

Minutes of STOKE CLIMSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 15th AUGUST 2011 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM IN PARISH HALL

PRESENT: D PARSONS (CHAIRMAN), M COX, C DAVEY, S TUDOR, J WILMUT, P BARRIBALL, C VULLIAMY,

IN ATTENDANCE: L POWER – CLERK TO THE COUNCIL:

2 MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

N BURDEN (COUNTY COUNCILLOR)

SC 08/11/1 Apologies: M JOLL, S WEST,

SC 08/11/2 Declarations of Interest:

PERSONAL: None

FINANCIAL: None

SC 08/11/3 Public Session: No questions from the members of the public present.

SC 08/11/4 Presentation by Mark O'Brian on Launceston Community Network Panel and Parish Council Clusters:

Mark O'Brian was welcomed by the Chairman. Mr O'Brian stated that he is the Community Network Manager for this area and he is a member of the Callington Community Network. Network Panels have been running for about two years. A Network panel is composed of County Council representatives of the area, representatives of the Town and Parish, and representatives from the Police and other bodies. Currently Stoke Climsland is part of the Launceston Community Network as it was felt that the Parish looked more towards Launceston. Launceston tends to have thematic meetings which enable them to get the right people around the table and have a full and open debate. The agenda is set by members of the panel to ensure that local priorities are met. He pointed out that in Cornwall the ideas put forward in the Localism Bill would not work as well as the Community Network because of the geography of the County. There are 19 Network Panels in the County, Councillor Ray Tovey, working for Devolution of Services, is keen that these are developed further and would like to hear from Parish Councillors how they can be improved. There was some discussion about which Community Team the Parish should belong to as for some aspects, such as libraries, education and health, Stoke Climsland would look towards Callington for some things but for others towards Launceston. Mark O'Brian stated that although Stoke Climsland was part of the Launceston Community Network there was no reason why a representative cannot attend the Callington Network meetings. It was pointed out that in general, rural Parish Councils have more in common with each other than with the Town Council around which the Networks are built. It would be useful to have meetings with other rural Parish Councils. Mark O'Brian said that this was happening in other areas of Cornwall. He pointed out that County Hall has less influence over the Community Network meetings which focus on local issues. Other service providers are asking to be allowed to work with Community Networks. Councillor Tovey is keen to devolve this kind of power to the Community Network, including working with Departments such as Transport, Waste and Highways. It was pointed out that we often had letters from the County Council requesting information at very short notice. This activity is likely to undermine the Community Network. Mark O'Brian agreed that this does happen and the Network Manager is working with the County Council to prevent this happening. After further discussion it was decided to defer any more discussion until next meeting when we can formulate a response to Mark O'Brian.

SC08/11/5 Minutes of meeting: It was proposed by J Wilmut and seconded by M Cox that the minutes should be accepted. The minutes for 18th July 2011 signed as being a true record.

SC 08/11/5 Matters Arising:

- a) Broken Playground Equipment: Michael Broome has given a verbal quote of approximately £100, which includes a galvanised metal frame in filled with decking boards. We are waiting for a written quote. M Cox observed that a metal frame is potentially dangerous and it would be better to use wooden cross members under the decking. It was suggested that we ask M Broome to run this past RoSPA. If there is a positive response, it was proposed by S Tudor and seconded by J Wilmut, that we accept the quote.
- b) Roller Barrel on the Village Green: Michael Broome has spoken to Wilf Sleep about repairing the Rollerbarrel on the Green and he has agreed to do this. The Clerk is to contact Wilf Sleep and formally ask for a quote. M Cox suggested that Wilf Sleep contacts him as it may be cheaper to replace the Roller barrel rather than repair it.
- c) Signs on the Village Green: Quotes for aluminium signs on 6' posts were given by the Clerk. Two quotes have been received. Rainbow Signs and Graphics quoted £98.34 and Jag Signs quoted £69.98. It was proposed by C Davey and seconded by C Vulliamy that Jag Signs should be asked to make the sign. It was agreed that the posts should only be 4' and the clerk was asked to speak to Jag Signs about this.
- d) Playing Fields Challenge: To decide whether to register the playground at Lockett as well as the Village Green. The purchase of the Lockett playground is going through and then it will be passed to the Parish Council as agreed. The car park is also owned by the Parish. There was discussion about registering both with the Playing Fields Trust. C Vulliamy stated that the playground would be registered before it is passed to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would find out if the Car Park can remain as a Car Park if it is registered.
- e) Quote for steps on the Green: The quote given for building steps from B&F Builders is £1950 and Trevor Norrish is £1665. This was discussed. It was proposed by M Cox and seconded by S Tudor that we should not go ahead with this as the changes made previously had been sufficient. The Clerk is to write to the builders to thank them for the quote.
- f) Dangerous Tree: There is a dead tree in a hedge on the road from Lidwell to Hampt which is dangerous to traffic. The tree needs to come down. The clerk will write to Paul Bruna to ask if the tree can be removed. It was suggested that maybe we should have a Tree Warden.
- g) Rowden Field: The Farm Business Tenancy has come to an end so we need to review rent and discuss drawing up of Farm Business Tenancy. The Clerk will write to the tenant before the 27th September to advise there is to be a rent review. This should be actioned at the next meeting.
- h) Resignation: Michael Joll has advised the Parish Council that he wished to resign due to work commitments. The Clerk will put up notices asking if a poll is required. If there is no request for a poll in the next 14 days the Parish Council should decide how the vacancy should be filled.

SC 08/11/7 Planning:

Cornwall Council list of Application; None

Refusals, Approvals and Appeals: None

The Clerk will arrange a suitable date for a meeting with Richard White before the next meeting.

SC 08/11/8 Items for Report and Discussion

- a. Cornwall Councillor: To receive verbal report from Councillor Neil Burden. Following the discussions with Mark O'Brian, Councillor Burden suggested that attending the Community Network meetings in Callington would be a good idea. He pointed out that Rural Parishes are very independent and take pride in the Parish and people tend to work very hard. He stated that Cornwall Count Highways Department has been judged best in the Country. There has been a new consultation about Education and, in principal the Government intends funding the Academy Schools fairly in relation to State Schools. In Cornwall several Secondary schools have withdrawn from becoming an Academy School as the funding for Rural Schools is positive. The County is working on the budget for next year but is waiting to hear from the government about funding.

There was a query about the consultation about Bus Companies. Councillor Burden suggested that we ask for minutes of that meeting so that we can be advised of any changes. The Chairman thanked Councillor Burden for his input.

- b. Parish and Neighbourhood Plan: It was suggested that we have another meeting with Mark O'Brian and Ester Stuart about the plan.
- c. Standing Orders: The sub-committee has met 3 times and are putting together a statement for the next Council meeting.
- d. Community Litter Picking Project: Dr Parsons has been trying to contact the appropriate person on the County Council. Some phone numbers do not work and e-mails bounce back. As soon as we can a public meeting will be arranged to take this forward.
- e. Duchy Farm Development: There was concern about where the spoil was going. David Short spoke at the Planning Committee Meeting about this and Duchy Farm has agreed with him to move the spoil to another site. Of the 15 Councillors present at the Planning Committee Meeting, only 4 had visited the site. Highways do not want to put in a slip road and considered that this stretch of road was slow enough for lorries to turn off it. Councillor A Long pointed out that this was the fastest stretch of the road, and M Cox agreed that cars travelled in excess of 50pmh along this stretch. There is also the problem of flooding. One councillor mentioned that the swales always silt up but despite further discussion this was not carried forward. M Cox felt that the Committee had not addressed the fact that the flooding was likely at Whiteford and below. Despite discussion for over two hours no decision was taken and the matter was referred back to Duchy Farm for further planning. Councillor Burden found it embarrassing that neither Highways nor Environment were able to answer any of the questions put by the Parish Council or the Committee members. Dr Parsons thanked both M Cox and D Short for their input to the Planning Committee Meeting. It was decided that M Cox and the Clerk should write a letter of complaint about these Bodies as the Parish was not satisfied by with the standard of work by them.
- f. Community Network Panel Report: We were unable to receive a verbal report on changes in the NHS as S Cazaly was not at the meeting.
- g. Report from RoSPA meeting: M Cox attended the RoSPA Meeting where reporting of maintenance of Play grounds and equipment was discussed. He noted that we should have documentation of the regular inspection and maintenance done by the Parish Council. It was decided that a sub-committee should be set up to take this further. This will be composed of M Cox, S Tudor, D Parsons, J Wilmut and C Vulliamy. M Cox will arrange the meeting.
- h. Standards Board briefing on Code of Conduct: At present there is a Mandatory Code of Conduct but under the Localism Bill this will be removed. There are two general meetings of the County Council to discuss this, in September and October. It was decided to defer discussion until we have more information.
- i. Lockett Speed Limit: The Public Consultation ends on 26th August.

SC 08/11/9 Highways and Maintenance

There are Potholes in the following places:

- a. Lidwell to Hampt Road, worse at the Lidwell end.
- b. Norton Lane still has potholes. There has been some poor filling resulting in the holes forming again. This is a waste of money. D Parsons and the Clerk will write to Highways about this.
- c. There is still a big hole at the Duchy farm entry at West Coombeshead Farm.
- d. There has been random patching in the Lane with no name at Downgate.

SC 08/11/10 Correspondence:

RHS Britain in Bloom.

SC 08/11/11 Finance

Payments: It was proposed by J Wilmut and seconded by P Barriball that payments of £397.33 should be made. This was agreed by all. The payments were made in respect of clerk's wages, expenses for M Cox and payment of RoSPA invoice dated 2010 (for inspection of playgrounds).

Receipts: Interest: £0.02, Allotment rents £120.00

SC 08/11/12 Items for Agenda

- a. Adoption of Kyl Cober Parc
- b. Top Gate on Sports Field Latch has gone.
- c. Planning Meeting with Richard White.

SC 08/11/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be on 19th September at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

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