

OTTERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on WEDNESDAY 30th September 2015 at Otterham and St Juliot Village Hall opened at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Councillor Lintell, Councillors Horwell, Northcott and P and S Windley. The Clerk Mrs L.Packer in attendance and 15 members of the public.

1. **The minutes** having been circulated, prior to the meeting, were adopted and signed as a true record.
2. **Planning:** It was decided to move discussion on Planning application PA15/06639 Carwitham Barton forward.

The Chairman invited the applicants Mr and Mrs Quinn and members of the public to address the meeting. Mrs Quinn explained their business reasons for making the application and their commitment to renewable energy.

Mr Peter Wonnacott on behalf of the Agent Mr Walter Wonnacott responded to detailed questions from Councillors and members of the public.

Mr Chris Purdue made representations against the application. He felt the area has reached saturation point and while accepting non-carbon is needed felt this should be from other sources in view of the number of turbines now in the locality.

Mr Ian Bastian of Cockport Farm indicated that from his perspective there is a lot more noise from other things in the area.

Councillor Horwell was concerned that Wilsey and Pencuke were not included on the map supplied by ion acoustics.

By show of hands 12 members of the public present indicated they were supporting the application with only one putting up their hand as being against. Mr Stephanotti indicated he was only at the meeting because the red kiosk was on the Agenda and he did not wish to see it removed.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the application being in the AONB and government policy are material considerations that will be taken into account.

Councillor P Windley asked Mr Wonnacott detailed questions regarding the ion acoustics noise report and response from Paul Travis (Environmental Health Planning Liaison Officer).

The Chairman gave apologies to the meeting from Councillor Langley of St Juliot Parish Council who is also the Chairman of Otterham and St Juliot Village Hall Committee and wished the Council to know that he fully supports this application.

The Council voted to support the application with two votes in favour and one vote against.

After the vote Councillor P Windley questioned whether the vote was valid since he felt all the necessary information was not before the Council and that this was the reason that he had abstained from voting, as had Councillor S Windley. The Clerk informed the meeting that Councillor P Windley should have raised this issue before the vote had been taken because once the vote was taken it had become the binding decision of the whole Council to support the application. In this case the decision could not be overturned by the council unless the councillors who had abstained now decided to change their minds and vote against. Both the Councillors Windley indicated they would continue to decline to vote either way on the issue unless they had seen the revised information from Mr Paul Travis.

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Under these circumstances the Clerk advised a possible solution would be to take a supplementary vote to request a copy of the expected further report from Mr Travis to Cornwall Council, as this would allow the Councillors Windley to re-evaluate their position in the light of all the information they were asking for. Three Councillors would then be required to give notice to the Clerk to convene another meeting in order to reverse the decision in the light of the revised report should they decide not to continue to abstain and commit themselves to a vote against. (Please note: The Standing Orders of the Council prevents a decision being placed on an agenda and reversed within 6 months unless the Clerk receives written notice from three councillors).

It was resolved to request a copy of the revised consultation report from Mr Paul Travis (Environmental Health Liaison Officer) from Cornwall Council Planning Office for distribution to councillors.

Discussion then took place upon the difficulties parishioners had accessing information on this application from the Cornwall Council website. They had expected to access details by searching for applications in "Otterham" so there was considerable concern expressed that Cornwall Council had registered the application under "Marshgate" instead which is only a village shared by both Otterham and St Juliot parish councils when the application is in Otterham Parish. This was considered to be misleading to all interested persons locally. It was therefore resolved to write to Cornwall Council to bring this issue to their attention generally in respect of all future applications for the parish.

3. **Red Phone Box:** The Clerk reported that the Contract has been signed and returned by BT and that a sign must be displayed in the kiosk confirming that it now belongs to the Council and is no longer a public payphone.

After due consideration it was resolved community benefit funding be used to refurbish the Red Kiosk and that it should be used to provide the location for another defibrillator at the Otterham Churchtown location. The Clerk was delegated to take all necessary actions to refurbish the kiosk, identify a suitable defibrillator package and arrange for installation.

Councillors Horwell and S Windley very kindly volunteered to keep the Kiosk regularly inspected and kept tidy as necessary. Mr Stephanotti also very kindly volunteered to take a look at the door that it was reported is not currently closing properly and will assist the Clerk in identifying parts that may need replacement.

After many years of the phone box being without a light it was reported that the since the transfer to the council the lighting has been restored. The Clerk informed the meeting that this was a condition of the contract and that the electricity supply is being provided and paid for, until further notice, by BT.

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4. Finance:

- a. The Cashbook accounts to 30th September 2015 and bank reconciliation were presented and adopted.
- b. External Audit completed with no issues to report.
- c. The Clerk had negotiated a revision to the Aon Insurance cover and a revised schedule had been issued. Authorisation of the payment of £218.52 Cheque number 000219 dated 20 June 2015 was confirmed.(Minute reference 28th May 2015 3.d.)
- d. Authorisation of the payment of £1,250.00 Cheque number 000220 dated 2nd August 2015 to Jade Services for the new Notice board at Otterham Churchtown was confirmed. The Council endorsed the view that it looked very fine and fit for purpose and thanked Mr Stephanotti for his work.
- e. A letter of thanks from Mrs Helen Ward head teacher Otterham CP School was issued to all councillors confirming receipt of the "Awards for all" grant of £9,999 and PTA contribution of £5,000 approx. which together with a financial contribution from the school and the commitment from Otterham Parish Council has enabled completion of the play equipment/adventure trail project. The equipment will be kept fully insured, regularly inspected and kept in good repair for the duration of it's life here at Otterham.
 - i. Resolved to authorise issue of the payment of £500.00 cheque number 000221 payable to Otterham CP School from the Community Benefit Fund for the play equipment/adventure trail project.
 - ii. Resolved to authorise issue of the payment of £500.00 cheque number 000222 to Otterham CP School for the play equipment/adventure trail project (S.137).
- f. **Donation requests:**
 - i. Little Otters Childcare Centre; Alteration to facilitate wheelchair access. No reply to letter to date:- Carried forward.
 - ii. Friends of Bude Sea Pool:- carried forward.

5. Cornwall Records Office: It was decided for the Clerk to review the historic documents and records now held by the council and to deposit appropriate historic documents and records at the County Records Office.

6. Highways: Councillors expressed concern at the very poor condition of the roads in the parish especially the road past Penhale and also between Caroe Cross and Cockport.

7. General correspondence to date reported upon and received.

8. Date of next meeting: To be set by Chairman and Clerk.

The meeting was closed at 9.45 p.m.