

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD BY ZOOM AND TELEPHONE ON THURSDAY 4th MARCH 2021 AT 7.30pm.

Attended by:

Chairman: Robert Henly.

Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.

Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Andrea Lankston, David Keeble, Lynne Burt, Simon Lawes.

Mr Charles Hyde, Clerk and Proper Officer of the Council.

PCSO David Billing.

Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:

Introduction by Mr. William Glassup - Highways & Environment Manager who is taking over from Paul Allen who is retiring at the end of March 2021.

Presentation by Amanda Pennington - Wayleaves Manager, Wildanet. Re: Broadband services.

The Clerk will follow up both presentations with email comments raised during each presentation.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

5.1.2: The Chairman Prejudicial Property owner and applicant.

4.1.1: Councillor Lawes Personal Neighbour.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

County Councillor Armand Toms.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Council/ Planning ZOOM Meetings held on 4th February 2021. It was proposed by Councillor Lawes, seconded by Councillor Keeble and agreed 6 – 0 votes (Councillor Lankston did not attend the meeting therefore is unable to vote), that they be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Planning Applications:

4.1.1: Application PA21/00846.

Proposal Conversion of a house into two flats and a two-storey front extension (resubmission of application PA20/00591).

Location Kilmartin, Millendreath, Looe, Cornwall.

Applicant Mr Chris Biswell.

Grid Ref 226906 / 54146.

Parish Council's Decision: Refused, 6 – 0 votes. (Councillor Lawes abstained due to declaring an interest) Proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Keeble.

Reasons:

The Planning Application is flawed. Section 13 questions re: Foul water drainage do not tally. When asked about connecting to a main sewer the applicant states: Yes.

When asked about connecting to mains drainage the applicant states: No.

This does not make sense, also sewage in Millendreath is private not public.

The applicant has also stated to our Parish Councillor that if sewage disposal is an issue that they will install an 'onion style' septic tank; this will require Planning Permission and should not go ahead without it.

Regarding this amended application, the Parish Council are not convinced this amendment is not just a way to increase the amount of parking from the original application, the space available is tight and will still result in a longer vehicle (i.e. SUV/ Range Rover etc) overhanging the highway. Until the above issues can be resolved the Parish Council will not give the application its support".

Agenda Item 5: Planning Decisions received by the date of the meeting:

5.1.1: Application No: PA20/09136.

Applicant: Andrew Nicholson.

Location: Penvith Barns, St Martin By Looe, PL13 1NZ.

Proposal: Retention of facility block.

Cornwall Council Decision: Approved.

5.1.2: Application No: PA20/11359. APPROVED

Applicant: Mr Robert Henly.

Location: Pethick Farm, Bucklawren Road, No Man’s Land, Looe, PL13 1QS.

Proposal: Change of land use from utility land to domestic and erection of timber carport and timber.

Cornwall Council’s Decision: Approved.

Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters:

6.1.1.: Planning Process and Parish Council – A question has been received from a Parishioner.

I notice that Keveral Farm and Keveral Barton Manor have put in “Prior Notification” for new Barns. I understand that these are not Planning Applications as such and would probably go through as “permitted development”, especially if the planning authority don’t review them inside 8 weeks, but my questions is are they discussed at all at Parish meetings.

They may indicate expansion of both enterprises and therefore may have implications for both our Parish and Deviock. The proposed Keveral Barton Manor Barn is particularly big (93sq M and 6.7M high) and very close to the top of Keveral Gardens?

Discussions ensued and it was confirmed that these are unlikely to be brought before the Parish Council however it was agreed that the Clerk make contact with Cornwall council Planning for an answer to the above question.

6.2: Correspondence:

Forwarded by email where possible.

Agenda Item 7: – Finance.

7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.

Reconciled balances date 19/02/2021

Opening Bank Balances 1 st April 2020	£27,306.28
Income to date	£15,852.02
Expenditure to date	£21,520.14
Balance to date	£21,638.16

7.2: Accounts paid in February 2021.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks Jan expenses.	50.00
BACS	Zoom, January	14.39
BACS	Clerks Salary January 2021	632.82
BACS	Dave Peat Waste – Salt Bins x4	288.00
BACS	K Johnson – Parish Paths works	120.00
	Total	1105.21

7.3: Income in February 20210.

None received.

It was proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Lawes that Items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 are ratified. ALL AGREED.

7.4: Requests for Funding received by date of meeting. None received.

7.5: Receipts and letters of thanks received by the date of the meeting. None received.

7.6: Financial Business.

7.6.1: Accounts to be paid in March 2021.

It was proposed by Councillor Burt, seconded by Councillor Reynolds that the following be authorised for payment. ALL AGREED.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks Feb expenses.	50.00
BACS	Zoom, February	14.39
BACS	Clerks Salary February 2021	632.82
BACS	Nigel Cummings – Website Hosting and maintenance	20.00
BACS	Viking Direct (new noticeboards for Millendreath)	335.98
	Total	1053.19

7.6.2: Weed Spray Quotation – Received from Complete Weed Control for £180 plus VAT, this is the amount precepted for 2021/22.

The Clerk to contact the contractor to ask to include Springfield Park. Will resubmit for approval once new quote is received.

7.6.2: Millendreath Notice Board – The cost of two noticeboards to be installed is £280 plus VAT. Further costs for the posts and backboard to be agreed with Councillor Lawes at this meeting.

Expenditure agreed in 7.6.1.

Agenda Item 8: Reports on Matters arising from the Minutes.

8.1.1: Recycling – Cornwall Housing (Richard Lewis) will be making a site visit to inspect the properties identified.

Vice Chairman Powley and Councillor Reynolds reported some clean up of the gardens has taken place.

8.1.2: The Dog Waste Bin at Windsworth – This has been emptied, it contained a large amount of general waste.

The bin at Looe Country Park has been full for a while. The site owner (who is attending this meeting) will arrange for it to be emptied more often.

8.1.3: Covid Rule Breaking – Email received from PCSO Dave Billing.

Thank you for your email, the camper van out at Summercourt Cottages, it has been checked and the owners were found to have a good reason for being there.

The Millendreath incident has been reported to us and will be attended, unfortunately we have a long list that we are working through. I have spoken to Simon regarding this matter.

8.1.4: Various Highway Issues – Email received from William Glassup.

Thank you for the update from the meeting.

I will have the road at Penshoey to Bucklawren Farm inspected and any actionable defects will be repaired. I will make sure this road is nominated for future treatment to Cornwall Council.

I will have to catch up with Paul in regards to the virtual footway, has it been nominated through the CNP?

Road edge ploughing has been cut from the budget; however, I will get this road checked and potentially on the list for future ploughing later in the year. If there are more roads for ploughing please let me know.

8.1.5: Highway outside 3&4 Bucklawren Road – Vice Chairman Powley has asked the farmer to brush the road. Cornwall Housing will inspect the road on a site visit.

Vice Chairman Powley reports this has not been done yet.

8.1.6: Camper Van on the road daily – Email received from Looe Country Park confirming the camper van owner is staying at the park and is a key worker.

Yes. He has been here since early January and is working on the railway at Doublebois.

Not sure if he will extend past mid-February, will let you know.

8.1.7: Tregoad Park – The Chairman has been invited to the park for an update, date to be agreed. The Clerk will contact for an update.

Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda: None received.

Agenda Item 10: Information received from CC and other Authorities:

10.1.1: Cornwall Council.

Communities and Devolution team – Newsletters and Special Bulletins and Notices. All circulated by email during the current lockdown.

10.1.2: Other Authorities.

All Circulated by email during the current lockdown.

Agenda Item 11: New Business: None received.

Agenda Item 12: Around the table:

Councillor Reynolds:

Vehicles in the field at Bokenver – At least 6 vehicles are in the field, camper vans and cars and clearly people are living in them.

The Clerk to report to Planning Enforcement.

Councillor Keeble:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Lawes:

Millendreath Postbox – Out of commission as is broken. The Clerk to email Royal Mail for update. (Enquiry Reference # 210310-004977).

Councillor Lankston:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Burt:

Nothing raised.

Vice-Chairman:

Nothing raised.

The Chairman:

Parish Website – The Chairman thanked Nigel Cummings for all his hard work, the site is due to go live and is looking really good.

Nigel confirmed links between the old and new websites were being set up and Cornwall Council has been informed of the new site address.

Virtual Meetings – Request from CALC as to why they should be allowed to continue. It was suggested that once normality returns they could be used for Planning Application meetings.

PCSO Dave Billing:

Police Report – There has been one crime in the Parish this month, a case of criminal damage. The Police are very busy dealing with Covid Rule Breaking reports.

Date and Time of Next Meetings: 1st April 2021, **Annual Parish Meeting** at 7.15pm followed by the **Parish Council Meeting** at 7.30pm by Zoom.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.42pm.