



Wadebridge Town Council

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 9 November 2016 at 7pm in the Main Hall, Wadebridge Town Hall

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

Public Present: Cornwall Councillors; Karen McHugh, Stephen Knightley & Jeremy Rowe.

In Attendance: Anne Minnis (Town Clerk)

Housekeeping – The Chairman 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'.

237/16 Apologies – apologies were received from Cllr Kendall.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Kendall who had a family commitment.*

238/16 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*) – None.
- 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*) – **Cllr Jones (Agenda Item 12)**.
- c) Dispensations** – None.

239/16 Minutes of Last Meetings – *The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26 October 2016 were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Mayor.*

240/16 Public Participation –

- Reports from Cornwall Councillors
Cllr McHugh addressed Members on the following:
 - Town Parking review - advised that letters will be issued to residents on 14 November 2016 to inform them of a public consultation in respect of the recent Town Parking review carried out by Cornwall Council. This will take place in the Town Hall on Tuesday 22 November 2016.

Cllr Knightley addressed Members on the following:

- Boundary Commission review - urged the Town Council to write to the Boundary Commission and the local MP to object to Boundary Commission proposals to create a new cross border constituency with Devon. The current North Cornwall constituency would cease to exist.

- Insecticides - Cornwall Council have agreed to end the use of insecticides which would damage pollinators. This revised policy will commence across all Cornwall Council areas from Spring 2017 onwards. The exception to this being rented farm properties where this revision will only apply at lease renewal dates.
- Cllr Knightley agreed to take back to Cornwall Council the issue of parking on Bridge View during the period where construction of homes will be taking place.

Cllr Rowe addressed Members on the following:

- Leisure Tender - the Leisure Tender has been awarded to Greenwich Leisure (GL). GL is an employee owned, not for profit company, who operate 200 Leisure Centres around the country. The Tender has been awarded on a 25 year lease and will ensure that all leisure centres will remain open. Substantial investment will be made in Wadebridge Leisure Centre. Cllr Jones queried why Tempus had been successful. Cllr Rowe advised that this was due to a greater level of investment offered by GL.
- NHS Cornwall's draft Strategic Outline Case of their Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) – the STP predicts a £140m deficit in 2016/17 across the health and social care system and if no action is taken to address the deficit it is estimated to grow to £277m by 2020/21. Cuts in health expenditure will impact on mental health provision with cottage hospitals also under threat. Cllr Tofi asked why house building is on the increase in Cornwall with no additional provision in health related services when there is already an increasing deficit in health expenditure. Cllr Rowe commented that Cornwall Council had recommended a lower number of houses to be built over the next 5 years in Cornwall than the Inspector had now proposed.

241/16 Mayor's Report (November) – tabled and *received*.

242/16 Clerk's Report (November 2016) – tabled and *received*. The Clerk highlighted that bulbs donated in the memory of David Huthnance will be planted on the riverbank.

243/16 Committee Meetings – Finance & General Purposes Committee (tabled)

- It was **RESOLVED** to receive Minutes of meeting held 7 November 2016.

Recommendations to Full Council

- a) **Fin 036/16 – Wadebridge Library & OSS – It was **RESOLVED** that a proportionate increase for the Library be included in the 2017/18 precept.**
- b) **Fin 037/16 – Ride on Mower - It was **RESOLVED** to agree the purchase of the RANSOME ride on mower.**

244/16 Finance

- a. Accounts for payment (tabled) – It was **RESOLVED** to make payments of £60,912.74 for October 2016 as presented.

245/16 Correspondence

- a. The following correspondence for information was **received**:
 - i. **South West Business Insider - Vol. 10 No. 9 November 2016.**
- b. The following correspondence for response was received (information circulated with Agenda). It was **RESOLVED** to make the following responses:
 - i. **Cornwall Council – Proposed Disposal of Council Owned Property – Land adjacent to Piggy Lane Car Park.**
Members **agreed** to ask for more detailed maps to ensure that the development will not encroach on the skatepark.

Members **agreed** to ask if the soakaway will remain as it is or can this be made a dry area.

c. Minutes and Agendas from the following Outside Committees: **None**

246/16 Planning

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

- i. **EGLOSHAYLE PARISH - PA16/07913**: Hawks Meadow Properties (Wadebridge) Limited, Land Off Higher Trenant Road, Outline application with some matters reserved for residential development for 95 units and associated infrastructure. **NOT SUPPORTED**
 - **THIS AREA OF LAND HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN EARMARKED AS EMPLOYMENT LAND. THIS LAND SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE RESERVED FOR EMPLOYMENT AND NOT FOR HOUSING.**
 - **THIS DEVELOPMENT IS CREATING AN AREA OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSING AND SETTLEMENT ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM THE COMMUNITY OF WADEBRIDGE.**
 - **THE DEVELOPMENT RAISES CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO AIR QUALITY AND UNACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF NOISE FROM PASSING TRAFFIC.**
 - **THIS AREA OF LAND HAS BEEN RECOGNISED AS LIABLE TO FLOODING AND NO PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR THIS.**
 - **THERE ARE NO ADEQUATE TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC THAT WILL BE ADDED TO TRENANT VALE OR HOW THIS INCREASED VOLUME WILL IMPACT ACROSS WADEBRIDGE. (reference to Cornwall Council's transport strategy)**
 - **THE DENSITY OF THE DEVELOPMENT IS UNACCEPTABLE.**
- ii. **PA16/09646** : Mrs Sarah Pascoe, St Michaels Cottage, Gonvena, Felling of mature Sycamore tree. **SUPPORTED**
- iii. **PA16/09805** : Mr & Mrs Bullen, 12A Camelside, Replace all French Doors and windows with replacement double glazed units. **SUPPORTED**
Reference was made to the conflicting numbering of the property in the planning documents.

b. **Decisions** – Members noted the following Cornwall Council planning decisions:

- i. **PA16/09027** : Mr Russ Humphries, Galliford Try, Land at Trevanion Road, Non-material amendment for rearrangement of car parking, repositioning rear access gate through the boundary screen to plot 1, omitting rear access gate to plot 3 and realignment of boundary screen wall to the rear of plots 2 and 3 in respect of decision notice PA14/11479. **APPROVED.**

c. **For Notification** – **None**

247/16 **Egloshayle, St. Breock and Wadebridge Neighbourhood Plan** – The Mayor provided a brief update on the progress of ongoing work. A Steering Group will be scheduled to review this work and associated reports which will be reported back to Full Council.

Cllr Jones left the meeting

248/16 Christmas Shopping Weekend

- It was **RESOLVED** to permit free parking as requested.

Cllr Jones returned to the meeting

249/16 Boundary Commission Review Consultation – a discussion around the proposal to create a cross boundary Constituency between Devon and Cornwall took place. Also discussed was the proposal that the North Cornwall constituency would cease to exist and that Wadebridge would be part of a new proposed Bodmin & St Austell constituency.

- *It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write a letter to Scott Mann MP and the Boundary Commission voicing the Town Council's reasons for their objection to both of these proposals. Councillors to submit any further information to the Clerk by 30 November 2016.*

250/16 The Local Council Award Scheme 2017 – a discussion around the scheme took place. The Clerk advised the Council that the Local Council Award Scheme demonstrated to the community of Wadebridge that the Council was carrying out their role to a recognised standard, was an indication that the Council was carrying out its role well and would be a model of best practice.

Cllr Richardson proposed that the Town Council participate in the Local Council Award Scheme – seconded by Cllr Pennington.

Cllr Rush counter proposed not to participate in the Local Council Award Scheme – seconded by Cllr Starling.

- *It was **RESOLVED** not to register to participate in the Local Council Award Scheme 2017.*

251/16 Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure

- *It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk use this document as a foundation to create a Wadebridge specific protocol and bring the draft back to Full Council for review.*

252/16 Christmas Cards

- *It was **RESOLVED** that Christmas Cards are issued in the same manner as last year by the Clerk and the Office.*

253/16 Working Groups –

- a) Wadebridge Library & One Stop Shop – revised Terms of Reference of the group and minutes of the meeting held 3 November 2016 were **received**.
 - *It was **RESOLVED** to accept the revised Terms of Reference of the Library/OSS Working Group dated 3/11/16.*
 - *It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Leach, Pennington and Rush, along with the Clerk represent the Council in the negotiations for the transfer of the Library service from Cornwall Council commencing January 2017.*
 - *It was **RESOLVED** that Ian Davison of Wellers Hedley Solicitors is engaged to provide legal advice re the Library service transfer.*
- b) Waste Incentive Neighbourhood Scheme (WINS) – Cllr Richardson advised that composting bins are still available for Wadebridge residents.
- c) BMX/Skatepark – Cllr Pennington advised that Taylor Wimpey have now signed the contract with Cornwall Council for the Bridge View development.
- d) Flowers for Wadebridge – Ongoing.
- e) Christmas Lights – Cllr Rush has arranged volunteers to assist with the erection of the Christmas lights. Cllr Rush requested if anyone else would like to participate to contact him.
- f) Town Hall Improvements – Ongoing
- g) Town Hall Events – Cllr Starling commented that the Pantomime arrangements are well underway. Any Councillors who have yet to advise of their availability for assisting can they please do so.
- h) Toilet Working Group – Initial meeting to be arranged.

Cllrs Knightley, McHugh & Rowe left the meeting.

254/16 Confidential matters – *It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 1.c., so that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business because of the confidential personnel nature and contractual nature of the business to be transacted - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.*

- a) **Conference Room Doors** – Members considered two quotations submitted and information relating to contracts for works as set out in the Town Council’s Financial Regulations.
 - *It was **RESOLVED** to accept quotation 2 as presented and to proceed with the works.*
 - *It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Order 1.c.*

255/16 To note dates of the next Wadebridge Town Council meetings

- **Full Council** – Wednesday 23 November 2016, Town Hall
- **Finance & General Purposes Committee** – Monday 5 December 2016, Board Room
- **Full Council** – Wednesday 7 December 2016, Town Hall

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed as a True and Accurate Account :

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