

CARDINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

held at Cardinham Parish Hall on Tuesday August 19th 2014.

Present: Councillor Mrs J Best,(Chairman), Councillors: M Frost, S Haynes, Mrs T Irwin, T Keat, M Martin, G Tucker, P. Tucker, County Cllr C Batters and the Parish Clerk.

The Chairman, Mrs J Best welcomed everyone including 3 members of the public present.

111 /14 Public Session

Public

Mrs Bonker wished to bring to the attention of the Council the excellent job done in the cutting of Treslea triangle and the area around the bridge at the bottom of Peach's Hill. It was felt a letter of appreciation should be sent to Mr David Vallis for the work he had done in the area. **Action taken.**

A parishioner spoke of the area around the letter box being badly overgrown and of difficulties getting to the letter box by vehicles being parked in the area. She also expressed disappointment that the mobile police surgery had been discontinued for the past 4 months.

Mr Bonker thanked County Cllr C Batters for his work in getting new drainage improvement at Cardinham village crossroads and at Teason. He then requested the Clerk to read an e-mail that he had sent referring to the bad acoustics in the hall combined with a noisy heating system making it impossible for the public to hear proceedings. His suggestion that the Council should consider purchasing a simple PA system with press to talk microphones for each councillor was discussed and it was left that the Clerk obtain some prices for future agenda item.

He then requested under the new legislation, the Openness and Transparency Regulations 2014 which came into force on August 6th to record the meeting. This was agreed to by the Chairman.

Police

In the absence of PCSO L Thomas (annual leave) the Clerk read the crime report for July: 2 x damage to vehicle (one detected one under investigation), 1x dog not under control (under investigation) , 1x theft (under investigation) 1 x burglary non dwelling (under investigation).

County Councillor

County Councillor C Batters gave his report that included work he was completing

- Individual matters with people in the Parish
- Condition of the footbridge on Footpath 508/24
- Damage to the bridge at Bunny's Hill – road closure and motorist identified.
- New drainage features in the system at Cardinham village cross roads.

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- ‘Superb job’ done in the drainage system at Teason Farm fitting a one metre pipe in place of six inch pipe work plus other measures to hopefully remove the flooding issues.
- More re-surfacing work to be done throughout the Parish.

County Cllr C Batters then expressed his disappointment that he had not been consulted by the Chairman re the earlier matter of the police surgeries as he had information from his work with the Police Commission. He agreed that he would raise this matter for the Parish Council at a meeting that he was having with the Police Commissioner on Thursday August 21st. He would then correspond with the Clerk on this matter.

112 / 14 Apologies

There were apologies received from Councillors G Rogers and S Smart.

113 / 14 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors.

114 / 14 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes for the Council Meeting on July 19th 2014 had been circulated and were approved, proposed by Cllr Mrs T Irwin and seconded by Cllr M Martin. All in favour.

Cllr Mrs T Irwin mentioned that a feasibility study on the cemetery had been mentioned but not recorded in the minutes. The Clerk apologised but stated that this was to be an agenda item later in the meeting.

The minutes of the Sub Committee re the World War I centenary held on July 30th had been circulated and were approved , proposed by Cllr M Frost, seconded by Cllr G Tucker.

115 /14 Matters Arising.

Most matters from the Council meeting on July 19th would be covered by agenda items later in the meeting:

Min 105/14 : Cllr G Tucker had managed to get some granite for a memorial stone for W War I by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Gynn.

116 / 14 Correspondence

- (i) CALC enquiring about anyone who has experience of setting up emergency mobile phone contacts in rural areas.
- (ii) The Clerk read correspondence from Michaelstow Parish Council and Chacewater Parish council stating their dissatisfaction with Cornwall Council and suggesting the 200 Parish Councils meet and seek an investigation into the practices of Cornwall Council. It was agreed that Cardinham would indicate their support. Response from Cllr John Pollard Leader of Cornwall Council was read.
- (iii) Review of Polling districts draft recommendations.

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- (iv) Letter from Michelle Grant, Deputy Head Cardinham School confirming full permission to plant the oak trees re the World War I commemoration.
- (v) Code of Conduct training sessions throughout the County Cllr Mrs T Irwin agreed to attend St Beward Institute on Thursday Sept 11th (6.30-8.00pm)
- (vi) Planning conference at Launceston (Trethorne Leisure Park) Wed Oct 8th (2.00pm) or St Austell (One Stop shop, Penwinnick Road) Tues Nov 18th (2.00pm) Cllr Mrs T Irwin said she might be able to attend St Austell.
- (vii) Cornwall Council invitation to public meeting to discuss the challenge to save nearly £200 million by 2018, at County Hall, Truro on Tuesday Sept 30th at 6.30pm.

117 / 14 Finance

The Income & Expenditure statement for the period ending August 19th 2014 was circulated. It was then proposed by Councillor M Frost, seconded by Councillor M Martin to accept the financial report and make the relevant payments of cheques to the value of £465. 24p. A further cheque £112.50p had to be issued at the meeting for the purchase of the pasties as refreshments for the W War I commemoration. The Clerk then reported on the current costings and feasibility of burial and cemetery charges. The capacity of the graveyard was discussed and at the current rate of 2-4 burials per annum it should have a span of up to 90 years. It was proposed by Cllr S Haynes, seconded by Cllr P Tucker that costings remain the same.

118 /14 Planning Application

Planning Application PA14/06440 **Mr R Dell'Erba** – Proposed formation of 1 dormer window within the existing house roof in addition to the formation of 2 dormer windows which were approved by Cornwall Council under the Householder Approval Notice ref PA14/03422 dated June 3 2014 at The Stables, Cardinham PL30 4EG. **Support.**

The Clerk then read correspondence from Ms J A Kedge, Pinewood, Littledowns and Mr & Mrs D Smith, The Orchard, Littledowns highlighting their objections to the planning application PA14/05033 Mr D Checkley for the construction of 2 bungalows at The Caravan, Littledowns, Cardinham.

119 / 14 Planning Decision

There were no planning decisions to report.

120 /14 World War I Centenary

In his absence the Clerk read a report from Cllr S Smart is that the list of those who served during W War I would be split up so that the cadets will only read 3-4 names and say 'we commemorate those who gave their lives' then reads a lesson ending with 'we remember those who returned' and reads another 17 names. There will be 4 lessons. A collection will be made with funds going to a Parish defibrillator. Consideration will need to be given on how this money is carried forward (if put through church funds it can attract gift aid from taxpayers).

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Cllr M Martin then gave details of the dedication of the trees and commemoration service:

2.15 Invited guests (including representatives of Western Power, Silvanus Trust and Duchy Nurseries) are requested to arrive at the School field

2.30 The headmaster of Cardinham School, Mr M Jelbert will give a welcome address. A short dedication will then take place with the names of the fallen soldiers being read out individually and a child/children from the school placing an engraved plaque in front of a tree.

Following the conclusion of the dedication the invited guests will be taken to a nearby residence for light refreshments.

6.00-6.15 local army and air cadets will assemble at St Meubreds Church

6.30 Church service – A short service led by The Rev Graham Minors will take place in commemoration of the 15 men who gave their lives during the Great War.

There will be the sounding of an air raid ‘all clear’ warning siren and weather permitting there will also be a fly-by of a bi-plane synonymous with the Great War.

7.30 Light refreshments in Village Hall for all attendees.

It was agreed by the whole Council that Cllr Smart be commended for the outstanding work that he had done in the preparations for the special day.

He then gave information on the trees. The suppliers now being Duchy Nursery as Bodmin Plant and Herb could not source the size trees we required. The organising committee have been considering the location of the trees and following a site visit by the senior arboriculturist of Duchy Nursery it was decided that a smaller number of larger trees would now be used. This would allow for the present oak tree on the boundary to remain as one of the dedicated trees. All works to plant and stake the trees will now be carried out by the arboriculturist. Having the larger trees will mean little or no maintenance being required and should not require a major watering regime unless we have a very dry winter.

Chairman Cllr Mrs J Best thanked Cllr Martin for all his efforts on the preparation work for the trees ceremony.

122/14 Neighbourhood Survey

Cllr M Martin had little to report because the work on the survey had been put on the back-burner until after the September 12th commemoration day.

88 surveys had been completed and returned.

123/14 Footpaths

Nothing to report.

124 / 14 Highway Matters

Work on the drains at Galgeth had been completed and it was reported to be a great improvement.

125/14 Dualling the A30

Cllr M Martin gave a detailed report on a specially convened meeting on July 22nd as a result of a decision where a request had been made by a local land owner for the right to a special hearing. The case mainly revolved around the land owner's assertion that the plans for the new road would not improve the safety for the residents of Higher Carblake. After contentious argument between 2 QC's over the safety aspect the tension of the meeting was heightened when counsel for Cornwall Council submitted the proposal could jeopardise the whole scheme. The legal representation for the land owner threatened to invoke a 'Grampian condition' (a planning condition attached to a decision notice that prevents the start of a development until off-site works have been completed on land not Controlled by the applicant). Further evidence was supplied to the hearing from The Highways Agency, Cornwall Council Planning Department, A30 Action Group and a local resident from Higher Carblake. The meeting concluded with both sides summing up with final submissions. Cllr Martin thanked all who had helped and the many comments of support received via the web-link and one can only hope for a satisfactory final outcome.

126/14 Parish Matters

The Clerk read an e-mail from former councillor A Searle re builder's waste dumped along with a burnt out caravan at Hurtstock Lodge. There had been a complaint about grass cutting in the cemetery where strimmings had not been cleared and were scattered all over the graves. A letter need be sent to the contractor, DP Soloman. **Action taken.** In their newsletter Cornwall Air Ambulance were seeking for suitable safe landing areas from local councils and land owners. It was suggested that this be discussed as an agenda item for the next meeting as part of the emergency plan item.

Next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday September 16th 2014 to be held at Cardinham Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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