

## SHEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in the Chapel Schoolroom, Crafhole at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT.** Councillors CK Kennedy Chairman, J M Snowling Vice Chairman, Councillors B Heapy, P Nicholas, P Harrison, C Wallin, Clerk C Crawford. There were 12 members of the public present. In attendance for discussion on Affordable Housing was Mr. Christopher Lunn from Cornwall Council.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman welcomed Christopher Lunn and the Parishioners to the meeting.

It was noted that the pump at Portwrinkle has been cleaned and David Dunn would like permission to paint it. As it may be listed Councillor Nicholas agreed to approach David Moore for clarification.

**Councillor Nicholas**

It was noted Jenny Campos submitted a note to the Forum on the parish website drawing attention to the question she raised in the Parish Newsletter if Crafhole should have a Parish Wind Turbine?

This would be a big operation and the Parish would need to find out if Crafhole is a suitable area.

The Chairman proposed to see what response Jenny receives from the newsletter and depending on the response to discuss at the next Parish Meeting. All agreed.

**Chairman/Clerk**

It was noted that a parishioner had spoken with the Chairman and pointed out that the plants along the front of Portwrinkle have taken a turn for the worse during the very cold winter this year and the mulch added to the bed has blown everywhere. A road sweeper is needed and it was proposed by the Chairman that the Parish Council write to Cornwall Council and ask them if they would clean up the mess from the mulch and if a sustainable frontage could be placed there. All agreed.

**Clerk**

The Chairman reported that he had also been approached by a member of the public regarding the poor condition of the public toilets at Portwrinkle. They had been inspected subsequently by two Councillors and their wives. There is a broken window in the ladies toilets which needs to be repaired and the age of the toilets appearance may make it difficult to clean. It was noted that the cleaner attends regularly and that he is seen to do a good job. It was agreed that the Council would write to Cornwall to confirm the cleaner does a good job, but ask for the broken window to be repaired and if it were possible to have the toilet bowls replaced to maintain hygiene. All agreed.

**Clerk**

A member of the public had written on behalf of a number of parishioners to raise concerns regarding loud music being played at Shevioc Lane and Cross Park. Since the complaint the loud music has now stopped and hopefully been resolved.

Christopher Lunn addressed the meeting and explained how the affordable housing had been allocated.

There are eight units. Four have gone to residents in the local community within Shevioc Parish. Two have gone to households neighbouring the Parish. Two have been unallocated.

To establish the qualifying criteria

1. A parent or child should have lived or worked in the Parish for three consecutive years or previously lived in the Parish not less than five years.
2. A parent or child should have lived or worked not less than five years in the adjoining Parishes of Deviock/St Germans/Antony/Landrake. Although Saltash is an adjoining Parish it was deemed as too big.

There are 5 rental properties. 2 x 2 bedroomed, 3 x 3 bedroomed.

### **2 Bedroom Houses**

They were first advertised on 17 March 2010 and there were nine bids. There were no applicants with a Gold Housing need band from this Parish. There were three Silver band and had local connection but on investigation one of these did not have local connection. One was offered and they rejected as they were offered a two bedroom house but wanted a three bedroom. On the 17 April 2010 they were re-advertised and there were forty eight bids. None of these had proven connections

and were unable to follow up any of the bids due to not leaving any contact details. On the 1 May 2010 they were re-advertised. One person bid locally and there were seventy eight further bids. A two bedroom has gone to residents who have local connections to this Parish.

### 3 Bedroom Houses

On the 17 March 2010 there were 8 bids. Only two appeared to have local connection or adjoining Parishes.

On the 31 March 2010 they were re-advertised and there were ten bids. Most of these were people who had previously bid. One was allocated through parent being local to this Parish. No other applicant qualified with a certified connection with a need for a three bedroom house. One went to residents from Deviock Parish and one went to residents from St Germans Parish.

### Shared Ownership

There were many enquiries. There were sixteen households who lived close enough. All sixteen enquiries were followed up and only one of those qualified who has a local connection. West Country Housing Association had to wait forty two days before they could re-advertise and cascade out to adjoining Parishes.

### Public response

The question was raised that three years ago the price of the affordable housing was quoted to be £73,000. The houses are presently advertised at £179,000 and this figure is not considered to be affordable to first time buyers.

Christopher Lunn was asked what the repayment charges would be for the lowest % shared ownership of 25%. He was not able to answer this question but agreed to forward the information to the Clerk.

A question was raised that if no residents come forward for affordable housing could they become rentable or would they be left empty. Christopher Lunn believes they will be allocated in the present bid, but it is possible to change a house from shared ownership to rentable if they are not filled when the advert goes Caradon wide.

A question was raised if the rented properties would remain purely to rent or could they be sold off in the future. Christopher Lunn assured the public that they would remain rentable and not sold off.

It was noted that Councillor Nicholas is a member of the Housing Group for the Rame Peninsular Trust. Simon Smale had recently attended meeting and reported on a scheme in North Cornwall on the set up of the Cornwall Community Land Trust. They work closely with Parishes. Actual overseeing of affordable housing is run by the Housing Trust in conjunction with the Parish Council. He felt this might be a suitable model for the Peninsular in future.

The Chairman thanked Christopher Lunn for attending.

### Parking in Portwrinkle

It was noted in response to the April Parish Council meeting and subsequent emails from Mr I Curtiss and Mike Harris and Mr Bracegirdle's telephone call to the Chairman, that the Chairman had met Sascha Wheatman the Prevention Group Manager from Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service on the 14 June and together walked up through Whitsand Bay View. The Chair addressed the meeting and read the response from Sascha Wheatman below:

"Following on from our site meeting today where we discussed the car parking arrangements during busy times of the year and the reluctance for people to use the designated car parking areas, I offer the following observations/guidance and recommendations.

- The junction of the main road into Whitsand Bay View Road - cars double parked, which was indicated to me has occurred on numerous occasions. If this is the case would present access issues to a standard Fire Appliance and render the road impassable.

- Cars double parking on the tight left hand uphill bend would also present an impassable situation for a standard Fire Appliance.
- Both of the above situations also lead to sight lines for both directions of traffic to be obscured leading to safety concerns for motorists and pedestrians. (I would like to add I did witness a near miss whilst at the site between 2 vehicles). They would also lead to extreme difficulties for Fire crews attending an emergency should they not be able to progress through.

I am aware that residents are of differing views as to the solution therefore my views are solely based on life safety issues in terms of ensuring that emergency vehicles can progress through the area free from restrictions whilst maintaining the balance of allowing residents to live in the area free from as many restrictions as possible.

Recommendations:

- Introduce parking restrictions at the entry into Whitsand Bay View and also on the tight left hand bend in the form of yellow lines.
- Guidance and or advice should be issued to the owners of the 2 properties that are available for rent on the tight bend in order that they can warn their residents of the issues surrounding the parking. And that the Fire Hydrant directly outside the property on the left going up the hill should be available at all times.”

It was noted there were concerns that the yellow lines proposed by the Fire Officer could be problematic and that people would park cars on the opposite side of the road which could still cause obstruction.

It was agreed that the Parish Council have a duty of care to ask Cornwall Council to action the Fire Officer recommendations as a matter of urgency. The Chair suggested the Parish Council write formally to Cornwall Highways and copy George Trubody asking for a traffic order to prevent parking on the inside of the bends and on the right hand side of the road between the bends on Whitsand Bay View between Easter and 1<sup>st</sup> October. Proposed by Councillor Nicholas and seconded by Councillor Snowling. Carried. **Chairman/Clerk**

In further discussion it was also agreed that the Parish should write to Cornwall and ask for the current arrangement of refusing to sell parking permits for use in the car park to non residents be reviewed as this simply encouraged additional parking in Whitsand Bay Road. Agreed by all. **Chairman/Clerk**

It was suggested that because of the ongoing parking issues along the front at Portwrinkle and beyond the Fish Cellars that parking regulations are brought forward from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> April. The parking signs are almost unreadable. The Parish Council will approach George Trubody to see if his discretionary money could be used to make the signs more clear and change the current traffic order. Proposed by the Chairman and agreed by all. **Chairman/Clerk**

It was noted that at the April meeting it had been suggested that the parish should contact owners and ask if they could put considerate parking in their welcome pack. The Chairman agreed to produce a draft note. **Chairman**

It was noted that the useable underground car park at the Fish Cellars is not being used due to a design problem. This needs to go back to planning. Proposed by Councillor Nicholas and agreed by all. **Chairman/Clerk**

It was noted that a member of the public would like the bus stop in the village to have a sign that made it clear which stop the bus would stop at (the Cross or opposite Kimberly Foster). It was agreed by Councillor Harrison to ask Geoff Cadwallader to produce something. This would need permission from the Transport Bus Company. Agreed by all. **Counsellor Harrison**

## **Gypsies and Travellers**

It was noted that the Statement of Policy in relation to unauthorised Encampment be circulated to all Councillors for information. **Clerk**

### **1. APOLOGIES.**

Apologies were received from Councillor D Mathias, CC. G Trubody and the Police.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest on agenda items or gifts over £25.

### **3. POLICE REPORT.**

In the absence of the police the Clerk read out the report. There had been no crimes reported for this month.

### **4. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

This had been covered during Public Participation.

### **5. Affordable Housing**

This had been covered during Public Participation.

### **6. PLANNING**

It was noted the Chairman would like to put a copy of the Planning and Regeneration brochure in a pack for information for all Counsellors.

### **7. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

Councillor Heapy wished for the following corrections to be made.

*Page 2 item 9 .should read "Asked for current signs to be reviewed" and not "to alter current signs"*

It was noted that since the last Parish meeting the letter to be sent to Paul Allen regarding removal of the unstable tree stump left on the bank opposite the Finnygook Inn has been actioned.

*Page 2 item 10 should read "an update will be obtained" and not "Councillor Nicholas will obtain"*

The minutes of the meeting were then proposed by Councillor Harrison and seconded by Councillor Heapy. Carried. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

### **8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES not covered by agenda items.**

There were no matters arising.

### **9. Transport**

It was noted that transport will be covered by Councillor Harrison and not Councillor Nicholas as reported in the Parish Annual meeting.

### **10. Parking at Portwinkle**

This had been covered during Public Participation.

### **11. Report of the Community Network meeting**

It was noted that Councillor Nicholas attended the recent Community Network meeting. The members were split into groups to identify problems as to what is affordable housing and what is social.

It was noted that the Chairman had recently attended the Community Gateway Network Meeting on the 7 June. CC George Trubody will be arranging a cluster meeting re Affordable Housing Working Meeting to feed into the Gateway meeting. It was proposed by the Chairman that a protocol needs to be put together urgently defining who should co-ordinate Cluster meetings such as CC George Trubody or the Community Network Manager. All agreed. **Chairman/Clerk**

## **12. Gypsies and Travellers**

This had been covered during Public Participation.

## **13. Site opposite Whitsand Bay Hotel**

It was noted that the fence was unsafe and that the plant growth was now obstructing the view along the road and forcing pedestrians to walk to road. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr Martin asking him to rectify these points as soon as possible. Councillor Snowling agreed to give the Clerk the address for Mr Martin. **Clerk**

## **14. Dog Ban**

It was noted the old legislation still applies. It was agreed that the situation remains the same as that agreed for 2010 but moved back by one year and will be reviewed in Sept 2011.

## **15. Correspondence**

a) Speed limit review A374 – a letter of response will be sent to Cornwall Council Chief Executive. A draft has been prepared by the Chairman. This will be circulated to all Councillors and following receipt of comments by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June will be forwarded to the chief Executive of Cornwall Council. **Chairman/Clerk**

b) It was noted that a member of the public had submitted a letter of complaint regarding a golf ball incident. It was proposed by Councillor Snowling that a copy of the letter with a covering letter noting that a 'near miss' incident had been reported to the Parish Council be sent to Mr & Mrs Phillips at Whitsand Bay Hotel. Agreed by all. **Clerk**

c) It was noted that the Parish had received a letter of complaint from a member of the public regarding shredded plastic on Portwrinkle beach. An acknowledgement letter will be sent explaining that shredding of plastic is now a maritime requirement. Proposed by the Chairman and agreed by all. **Clerk**

d) It was noted the Parish Council have not received a reply from the letter sent to Paul Allen on 1<sup>st</sup> June. If there is no response by the end of the month the Parish Clerk will chase. **Clerk**

## **16. Finance**

Clerk C Crawford salary for May 2010 £387.81 cheque number 100871  
Clerk C Crawford expenses for May 2010 £23.04 cheque number 100872  
Retired Clerk DMG Dunn salary for May 2010 £247.35 cheque number 100873  
Retired Clerk DMG gratuity £1308.27 cheque number 100874  
Memorial hall rental for Clerks office June 2010 £60.00 cheque number 100875  
Cornwall County Counsellors training days £35 cheque number 100876  
K Johnson roadside verge work £80.00 cheque number 100877  
K Johnson path clearance work £204.00 cheque number 100878  
BT Telephone and internet bill £169.57 cheque number 100879

## **17. Items for inclusion in future meetings.**

Removal of Asbestos

## **18. Date of next meeting**

The meeting was fixed for the 12 July 2010

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.19 p.m.

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