

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 2 March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Church Hall

Present: Councillors: Jon Bennett, Mervyn Law(Chairman), Trisha Melzer, Jenny Smith, Martin Stanbury, Ray Willis and Clerk, David Scott. Four members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Graham Clarke (on business) and Ward Member Adam Paynter.

2. Chairman's Comments: None

3. Questions from the public on Agenda Items only (Standing Orders in abeyance):

- An objection was lodged by one parishioner against a planning proposal for the installation of a wind turbine at Villaton Farm (see Item 6). 'The turbine would be twice as high as any surrounding structures and stand out in the skyline. There were 2 other turbines-one at Grange Farm 77m (not yet built) 14,000 distant and Bennacott 77m 24000m distant. Noise-the site was close to farm buildings and the possibility of reflection/amplification of noise existed. A noise assessment and report should be undertaken'.

4. DPIs: None.

5. Disclosures of Interest: None.

6. Planning:

- PA15/00414-Installation of 1 x 5KW small wind turbine (EvanceR9000) on a 15m tower at Villation Farm for Mr Harold McAnlis. Noted Case Officers comments 'a similar application was refused primarily due to the lack of information provided. Details were tabled. The information had now been submitted and provided that noise and ecology were addressed then no other issues were foreseen at this stage'.
Councillors representations:
 1. General Views-The site was outside the Development Boundary.
 2. Beneficial or adverse effects-there will be a cumulative impact.
 3. Effect on surrounding buildings-None.
 4. Acceptability of design-Not applicable.
 5. Problems with site access or parking-None.
 6. Adequacy of highway to cope-None.
 7. Adequacy of local services to cope-Not applicable.
 8. Particular features existing on site which should be retained-None.
 9. Problems with noise-Cumulative noise may be a problem due to the number of other wind turbines in the area. The cumulative noise potential should be investigated.
 10. Suggestions to improve the development-None.
 11. Matters which incorporate 'local knowledge'-The impact on wild life should be considered.
 12. Previous planning history of the site-This proposal in a new location meets some of the previous concerns. Noted in a location surrounding, an application had been made for a solar farm (PA14/08272).

As proposed by Councillor Melzor and seconded by Councillor Smith and on a vote of 4 in favour and none against it was:

Resolved that the above comments be forwarded to Cornwall Council. Secondly as proposed by Councillor Stanbury and seconded by Councillor Strout and on a vote of 4 in favour it was,

Resolved that this Council supports the application.

7. Minutes: As proposed by Councillor Stanbury, seconded by Councillor Melzer and on a vote of 4 in favour and none against it was:

Resolved that ‘those Minutes of Meeting dated 2 February 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record and that they be signed by the Chairman’.

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8. Matters arising and Clerk’s Report: None.

9. Finance: As proposed by Councillor Stanbury, seconded by Councillor Smith and on a vote of 4 in favour and none against it was:

Resolved that the following cheques be signed: 634 (David Scott-Clerk’s salary):635 (David Scott-BPC Administrative expenses): 636 (Launceston Sports £6.50 Trophy engraving): 637 (Lyreco-Stationery items £117.52) and 638 (The Post Office-salary tax element).

10. Correspondence on Circulation: No matters arising.

11. New Correspondence:

- Friends of Bude Sea Pool: A contribution to their running expenses would not be made.
- Cornwall Council’s Supplementary Planning Guidance-Members to send any comments to the clerk.

12. Annual Meeting 2015 and beyond:

- As proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Melzer and on a vote of 4 in favour and none against it was: **Resolved** that the current arrangements be continued this year i.e. that there would be an open ‘public session’ as usual and a routine parish council meeting would follow on 20 April 2015. The calling letter was to request confirmation of attendance of representatives of all parish organisations: the Ward Member and Police would be invited: the public would have the opportunity to engage the parish council following the reading of its Annual Report.
- Suggestions which included measures to encourage the public to attend meetings and ‘get to know’ the workings of the council and stimulate interest through an open informal gathering on a Saturday morning with tea/coffee provided during the autumn. The matter would be raised on the agenda for more detailed discussion later in the year.

13. Members’ Questions:

- Car parking at the school was a serious problem-higher pupil numbers had led to an ever increasing number of cars seeking a space resulting haphazard parking on nearby banks. Complaints had been made to councillors. The clerk was to write to the school and encourage it to produce a plan which could be supported by the Parish Council in an effort to resolve the issue. Regarding funding, the Ward Member’s Community Chest would be investigated as a possible source of funding. Meanwhile Highways were to be asked to clear up adjacent banks following their ditching operation.
- Potholes in Braggs Hill, Underline, North Tamerton Road (Bradridge Farm) and (Hornacott Smithy-albeit in North Tamerton Parish were to be reported.
- Councillor Melzer made a complaint about Councillor Clarke. She had attended a Boyton PCC Parish Church Hall Committee Meeting as a committee member. A matter was discussed regarding Boyton Sports Club of which Councillor Strout was the treasurer: Councillor Melzer agreed to take up the matter with him. Councillor Clarke then suggested that Councillor Strout owed Councillor Melzer a favour as she was his ‘friend’ now. Councillor Melzer believed that this statement implied and referred to the planning application for an AD Plant at Bradridge Farm an item on the agenda of the Parish Council’s Meeting of 2 February 2015. Councillor Melzer confirmed that at no time had Councillor Strout or any member of his family or any other person in any connection with any Parish Council matter or planning application influenced any decision or vote that Councillor Melzer had made. The chairman replied that he would invite Councillor Clarke to respond next meeting.
- Noted that the next meeting of the Launceston Community Network was 15 March 2015 at North Hill. Apologies would be rendered if no member could attend.

14. Public Participation:

- Noted with thanks regarding the ‘additional’ dog bin (originally a litter bin now re-designated) opposite the Methodist Church. A replacement litter bin would now be requested.

* Website-requested that the facility be re-designed to accept interactive public access. Item to be

discussed next meeting.

15. Date of next Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish of Boyton: Monday 20 April 2015.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.