Cheque number: 001859, proposed by Cllr Daniels seconded by Cllr Gillespie with all in favour. c) It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Bank reconciliations up to 21st March 2018, proposed by Cllr Martin seconded by Cllr Wiltshire with all in favour d) GRP Bench. Cllr Martin reported that the WI bench in The Crescent, St Mabyn has fallen into disrepair and the WI has disbanded. He suggested that the Parish Council purchase a bench to replace the broken one but would need permission/licence from Cornwall Housing. The Clerk will request permission. It was RESOLVED that a bench for the Crescent is purchased as well as one for Highgate. Proposed by Cllr Gillespie, seconded by Cllr Lloyd with all in favour. The Clerk passed the details of benches to Cllr Daniels who will recommend at the next Parish Council meeting which ones to purchase. (Agenda item) e) Bins for Playing Field. It was RESOLVED to purchase a Sherwood Bin at a cost of £287.01 + VAT. Proposed by Cllr Daniels, seconded by Cllr Bray. Clerk to make the purchase. f) Legionella Testing. The Clerk gave details of the quote for testing. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will arrange for the test to take place at the public 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>CD</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>toilets. Proposed by Cllr Finnamore, seconded by Cllr Bray with all in favour.</p> <p>g) Appointment of CL Finance as Internal auditor for 2018/19 It was RESOLVED to appoint CL Finance as Internal Auditor for 2018/19. Proposed by Cllr Daniels, seconded by Cllr Bray with all in favour. The Clerk will inform CL Finance.</p>	Clerk
17	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Cllr Finnamore said that new ropes are needed for the Church Bells at a cost of £1600 and wondered if the Parish Council will consider making a donation. The Clerk said that she will put together a Grants Policy and circulate, for adoption at the next Parish Council meeting and this will enable local bodies to apply for funding.</p> <p>Cllr Martin said that the Scouts and Cubs collected six bags of litter around the village and it was agreed that the Clerk will write and thank them.</p> <p>Cllr Martin said that CALC is prepared to offer a training session on the Code of Conduct for those Councillors who have not yet attended. The Clerk will contact Sarah Mason to arrange.</p> <p>Cllr Grigg announced that, following an interview process, Linda Coles has been appointed as the permanent Clerk for St Mabyn Parish Council.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
18	<p>Items for Inclusion in Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath Maintenance Contract • Purchase of benches 	
19	<p>Closed Session</p> <p>Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 members of the press and public were excluded from the meeting and Council continued in Closed Session.</p> <p>Staffing matters.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to increase the hours for the Clerk from 32 to 40 per month. Proposed by Cllr Gillespie, seconded by Cllr Martin with all in favour. The Clerk's Spinal Point will be 23 of the NJC Pay Scale.</p> <p>Cllr Jake Gillespie tendered his resignation as a Parish Councillor and read out a letter to the Members. Jake will however continue on the Steering Committee for the NDP for the time being.</p>	
20	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council will be held on Tuesday May 1st 2018, commencing after the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting which start at 6.45pm in St Mabyn Memorial Hall, St Mabyn</p>	

There being no other business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

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