

Minutes of STOKE CLIMSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 18th July 2011 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM IN PARISH HALL

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L POWER – CLERK TO THE COUNCIL:

3 MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

N BURDEN (COUNTY COUNCILLOR)

SC 07/11/1 Apologies: C Davey, M Joll, S Tudor

SC 07/11/2 Declaration of Interest:

PERSONAL: None

FINANCIAL: None

SC 07/11/3 Public Session: None

SC07/11/4 Minutes of meeting: The minutes for 20th June 2011 were amended and signed as being a true record.

SC 07/11/5 Matters Arising:

- a) **Managing Paperwork:** The Chairman and Clerk have been reviewing information before circulation to the rest of the Parish Council. As the Chairman had been unable to respond as quickly as he would have liked earlier in the month, he suggested continuing the new procedure until September, when it would be reviewed again. This was agreed.
- b) **Broken Playground Equipment:** The broken swing on the Green was repaired by M Cox. He has welded in a new link to the chain and has greased and checked all the equipment. Michael was thanked for what he had done. The Roller Barrel on the Green also needs repairing. Michael Broome has been approached to do this but he suggested that Wilf Sleep was approached first. If Wilf Sleep is unable to repair it Michael Broome will look at it. D Parsons has approached Michael Broome about the repair of the wobble board in the playground at Downgate. He has given a verbal quote of £100 but is waiting for a written estimate. P Barriball stated that he had seen several youngsters, about 14/15 years old, playing on the equipment. They are likely to be local. The clerk stated that she had sent for estimates for making signs but had not had information returned. M Cox stated that he had spoken to RoSPA about this problem and was told that most equipment is over tested and there should not be a problem with the weight of older children. However the feeling of the meeting was that there would be a problem with insurance if anyone was injured. We have put signs up in the past but they have disappeared. It was felt that signs were useful as they formalised the Parish Council's position on the issue and would enable others to ask older youngsters to leave. The clerk will progress getting estimates for suitable signs.
- c) **Rats at Venterdon Pond** Derek Ross, one of the Duck wardens, contacted the council and offered to catch the rats and dispose of them humanely. This will cost less than getting in a contractor and will be ongoing. It was proposed by S West and seconded by M Cox that the clerk should write to Derek Ross to ask him to do this at his own risk and to thank him for his offer. This was agreed by all.
- d) **Playing Fields Challenge:** The Deeds associated with the Parish Council's ownership of the Village Green clearly restrict building on the Village Green to temporary structures used for entertainment. This being the case we would not need the protection arising from joining the Playing Field Challenge. However, this

organisation might have funds which, if we joined, we might be able to access. It was proposed by M Cox and seconded by J Wilmut that we should join this organisation. This was agreed by all.

SC 07/11/6 Planning:

Cornwall Council list of Application; None

Refusals, Approvals and Appeals: None

SC 07/11/7 Items for Report and Discussion

a. Cornwall Councillor: Councillor Neil Burden said he had attended the Stoke Climsland Primary school performance and had been very impressed with the performance. It was very ambitious and he had enjoyed it very much. The Localism Bill was passing through much quicker than expected however, he was not sure how much it would affect the work of Parish Councils. There had been a budget meeting for next year and it would seem that the cuts made this year have helped to reduce further cuts in the future. Libraries/One Stop Shops will remain open. The Lockett Road Speed signs should be installed in the near future. There had been a visit by enforcement officers in reference to Dog Fouling in Lockett. He had put up some signs and intends to return at intervals. Tim Salmons had resigned from the NAOB and is now the new landscape Officer for the County. There will be a new officer in September. The Duchy College planning application is due to go to committee on 27th July. After amended plans being submitted, the Environment Agency has withdrawn its objections. Discussions with the Highways Agency have resulted in a plan for a slip road to allow traffic to enter and leave the new Farm, and passing places along the road. Concern was expressed about the number of accidents along the Launceston Road where there were several junctions. This is especially true at Treburley. Councillor Burden was aware of this but said there a particular problem at Treburley related to the length of a continuous white line. To change the position of this the County Council would have to approach Parliament. There were no further questions for Councillor Burden.

b. Parish and Neighbourhood Plan: The sub-committee have not had their first meeting yet.

c. Standing Orders: The sub-committee have had two meetings and have been through both the model Standing Orders and the Parish Standing Orders. They have sorted out those items which are Mandatory and are working on Procedures and the Power of Wellbeing. They are having another meeting shortly and then will bring it back to the full council.

d. Community Litter Picking Project: A request for people to join a litter picking group was run in the OSN and there have been several people who have responded to this. There will be a public meeting about this in September after publicising it in the OSN.

e. Affordable Housing at Bray Shop: Andrew Selleck has decided not to go ahead with the proposed development because he has been unable to get an option to buy on the land. He has spoken to L Dwelly about this and she has offered the resources of her department to identify alternative sites. There was a discussion about the involvement of the Parish Council. It was noted that we have approved planning permission for two affordable houses in Downgate and there are another forty affordable homes in a neighbouring parish. Andrew Sellick has also identified 2 other sites in Downgate. Although there is no obligation for the County to consult us we should try to keep in contact so we are aware of any plans in order

to represent the best interests of the Parish and so that we can take a more proactive view giving us greater influence on the final decision. It was proposed by S Cazaly, and seconded by S West that we make contact with L Dwelly asking her to liaise with us as we are interested in any proposal. C Vulliamy proposed an amendment, seconded by M Cox, that the letter should be worded 'Considering the historic issues around affordable housing in the Parish, please would you ensure that we are kept in close contact with any discussion about proposed or potential development of affordable housing in the Parish'. A vote on the amendment was taken. There were 6 votes in favour and 1 against (P Barriball). The clerk will contact Louise Dwelly.

f. Duchy Farm Development: The plans are to be considered at the Planning Committee meeting on 27th July at 5pm. D Parsons had been contacted by David Tapsell about the revised plans. The Environment Agency has withdrawn their objections and new plans for access and drainage have been submitted. It was decided that M Cox will attend the Committee meeting. The clerk was asked to contact Planning to get a copy of the new plans and arrange a meeting of councillors, prior to the Committee meeting, so that M Cox can take our views to the Planning Committee meeting.

g. Problems with Footpaths: S West has tried to walk the footpath. She states that the stile on the path between Mearfield and Lidwell is shaky and that the gateways are impassable due to the binder twine. Dave Wood, the Countryside Officer, has looked at the problem and is investigating ownership of the gates. He has put up some signs and is addressing the problem of overgrown paths. The clerk will contact Richard Smith.

h. Cleaning of War Memorial: C Davey was unable to attend the meeting but he has agreed to clean the War Memorial at no cost to the Parish.

i. Request for parking on Village Green for wedding on 3rd September. The wedding coincides with the Village Market so parking at the Old School would be restricted. After some discussion it was agreed that the far end of the Green, nearest the school, could be used if it is necessary. The clerk will contact Mr Coumbe to let him know.

j. Problems with planning applications: Planning applications arrive with only two/three weeks in which to respond. This means that if they arrive just after a meeting we do not have enough time to have a second meeting in which to discuss them. Discussion by e-mail is not satisfactory as councillors need to have a full discussion about every application. It was pointed out that the number of applications is decreasing so there should be plenty of time for the Cornwall Council's Planning Office to send them out. It was decided that all applications should be discussed at the meetings. If any arrive with deadlines that do not allow this, the clerk should contact the Planning Department and request an extension for a response from the Parish Council. We should only have additional planning meetings if absolutely necessary. Richard White, our 'friendly planning officer', has agreed to meet with the Parish Council but can only make a late afternoon but not an evening meeting. D Parsons will contact him about possible dates.

SC 07/11/8 Highways and Maintenance

The following roads need resurfacing. Whiteford Road, Stoke end; Outside the Post Office; Venterdon opposite the Duck Pond; Downgate, the lane with no name; Missed potholes on Downgate Hill; The road around the Village Green, the southern end especially; The road outside the Rectory; The road from Kinston to the Horsebridge Road. The clerk will contact Highways about these.

SC 07/11/9 Correspondence

Renewable Energy and Local Communities S Tudor has agreed to attend.

Invitation to meet Chairman of Cornwall Council (Bodmin, 21st July, 7pm). C Vulliamy will try to attend.

Green Paper on Active Lifestyles (Callington, 2nd August, 1.30pm). D Parsons will try to attend.

SC 07/11/10 Finance

Payments: Payment of £309.23 was agreed. These included Clerks wages, Duck Food for ducks on Venterdon Pond and Rent for Downgate Playground.

Receipts: Interest £0.02

SC 07/11/11 Items for Agenda

Meeting with Mark O'Brien

Community Network Panel Report on changes in the NHS (S Cazaly).

Report from RoSPA meeting (M Cox)

Standards Board briefing on Code of Conduct (re e-mail 23/05/11)

Quote for steps on the Green

SC 07/11/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Next meeting 15th August at 7.30 in the Parish Hall.

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