

ST WINNOW PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF ST WINNOW PARISH COUNCIL
held in The Red Store on 7th September 2021 at 19.30

Present: Chair Councillor Penny Rowe (PR), Vice Chair Councillor Judy Stephens (JS), Councillors; Dave Boraston (DB), Joseph Flynn (JF), Stephanie Chapman (SC), Cornwall Councillor Colin Martin (CM), Clerk Kerry Pearce (KP).

- 1. Chairman's Welcome and Public Participation.** PR addressed the meeting and invited members of the public to speak: Regarding Item 8.1 Planning Application PA21/08119 the applicants would like to make to Parish Council Members aware of their intentions to the land: They will be growing cut flowers as a new local business. The poly tunnel is essential to maximise the growing potential, no chemicals will be used, a heated poly tunnel will return a better crop. The applicant has recently attended a flower farming course. They are aiming for a high yield of crop in a small area. This year has been experimental on soil quality. They are currently working on a no dig growing method. This year's business plan of 3 bunches of flowers provided was exceeded, selling a total of 8. To gain a high-quality product they need an extended growing Season hence the application for the poly tunnel. The applicant invited the Parish Council to an onsite visit. The gateway is need of gravel to assist access. They are re wilding with native plants, increasing the insect population and want to share the Flora & Fauna in the area. They are passionate about the environment. In conclusion their observation of many developments they want to keep within the small, contained plan with ecological principles and stay within the laws.

SC ASKED: Are you planning for the future, in regard to size of the business and its growth with a possible need to live onsite. The applicant responded: "they will commute and want to keep the business within the fenced area."

There was no definitive answer to this question.

PR thanked the applicant, this will be discussed at Agenda Item 8.1

- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Katie Vine (KV), Peter Champness (PC).
- 3. Declaration of Members Interest.** (i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. (ii) Non Pecuniary Interest.
NONE
- 4. To receive the minutes of the Parish meeting held on 29th June 2021.** DB proposed they were of a true account, seconded by JS with all in favour.
- 5. Matters arising from those minutes.**
JS asked if the letter of complaint had been acknowledged by the planning department. KP confirm there has been no response.
- 6. Chairman's Report.**
PR reported she will be attending a Chairman's Training meeting in September.
- 7. Reports from Outside Organisations.**
 - a) *Devon & Cornwall Police.*
From 01/05/21 – 30/06/21 there were 8 crimes, 5 of which were domestic related, and 3 others. From 01/06/2021 – 31/08/2021 there were 5 crimes in the public domain inc. 2 Public Order offences, 1 theft, 1 harassment and 1 assault. POSC is still planning to set up a new Looe Community Speed Watch Team so if you know anyone who might be interested in joining, please pass on his details.
Numerous patrols have been conducted around the Parish and all was found to be in order.

b) *Cornwall Council.*

CM reported there had been some anti-social behaviour reported on Lerryn View. The residents feel the issues are not being dealt with by the police or the housing associations and have asked for assistance from Councillor Colin Martin.

Social Care tax rises: the bill for social care is currently £196m. Therefore, a rise in tax.

JS asked if a planning application has a change made are the applicants charged accordingly, (in relation to the constant changes on the Gilly Flower Application)? CM responded this matter is being looked into.

c) *Red Store.*

The red Store is now back up and running almost as usual. Exhibitions have been booked and attendance going well. There is a hand sanitiser station available for hirers and a traffic light stop and go facility. The Charity Day and the Christmas food fayre have been confirmed as have many art and selling exhibitions. The AGM is scheduled for January where the committee will be looking for a new treasurer.

8. Planning Applications.

1. PA21/08119 - Erection of a polytunnel and a greenhouse - Fawen Lerryn Lostwithiel PL22 OND – This application was discussed at length. JS proposed we refuse on the grounds of change of use and protection of the AONB status within a wildlife corridor. Little changes had been made since the previous application that had been refused for the reasons stated on the planning portal.

JF proposed we request a site visit with the planning officer with proper AONB guidance before making a decision, seconded by DB with all in favour. **KP to email planning officer requesting a site visit asap.**

2. PA21/07540 - Formation of a refrigerated loading bay, covered trolley depot, new entrance and changing room - Greymare Farm Grey Mare Hill Lostwithiel PL22 OLW – This application was discussed at length. JF proposed we object to this application unless the applicant can mitigate the visual impact, road safety & light pollution. Seconded by JS, SC abstained. **KP to email planning officer before submitting comments onto the planning portal.**

9. Planning Results.

- 1) PA21/00038 Land at Gillyflower Farm Cott Road – Awaiting Decision
- 2) PA21/02554 Sand School at Bereppa. – Approved
- 3) PA21/04396 Orangery – withdrawn.
- 4) EN19/01888 – At Stage 6 of enforcement.

10. **Grant Funding, Applications & use of Funds.** – KP has been in contact with Cormac regarding permission to erect the oak posts. They have requested images of locations along with designs, specifications & installation details. **SC & JS to send details to KP asap.**

11. **Neighbourhood Plan.** An update on proceedings. – ongoing.

12. **Common Land CL04/CL05.** To discuss the upkeep and safety of the area & the quote for the elm trees – KP had received three quotes for the work to be carried out. All Councillors agreed to go with TP Tree Services as they already do work with in the village. **KP to confirm the work to be carried out.**

- 13. Parish Newsletter.** To discuss any content for the next addition. **All Councillors to forward content asap for KP to put together.**
- 14. Road Safety of the corner at Trewether.** Ongoing
- 15. Code of Conduct and Email Correspondence.** KP asked all Councillors to familiarise themselves with the online training previously sent by Email.
- 16. Culvert Safety alongside the stepping-stones, Lerryn River.** To discuss the safety issues for the public byway across the river. **KP to contact Highways and environment agencies regarding the danger and public liability.**
- 17. Environment Plan.** To discuss the possibility of planting trees within the parish. **JF is looking into funding for trees and suitable locations.**
- 18. Correspondence & Circulars.**
To receive and understand the Internal Audit Report. – **All Councillors received and understood the Audit report.**
- 19. Finance; To confirm the drawing of the following cheques;**
 - I. **Cheque No: 440** to the Clerk for salary and expenses for £108.60 + £20.00 = **£128.60**
 - II. **Cheque No: 441** to Sue Blaxley for the Internal Audit and Report for **£100.00**
 - III. **Cheque No: 442** to K Hill & Partners Ltd for grass cutting for £79.20
 - IV. **Cheque No: 443** to the Clerk for salary and expenses for £108.60 + £20.00 = **£128.60**
The above cheques were proposed as one item by SC seconded by DB all in favour.
 - V. **Cheque No: 444** to the Clerk for Ink Cartridges for £17.00
Proposed by SC and seconded by JF with all in favour.
- 20. To approve the income and expenditure against the cash book to be signed by the chair.**
- 21. Any Other Business.**
NONE
- 22. The next meeting will be held in the Red Store on Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7.30pm**

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