

SHEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Sheviock Parish Council held on Monday 13th May 2013 in the Methodist Church Schoolroom, Crafhole, Cornwall at 7.00pm.

Prior to the meeting all councillors present signed their declaration of acceptance of office; councillor Mathias had signed hers earlier.

Present: Councillors C Kennedy, M Snowling, S Medway, P McLaren, A Pepper and R Skelly

In Attendance: L Coles, Parish Clerk.

There were 2 members of the public present.

Item 1. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Dorothea Mathias.

Item 2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

It was proposed by Councillor Medway and seconded by Councillor Snowling that Councillor Kennedy be re elected as Chairman. All were in favour. Councillor Kennedy accepted.

Item 3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

It was proposed by Councillor Snowling and seconded by Councillor Skelly that Councillor Medway be elected as Vice Chairman. All were in favour and Councillor Medway accepted.

Item 4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor Kennedy did not read out his report as it had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting but he covered a few of the points. He said that regarding the Gook Café it was time to move forward. The Parish Council had been successful in achieving a 30mph speed limit in Sheviock and the speed watch will be taking place in the near future. Councillor Kennedy thanked the outgoing Councillors for their contributions over the last 6 years and announced that Nancy Gray would not be returning to the post of Clerk at the end of her maternity leave. He suggested that this is reported in the Parish Newsletter and said that the post will be advertised in June with a view to appointing someone in July. A copy of the report is included as an appendix to these minutes.

Item 5. STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk had given all of the Councillors a copy of Standing Orders and every one signed the Master copy which will be retained in the Parish Office.

Item 6. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk had given all of the Councillors a copy of the Code of Conduct and will contact the Monitoring Officer for dates of training.

Item 7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

The Clerk had given all of the Councillors a copy of the registration forms for declaring any interests and Councillor Kennedy gave an explanation.

Item 8. ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES:

CALC – Councillors Kennedy and Medway

PLANNING – Councillor McLaren

TREE WARDEN – Councillor Pepper

FOOTPATHS – Councillor Kennedy

EMERGENCY PLAN – Councillor Snowling

OPEN SPACE – Councillors McLaren and Kennedy (with Karen Baker as a co opted member)

RAME PENINSULAR TRANSPORT – Councillor Mathias

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Councillors Medway and Kennedy

POLICE REPRESENTATIVE and POLICE PACT LIAISON OFFICER – Councillor Skelly

RESEARCHER – Councillor Medway (with help from Peter Nicholas)

Item 9. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 14th 2012

These Minutes were approved and signed at the Parish Council Meeting following this AGM

Item 10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.18pm.

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Appendix

2012/13 Chairman's Annual Report, Sheviock Parish Council.

Once again the past year has been dominated by controversy over planning but there are also successes to be appreciated and opportunities secured for the future.

The Parish Council is not the Planning Authority; that role is provided by Cornwall Council. However, we are Statutory Consultees on Planning matters and we are given the opportunity to support or object to all Planning Applications from within the Parish. The Gook Café has again dominated the planning issues for the parish during the past year. An appeal against an enforcement order by Cornwall Council for the removal of the café, decking and generator was rejected and the Inspector's decision upheld the enforcement order. Subsequently, however, a revised planning application was submitted for the retention of the Café. A parish meeting held in September gave residents the opportunity to voice their views on the application. The outcome of the meeting resulted in a clear majority against support for the application, although the reasons were probably as much related to what many had seen as an abuse of planning procedure as to the impact of the café itself. The Parish Council accordingly objected, but Planning Law can be very complex and at a subsequent meeting of Cornwall's Area East Planning Committee, approval was given for the retention of the café with conditions. The conditions related to the removal of the generator and improvements to the extraction system. Although the majority view from the parish meeting and that of the Parish Council has been overturned by Cornwall Council, we must now put that behind us. We must trust that the café will be a success, despite the landslips, because the worst possible outcome would be for it to close and become derelict.

The Parish Council's achievement of the year has certainly been realising a long held ambition to obtain a 30 mph limit along the A374 in Sheviock. After objecting to the decision of Cornwall Council's speed limit review team, who felt it was right to maintain the 40 mph limit, it was finally agreed the 30 mph limit was appropriate. It was introduced in December 2012 and legally came into force in March 2013. The parish speed watch team have now monitored speed twice and will continue to do so to make

motorists aware of the new limit. The Parish Council also lobbied hard for an effective solution to the site of a fatal accident on the A374 just to the west of its junction with the B3274. The earth bund and rebuilt bridge parapet are, we believe, a much improved safety feature, at a location where further crashes can be anticipated.

Looking to the future the Parish has negotiated with Cornwall Council to take responsibility for the toilets at Portwrinkle. This will ensure the toilets remain open to the public throughout the year. The cost of maintaining the toilets will be achieved by the Parish Council also taking responsibility for the Car Park, and its income, at Portwrinkle and for providing a management for the issuing of mooring licences at the harbour in Portwrinkle. This is an example of localism in action and will allow us to gradually tailor the provision to suit our local requirements. An example of this has already been achieved by listening to residents of Portwrinkle. This has led to a reduction in the number and size of the car park signage to the minimum required to allow enforcement to be applied, rather than the one-size-fits all imposed by Truro, whether it is a large town centre car park or, like ours, a small sea side car park.

The current Parish Council has been in place for 6 years, rather than the usual period of 4 years, because of Cornwall Council's decision to bring the election process for both County Council and Town and Parish Council to the same date when the Unitary Council was introduced in 2009. I must take this opportunity to thank all the councillors for their hard work over the years and in particular thank Karen Baker, Peter Harrison and Peter Nicholas who have chosen not to stand for the new council. Their input will be sorely missed. I must also praise the sterling work undertaken by our interim Clerk, Linda Coles, who joined us last November when Nancy started her maternity leave and will be with us until the autumn. Nancy has had a baby boy, Mathew, a brother for Bella-Louise.

Chris Kennedy Chairman 2012/13.

Post report note. Nancy has offered her resignation because of a change in personal circumstance. We are sorry that Nancy will not be joining us again in August but fully understand and support her reasons. Applications for her replacement will be advertised locally in June for appointment in July, and start in August.