

CARDINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

held at Cardinham Parish Hall on Tuesday December 16th 2014.

Present: In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Mrs J Best it was agreed that the Vice Chairman Councillor G Tucker took the Chair. Councillors: M Frost, S Haynes, Mrs T Irwin, M Martin, G Rogers, P. Tucker, County Cllr C Batters.

There were 3 members of the public present.

Cllr G Tucker welcomed Tom Matthews who gave a very informative presentation on the Cornwall Air Ambulance and its services. Interesting facts:

- Since its introduction nearing 25000 missions.
- Over 700 missions per year.
- Average 3 missions per day.
- Maximum flying times from anywhere in Cornwall – Derriford 22 minutes, Bristol 55 mins, Swansea (burns unit) 42 mins.
- Flying range 310 miles , maximum speed 175 mph.
- New improved helicopter in January will be able to fly at night.

The service is always seeking appropriate Community landing sites throughout the County. The necessary requirements include:

- Minimum size 25 metres square (80 ft square) the length of 2 helicopters.
- Firm level ground.
- No significant obstructions – trees, overhead wires etc
- Road access for land ambulance.
- Pilot will pre- survey site.
- Lighting would be an advantage
- Limited presence of livestock.

Process

If a site is identified there will be an initial assessment in the office, permission obtained from land owner, further survey on site, completion of paperwork, signed off by Chief Pilot and annual ongoing surveys.

Bodmin airfield is suitable if land ambulance is available and Blanchard's field at Treselea Cross was suggested as a possible site.

170 /14 Public Session

Public

Mr Bonker challenged the reason why the Parish Council had made discussions on the Neighbourhood Survey an agenda item for closed session at the end of the meeting. He felt that parishioners with honest integrity and openness nearly 6 months ago and questioned what specific business was so confidential that precluded the public being present. Following some debate the acting chairman Cllr G Tucker stated that the decision to hold a closed session had been made.

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County Councillor

County Councillor C Batters then gave his report that included work he was completing :

- 2 incidents of fly-tipping , also bags falling out of a Cory lorry.
- Contractors for dualling A30 appointed with work commencing March 2015. Open days at Blisland January 16 & 17th & 23rd & 24th .
- Trees at Bunny's Hill contact Julie Downton, Cornwall Commoners Secretary.
- County budget had been decided. Salting and gritting will be the same as last year.
- The planning appeal for Mr R Matthews wind turbine had been upheld.

He then answered questions that the contractors will be paying the bill for the remedial drainage work being completed on Dobwalls by-pass. He took note of comments of the traffic queuing issues at the crematorium entrance to the A30 road works. Also agreed to follow up on the neighbour's complaints following a domestic incident in the early hours at the Woodhall property, Bunny's Hill.

County Councillor Batters left the meeting at 8.18pm.

Police Report.

There was no police report.

171 / 14 Apologies

There were apologies received from Councillors Mrs J Best, T Keat and S Smart.

172 / 14 Declaration of Interest

There was a declaration of interest by Cllr G Tucker on Agenda item 7 - Finance.

173 / 14 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes for the Council Meeting on November 18th 2014 had been circulated and were approved, proposed by Cllr M Martin and seconded by Cllr Mrs T Irwin. All in favour. The Clerk, D Stevens wished to record his thanks to Mrs Rosemary Rowe for her accurate recording of last month's meeting.

174 /14 Matters Arising.

Most matters would be covered by agenda items later in the meeting:

Cllr G Tucker passed on the thanks of Cllr Mrs J Best for the beautiful bouquet of flowers sent from the Parish Council during her illness.

Cllr G Rogers needed confirmation that the school bus route into the village would be salted and gritted this winter.

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The Clerk asked if there had been a decision made on Mr Solomon's offer to renew his grass-cutting contract for next year. It was confirmed that this will be decided at meeting in the Spring.

175 / 14 Correspondence

- (i) Notice from Bodmin Rotary Club re an ultra running /walking event that will start and finish at Bodmin airfield on March 14th 2015.
- (ii) Trago Pensioners Week – November 24 – 28.
- (iii) Bodmin Community Network information, minutes, terms of reference and dates and venues of forthcoming meetings.
- (iv) Cornwall Air Ambulance seeking grant donation.
- (v) Details from Chacewater Parish Council of first meeting of parishes seeking changes within Cornwall Council.
- (vi) Letter from Andrew Deptford, Chairman of Sleaford (Lincs) Parish Council offering prices for defibrillators.

176 / 14 Finance

The Income & Expenditure statement for the financial report showed that the relevant payments of 6 cheques to the value of £1606.46 p that included payments for DP Solomon £810, ICO renewal £35 and Amazon (via Cllr S Smart) re voice recorder for meetings £20.29p, from last month. Further invoices received at the meeting from DP Solomon £270, Royal British Legion – poppy wreath £17 and a donation to Rosemary Rowe for her secretarial assistance £20. Cllr G Rogers proposed payment of all accounts, seconded by Cllr Mrs T Irwin. All in favour.

The Clerk stated it was time to consider the Council's application for the Annual Precept and read figures from Cornwall Council's Finance Department. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk approach Cornwall Council for a delay in the application until after the next meeting giving Parish councillors time to consider the figures. **Action taken.**

177/14 Planning Applications

PA14/11213 Mrs Ann Stokes – subdivision of existing dwelling to create 2 dwellings at 2 Chapel Lane, Millpool. **Support.**

PA14/11403 Mr & Mrs Nigel Pollard – proposed alterations and first floor extension at Lower Treslea Farm, Cardinham. **Support.**

178 /14 Planning Decision

PA14/10008 Mr & Mrs Robert Tomlinson – to erect an orangery at Old Cardinham Farm, Cardinham. **Approved.**

179/14 Telephone Kiosk

Cllr M Martin that following the recent correspondence from the local MP, Dan Rogerson it is essential that the Parish Council tries to find the evidence that the kiosk was purchased for £1 (Cllr T Keat's donation) some years ago.

180 /14 Neighbourhood Survey

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Cllr M Martin answered Mr Bonker's comments in public session about the length of time it had taken to produce the results of the survey, when he was fully aware of the issues the Council had with the delivery to all households.

181/14 Footpaths

Cllr G Tucker stated that there was nothing to report.

182 / 14 Highway Matters

- (i) Road surface at Littledowns had not been repaired.
- (ii) Road sign at the airfield had been blasted with shotgun bullets.
- (iii) Sign at top of Treslea damaged on Sunday, replaced on Monday

183/14 Dualling the A30

Cllr M Martin spoke of the funding received from Cornwall Council and the remainder will be funded by the Dept of Transport as the expected funding from Europe had not materialised. Total cost approx £60 million. He confirmed that the work will commence in March , however preparation work will start in January. It will mean single lane traffic throughout the Summer.

Cllr M Frost congratulated Cllr Martin on his work and efforts to achieve this for the County.

184 /14 Parish Matters

The Clerk distributed the list of dates and venues for next year's Council meetings.

Next Parish Council meeting on Monday January 19th 2015 to be held at Cardinham Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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Closed Session of Cardinham Parish Council on December 16th 2014.

A resolution by Cllr M Martin, seconded by Cllr M Frost that the Council go into closed session.

Cllr M Martin explained that he had completed the compilation of all the answers and on review of these it was necessary to discuss the appropriate way of producing the results to the general public.

The survey had been distributed to 250 households and we had received 90 responses, however many had been filled out incorrectly with lots of questions either missed or some comments were defamatory and/or slanderous.