



Wadebridge Town Council

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 13 July 2016 at 7pm in the Main Hall, Wadebridge Town Hall

Present: Cllrs; C Buchanan, E Gill, N Hawken, H Hyland, A Jones, M Kendall, J Leach, A Pennington, A Richardson, P Starling & P Tofi.

Public Present: Cornwall Councillors Karen McHugh & Steve Knightley, Graham Smith (Cornish Guardian) and members of the public listed as attached in relation to PA16/02955.

In Attendance: Anne Minnis (Town Clerk)

Housekeeping – The Mayor advised of evacuation routes in case of an emergency (there were no hazards to note) and reminded all those present of the following:

- That the meeting may be filmed or recorded.
- Members and members of the public to turn mobile phones to silent.
- Should a Member or member of the public wish to film or photograph the meeting please sit in the 'Film/Photograph Area'.
- Members of the public, children or vulnerable persons who do not wish to be filmed or photographed please sit in the 'No Film/Photograph Area'.

113/16 Apologies from Cllrs; Bassett (personal) and Rush (personal) were received and *approved*.

114/16 Declarations of Interest –

- a) Pecuniary Interests** (*To declare those interests which have been declared on your Register of Interests relevant to the Agenda of the meeting. Whenever the item is being discussed, including public participation, Councillors must leave the room and not take part in the discussion and decision*). **Cllr Hawken declared an interest in Planning Application PA16/03372 (development near place of work). Cllrs Richardson and Pennington declared an interest in PA16/04939 (neighbouring property and friend). Cllrs Richardson and Pennington declared an interest in Agenda Item 9b(iv) - Wild Bake (friend). Cllr Jones declared an interest in Planning Applications PA16/03656 and PA16/04939 (friend).**
- b) Non Registerable Interests** (*To declare non registerable interests at the start of the meeting or whenever the interest becomes apparent. When the item is being discussed, including public participation, Councillors must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or decision*). **None.**
- c) Dispensations – None.**

115/16 Minutes of Last Meetings – *The Minutes of the meeting held on the 22 June 2016 and 27 June 2016 were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Mayor.*

116/16 Public Participation

Members of the public discussed Planning Application PA16/02955 and the following comments were made.

- Reference was made to the Cornwall Council Infrastructure needs assessment report (June 2016) which indicated that £2.4m was to be invested in expanding Wadebridge School for a further 210 primary school places. It was questioned whether the proposed school would ever be built on the land allocated in this planning application and would not

be required anyway if the contents of Cornwall Council's own needs assessment report was to be believed.

- The additional traffic generated from this development on the Platt would be contradictory to the Brinkerhoff report and Cornwall Council's traffic management plan of reducing traffic on the Platt.
- A recent Planning Application at Trevarner was turned down due to overload on the mini roundabout. The mini roundabout at both ends of the Platt have already been identified at maximum capacity which this development would add to.
- Access for previous developments at Meadowhead and the Culvery were never considered which has presented serious safety issues. Cornwall Council's Committee members who will be deciding on this Planning Application have no idea of the real impact this development will have on road safety for all users. Wadebridge has not got the infrastructure to support current developments far less this one and the traffic impact this development will bring is dangerous.

Reports from Cornwall Councillors

Cllr McHugh addressed Members and residents in attendance on the following topics:

- **PA16/02955**, advised this application will go to Cornwall Council Strategic Planning Committee on 25 August. Cllr McHugh agreed with the public comments made and suggested that evidence on the safety issues needs to be gathered in advance of the Planning Committee meeting. Cllr McHugh is doubtful that the school development will proceed and only land is provided in the current application. Cornwall Council however have advised that funding is earmarked for the school which is contradictory to Planners advice that capacity will be increased at existing school. Cllr McHugh believes that the safety concerns outweigh the merits of the development.
- Clean Cornwall Initiative 'Turn on the tap' - initiative for business owners to display a sign to allow the public to refill their water bottles from the tap for free with an aim to reducing the numbers of plastic bottles put in the bin. Provides a gesture to people who come through the town to offer them the opportunity to fill up. Some businesses in Wadebridge are already doing this and Cllr McHugh hoping others will follow suit with this green initiative.

Cllr Knightley addressed Members and residents in attendance on the following topics:

- Roundabout at Gonvena. The grass is being cut tomorrow and it will then be handed over to Egloshayle Parish Council to maintain.
- Community bus – safety issues has resulted in the Betjeman centre bus now being used to enable people to access the bus in an easier fashion. Community chest money from both local councillors will be utilised.
- **PA16/02955** – the safety of cyclists on the Platt has been a focus of the transport policy from Cornwall Council. It is incredulous that this Planning Application can be approved which will put even more traffic on the roundabouts on the Platt.

7.25pm, Cllr McHugh left the meeting
7.30pm, Cllr Knightley left the meeting

117/16 Mayor's Report – Tabled and *received*.

118/16 Clerk's Report – Tabled and *received*.

119/16 Committee Meetings - None.

120/16 Finance

- a. Accounts for payment (tabled) – *It was **RESOLVED** to make payment of £57,357.48 as presented.*

121/16 Correspondence

- a. The following correspondence was *received*:
 - i. **Cornwall Council**: No Waiting Restriction *Approved* – Taylor Wimpey Exeter – no waiting restriction on Bridge View, Wadebridge during their construction works; 1 July 2016 to 1 July 2017 (24 hours, weekends included).

- ii. **Devon & Cornwall Police** – Guidance on police response and alarms. **Cornwall Council** – Survey completion request on use of paperless planning system (office).
 - iii. **Queen’s 90th Birthday Teas** – Letters from invited guests expressing their thanks and enjoyment of the event. *The Mayor and Members gave thanks to all staff involved in the event and that many compliments had been received from invited guests about how they had enjoyed themselves.*
 - iv. **Langueux** – Vol 299; July/August 2016.
 - v. **Business Cornwall** – Issue 102; July/August 2016
 - vi. **Wadebridge Library & One Stop Shop (OSS)** – Letter from a Wadebridge resident on the recent resolutions made at Full Council on 27 June 2016.
 - vii. **Cornwall Council** – special bulletin to inform that Blue Badge holders can park for free in Cornwall Council car parks.
 - viii. **CHICKS** – letter of thanks for Grant award of £100.
- b. The following correspondence for response was received (information circulated with Agenda):
- i. **Ellen Hunn** – request to use Egloshayle Playing Fields for bootcamp and workout sessions.
 - *It was **agreed** to **defer** the request until further information requested is received.*
 - ii. **Hawks Meadow (Wadebridge) LLP** – Comments invited on revised site layout information for proposed residential development at Higher Trenant Road, Wadebridge.

7.35pm, Cllr Knightley returned

 - *It was **RESOLVED** to wait on the formal application to be received and that no comments will be made at this time.*
 - iii. **Cornwall Council** – Consultation on the Schedule of Post-Hearing Changes to the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies Proposed Submission Document – 2010-30 (March 2014), Schedule of Focused Changes (September 2014) and Schedule of Further Significant Changes (January 2016) – consultation period 1 July 2016 to 12 August 2016.
 - *It was **agreed** that comments were to be returned to the Town Clerk in advance of the next Full Council meeting on 22 July to enable comments to be formalised.*
 - iv. **Cornwall Council** – Street Trading Application – Wild Bake

7.37pm, Cllrs Pennington & Richardson left the meeting

 - *It was **agreed** that there were no concerns with the application.*

7.40pm, Cllrs Pennington & Richardson returned
- c. Minutes and Agendas from the following Outside Committees were **received**. There were no actions to be undertaken.
- i. **Camel Trail Partnership Meeting** – Draft Meeting Notes: 16 March 2016 (Cllr Starling & Cllr Gill)
 - ii. **Camel Trail Partnership Agenda** – Meeting Notes: 22 June 2016 (Cllr Starling & Cllr Gill)

122/16 Planning –

a. **Applications** – *It was **RESOLVED** to make the following responses:*

- i. **PA16/02955 - Revised description and amended plans: Redrow Homes, Land South of Cleavelands.** Outline planning application for a one form entry primary school, residential development of up to 190 dwellings, with public open space, landscaping, associated infrastructure, demolition of buildings and vehicular access from The Culvery and Meadowhead, with all matters reserved except access (Gavin Smith).

THE HARM OUTWEIGHS THE BENEFIT. NOT SUPPORTED DUE TO THE RISK PRESENTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY. THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS ON FOOT OR BIKES CANNOT BE ASSURED DUE TO THE INCREASED VOLUME OF TRAFFIC

THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD PRESENT. PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES ON THE PLATT (A MAIN THOROUGHWAY THROUGH THE CENTRE OF WADEBRIDGE) WOULD BE EXARCEBATED. ROUNDABOUTS ON THE PLATT ARE ALREADY AT MAXIMUM CAPACITY AND THE S106 MITIGATION THE DEVELOPMENT OFFERS CANNOT JUSTIFY THE RISK PRESENTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

- It was **RESOLVED** to establish a Traffic Management Working Party to document the vehicular and pedestrian use of surrounding roads that the development would impact upon. This information will be presented to Cornwall Council's Planning Committee. Working Party members are Cllrs Tofi, Hyland, Pennington, Kendall, Hawken, Leach and Cornwall Councillor Knightley.
- It was **agreed** that the volume and type of agricultural traffic that uses the roads impacts considerably on the safety of all road users should the volume of traffic increase.

7.46pm Cllrs Jones, Tofi and Cllr Knightley left the meeting

- ii. **PA16/03656:** Mr and Mrs J Holme, Rensburg, Gonvena Hill - Replacement of retaining wall to the highway (Sarah Stevens) **SUPPORTED**

7.49pm Cllr Hawken left the meeting

7.50pm Cllr Jones returned

- iii. **PA16/03372:** Mr Heath Lott, 17 Molesworth Street, Wadebridge - Construct a dwelling house to the rear of the property above the existing single storey extension (Samantha Hewitt) **SUPPORTED**

7.52pm Cllr Jones left the meeting

7.52pm Cllrs Hawken and Knightley returned

7.53pm Cllr Tofi returned

- iv. **PA16/05282:** Mr & Mrs J Orchard, Glen Road, Proposed extension and alterations including formation of balcony (*deferred from previous meeting*). (Sarah Stevens). **SUPPORTED**

7.54pm Cllr Jones returned

- v. **PA16/05434 :** Mr & Mrs M Williams, The Cottage, Trevilling Farm, Bodieve, Extension (*deferred from previous meeting*). (Sarah Stevens). **SUPPORTED**

7.56pm Cllrs Richardson & Pennington left the meeting

7.56pm Cllr McHugh returned

- vi. **PA16/04939:** Mr & Mrs Carter, Ridgeway, Guineaport Road, Demolition of an existing bungalow and construction of replacement dwelling (*deferred from previous meeting*). (Samantha Hewitt). **SUPPORTED**

7.58pm Cllr Pennington returned

- vii. **EGLOSHAYLE PARISH: PA16/05318 – Development of a 66 bed hotel (Use Class C1) and integral café/restaurant with associated access, parking and landscaping: Land East of Jewsons, Bodieve Business Park, Gonvena Hill, Wadebridge (Stephen Kirby). SUPPORTED subject to compliance with recommendations from the Police re CCTV and from the Fire Service re sprinklers.**

8.01pm Cllr Richardson returned

- b. **Decisions** – the following decisions received from Cornwall Council were noted:

PA16/03230: Mr Olwen Hawkins, Trevarth, Trevanion Road, remove pillars and repair the wall widening the access by 2 metres. **APPROVED.**

- c. **For Notification – None**

- 123/16 Egloshayle, St. Breock and Wadebridge Neighbourhood Plan.** Cllr Starling explained that the Steering Group met last week and it was agreed that the draft plan will be ready to present to all Councils in the last week of August.
- 124/16 Coastal Community Fund (Round 4)** – members discussed the application and further details of roles and responsibilities would need to be determined if the expression of interest submitted was successful. Cllr Jones queried whether the value attached to the application was sufficient and Cllr Tofi discussed Project Management, the timings of the application and highlighted the role of Egloshayle Parish Council in this project. Cllr Knightley provided some further information and suggested if this application was unsuccessful a bid for European Funding later in the year could be possible.
- 125/16 Wadebridge Library & One Stop Shop** – Cllr Starling advised that the Working Group has not met since the last Full Council meeting and there is nothing further to report at this time.
- 126/16 BMX/Skatepark** – Cllr Pennington advised that the Town Clerk will be reviewing the tender document shortly.
- 127/16 Flowers for Wadebridge** – Cllr Starling advised that most hanging basket brackets are now up. Thanks to the Grounds staff for the maintenance work carried out at the Co-op bedding areas. Very positive comments have been received due to the care they have been giving to this area and it is greatly appreciated.
- 128/16 Waste Incentive Neighbourhood Scheme (WINS)** – Cllr Richardson discussed the launch event. Food champion training has also been delivered and the aim is to cascade this training to groups such as the Guides and Cubs to enable them to pass on the message on reducing food waste. Further training is to be delivered on 6-8 week cycle. Compost bins are still available should Wadebridge parishioners wish to collect them from the Parks Department. A quote has also been received from Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall which will be issued as a press release to focus on the compost bins and Wadebridge's campaign on food waste. Cllr Starling suggested information on WINS is presented at the Showcase Wadebridge event on 3 September 2016.
- 129/16 Town Hall Events** – Cllr Starling commented that the Queen's 90th birthday tea events were a great success and enjoyed by everyone. The next event is 'Showcase Wadebridge' on 3 September and a working group meeting will be held shortly to discuss.
- 130/16 Christmas Lights** – Cllr Starling presented recent working group notes which were discussed by Cllr Hawken. Cllr Jones suggested the previous suggestion of a Christmas light switch on ceremony be brought to next Full Council.
- 131/16 Town Hall Improvements** – Cllr Buchanan advised that this project is ongoing. A working group meeting will be arranged to discuss.
- 132/16 Parish Members' Allowances** – Members discussed the report as presented.
- *It was **RESOLVED** that the 2016/17 Parish Members' Allowance continues as per 2015/16.*
- To clarify** - The Parish Member's Allowance for 2016/2017 is £10 per Full Council meeting and £5 per Committee meeting with the maximum councillor allowance being £186.41 per annum and a Chairman's allowance of £279.61 per annum. The allowance must be paid under the PAYE system and declared in the Annual report at the year end.
- ***All Councillors present stated that for the year 2016/17 they would not be claiming a parish Members Allowance.***
- 133/16 Draft Stress Management Policy** - Members discussed the draft policy issued.
- *It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Draft Stress Management Policy as presented.*

134/16 To note dates of the next Wadebridge Town Council meetings

- **Full Council** – Wednesday 27 July 2016, Town Hall
- **Finance & General Purposes Committee** – Monday 5 September 2016, Town Hall
- **Full Council** – Wednesday 14 September 2016, Town Hall

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed as a True and Accurate Account :

..... **Chair :** **Date :**