

Minutes of STOKE CLIMSLAND PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM IN PARISH HALL

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L POWER – CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

8 MEMBERS OF PUBLIC
N BURDEN (COUNTY COUNCILLOR)

SC 09/11/1 Apologies: All present

SC 09/11/2 Declaration of Interest:

PERSONAL: S Tudor in 09/11/7g: P Barriball in Planning Application PA11/06877

FINANCIAL: None

SC 09/11/3 Public Session:

- a. The spring on the catch of the gate at the bottom of the sports field has broken so the gate is always open. Also, the gate at the top of the sports field is always left open but the spring is working.
- b. Vicky Tweedle has had a letter about a rent review on Rowden Field. She is concerned that the rent will go up. She pointed out that the condition of the field has improved because of the work she has done. It was pointed out that the rent review did not mean that the rent would increase. It was suggested that she wrote about her concerns to the council and they would take this into consideration when the rent was reviewed.

SC09/11/4 Minutes of meeting: The minute for 08/11/8b was amended. It was proposed by J Wilmut and seconded by C Davey that the minutes were accepted as a true record. All agreed and the minutes were signed.

SC 09/11/5 Matters Arising:

- a. Playground Equipment; The Clerk has written to Mr Sleep to request a quotation for the repair of the Roller barrel. The Chairman has approached Mr Broome to give more information about the metal frame on the Wobble board. This will be checked with ROSPA.
- b. Safety sign: The wording originally suggested needs to be changed in the light of legal requirements. The Clerk will work with M Cox to adjust the wording and then contact the sign maker.
- c. Rowden Field: A letter has been sent to Vicky Tweedle about the rent review, and this will be followed up later.
- d. Parish Councillor Vacancy: There has been no request for an election so the Clerk will post Vacancy Notices around the parish.

SC 09/11/6 Planning:

Cornwall Council list of Application;

PA11/06525: Mr Iain Field: Tutvale, Tutwell, Stoke Climsland: Application for a 4kw residential photovoltaic installation. After some discussion, S West proposed and C Davey seconded, this proposal is supported. All agreed.

PA11/06877: Selleck Nichols Limited, Polhilsa: Lifting of Condition No 2 on Decision Notice Number 2007/02123 (use of building as design studio and office ancillary to adjoining manufacturing business). There was a discussion about the proposed use of the property. It was proposed by C Vulliamy, and seconded by S Tudor, that this

application is supported with the proviso that there is no change of use of the building. All those voting agreed. P Barriball did not vote as he had an interest in the planning application.

Refusals, Approvals and Appeals:

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that there is a notice in the local paper advertising storage for trailers, boats and caravans at Firste Park. The Clerk was asked if planning permission had been given and what conditions had been placed on it. The Clerk stated that no approval had been received for this planning application and that the understanding was there would be a condition that no more than 10 caravans would be allowed. The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Officer and convey our worry about this development.

SC 09/11/7 Items for Report and Discussion:

- a. Cornwall Councillor: Councillor Neil Burden stated that work had started on the budget for next year. There are various problems to overcome. Car parking revenue was down by £2m from the target. There is also a problem funding concessionary bus tickets as the subsidy for this has been reduced. The number of elderly people in the County is rising steeply and there has been an increase of over 18% in the birth rate. The amount of money received from the Government is poor because the economy is not improving. The County has reduced the number of employees considerably and is making an effort to raise money by putting solar panels on schools and council bills and reducing VAT by making Leisure Centres into Trusts. Despite this Council Tax may have to be increased to maintain support for vulnerable people. On being asked, Councillor Burden said that at present the Library service would remain as it is. The chairman thanked Councillor Burden for his report.
- b. Parish and Neighbourhood Plan: There is to be another meeting of the sub-committee which will report back to the October Meeting of the Parish Council.
- c. Standing Orders: The sub-committee has drafted new standing orders. Copies were handed out to the Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the Parish Council will have a separate meeting to discuss the draft Standing Orders, leaving enough time for any amendments to be made prior to the November meeting of the Parish Council. The Draft Standing Orders will be presented for acceptance at the November Meeting.
- d. Community Litter Picking Project: A Public Meeting is to be held in the Parish hall on 12th October at 6.30pm. Debbie Ebsbury, the County Street Officer, and a representative North Hill will be present to put forward views about how this has worked in other Parishes. A report will be given at the next Parish Council Meeting.
- e. Duchy Farm Development: There has been no formal feedback on the problems identified at the Planning Committee. It is understood that a large amount of soil has to be excavated and moved. As far as we know the Environment Agency has not addressed the issue of flooding below the farm. The Parish Council is still concerned about large vehicles turning on and off the A388 into the farm. The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Officer to find out when this goes before the Planning Committee again and to obtain plans. It was agreed that there should be a meeting, when we have the plans, to discuss any representations to the Planning Committee.
- f. Community Network Panel Report: The meeting was to discuss changes to the NHS that will come into effect on 1st October. It is intended to centralise the management of the NHS but devolve services to local hospitals. These will be managed by the GPs. There is potential to expand Launceston Hospital. There are talks on going between Derriford Hospital and Liskeard, to set up clinics at Liskeard Hospital. Most services for this area will come from Plymouth as this is our nearest Hospital Trust.
- g. Adoption of Kyl Cober Parc: Work was done on the roundabout about 6 months ago but it was never finished. The Road remains un adopted and there are no services. The Clerk was asked to look back through past minutes and find out who to approach about this as the problem has been going on for 10 years. The Clerk will contact the relevant department.

- h. Top Gate on Sports Field Latch has gone: C Davey will look at the latch and repair or replace as necessary.
- i. Planning Meeting with Richard White: The Chairman reported that this had been a very useful meeting. Richard White had suggested that if we were aware of a planning application but not had the plans we should contact him to send them to us. The problem was that it was taking too long to put the plans on the electronic system so the time for us to review them was limited. He suggested that any local information on plans under review was useful even if it was not necessarily a planning issue as local knowledge was useful in deciding to approve plans. The Clerk was asked to write to Richard White to thank him for the meeting.
- j. Dangerous Tree: The Clerk has written to Mr Bruna about the dead tree. As yet there has been no reply. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Bruna again about this issue.
- k. Precept for 2012/2013: The Chairman suggested that we involve parishioners when the precept is set. They may have ideas about projects that should be tackled by the Parish Council. There was some discussion about this. The Meeting was closed to take comments from the public. The feeling was that it is healthy to allow the public to speak and take part in this process. The meeting was reopened. The Chairman pointed out that we need information about what parishioners would like provided. If we do this we will have gone some way to giving an account of what we spend money on and why. After further discussion it was pointed out that this would be an information collecting process and we would not necessarily have to action every suggestion received. Much of this information would come when we do a new Parish plan.

SC 09/11/8 Highways and Maintenance:

- a. The hole at South Coombeshead Farm has been filled.
- b. The publication of the results of the Lockett Speed Limit consultation is due out on the 30th November.
- c. The road from West Coombeshead Farm is in poor condition.
- d. Holes have reappeared along Norton Lane. These were filled with cold tarmac and were poorly done. There was discussion about the quality control of road repairing. Cllr Burden pointed out that Cornwall was voted as having the best roads in Britain and the County has just received more money to help mitigate the problems of the harsh winter of 2010/2011. It was suggested that we contact Mark O'Brian to suggest that it would be a good idea to ask someone from Highways to address the Launceston Community Network Panel.

SC 09/11/9 Correspondence

- a) Register of Members Interests: Members are asked to update their interests as required.
- b) Community Planning Projects: Information on courses for planning community projects.

SC 09/11/10 Finance

Payments: Cheques totalling £570.36 were written to cover Clerk wages, Office Expenses for Clerk, Hire of Hall for meetings, Hire of Hall for Street Party Meetings, Duchy Rent for Allotments and RoSPA Report 2011

Receipts: Interest: £0.02, Allotment rents £30.00

SC 09/11/11 Items for Agenda

1. Remembrance Sunday service attendance
2. Neighbourhood Plan update
3. Parish Plan
4. Community Litter Project.
5. Consultation on 2011/2012 Precept.

SC 09/11/12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17th October in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

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