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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AT 7.34PM**

**110/2020 PRESENT: CLLR. M HARRY (CHAIRMAN), CLLR. HEWITT, CLLR. GAMMON, CLLR. HILTON, CLLR. A WILLSHEE, CLLR. F J DYER MBE, CLLR. M HOLROYD, CLLR. D GREEN, CLLR. ROBINSON, CLLR. I HOLROYD, CLLR. YEXLEY**

**MRS K J HARDING – CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

**Also present:** Two guest speakers for the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, Headteacher at Threemilestone School, Cllr. D Tudor

**111/2020 APOLOGIES: Cllr. La Borde (submitted on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020)**

**112/2020 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

**Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Kenwyn Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.**

No declarations of interest.

**113/2020 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM, 3 MINUTES PER PARISHIONER)**

**Cllr. Green** – mentioned a Threemilestone resident who had been unable to connect to the last meeting via Zoom.

**The Chairman** advised the Clerk had spoken with the person at length on various matters on 17<sup>th</sup> July and this had all been sorted out.

**114/2020 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were agreed and signed.

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were agreed and signed.

**115/2020 TO NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL DURING AUGUST 2020 AS THIS IS THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL RECESS PERIOD**

**The Council noted there will be no meetings of the Council during August 2020 as this is the annual recess period. The next meeting would be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7pm via Zoom.**

**116/2020 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TABLETS, CASES AND KEYBOARDS FOR KENWYN COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND NON COUNCIL MEMBERS TO LOAN WHILST COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO MEET CLIMATE EMERGENCY PLAN AIMS**

**RESOLVED: TO PURCHASE OF TABLETS, CASES AND KEYBOARDS FOR KENWYN COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND NON COUNCIL MEMBERS TO LOAN WHILST COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO MEET CLIMATE EMERGENCY PLAN AIMS**

**Proposed by: Cllr. Hilton**

**Seconded by: Cllr. Gammon**

**Vote: unanimous**

**117/2020 UPDATE ON THREEMILESTONE PROJECTS – RICHARD BRANCH AND STEPHEN HORSBROFT**

**Mr Stephen Horscroft** – introduced himself and his role in relation to the project at Threemilestone School. He had been appointed by the school to help raise funds for the new school hall/sports hall. Cornwall Council had agreed to fund £888,000 of the project as the current hall was not fit for purpose. The new hall would be located on the School's playing fields and there was an opportunity to upgrade it to a Sports Hall for community use, local groups and to support the stadium.

Mr Horscroft advised whatever was built must be complimentary around what was being developed in Truro, at the College and at the Stadium. Mr Horscroft advised he had found holding discussions with those involved with the Stadium difficult. However, he could advise that the Stadium now would have no associated pitches for community or local club use. He further advised there was an opportunity to have those pitches at the school.

Mr Horscroft spoke on the various sizes and types of hall that could be built and the type of sports facilities they could contain.

There would be some design modifications to enable whatever was eventually decided but what was really important would be safeguarding and ensuring separate entrances for the children attending the school. It would be great to get those children involved in what the clubs had to offer as well in

terms of health and wellbeing, physical fitness and working as a team, leadership, food and nutrition and personal responsibility.

Match funding – Mr Horscroft was currently talking to Cornwall Council and the Truro Board who were responsible for the £25 million grant awarded by the Government to improve the town and help with the post Covid-19 recovery strategy. Cllr. Tudor interjected at this point to advise Kenwyn Parish could apply to this fund for projects in Threemilestone.

Mr Horscroft was in discussion with Cornwall Council on how much S106 money was available to support the capital elements. Whatever the results were of the community engagement and discussions would dictate how much money needed to be applied for. He further advised that Cornwall Council was very clear that as Langarth developed gradually the focus for the community was certainly on Threemilestone Village Centre. Mr Horscroft was also working with the Community Centre on their improvement project. It would very much be that Threemilestone Village Centre supported Langarth rather than creating a brand new stand alone community at Langarth with no links to Threemilestone.

Mr Horscroft asked the council to support the scheme via supplying access to the hall across its existing playing field and also to help with match funding for the project. Some of the play equipment in the field was causing an issue with the provision of access. Mr Horscroft believed that Cormac would be installing the parish council's new play equipment 'in the way' of the proposed access route in the coming weeks. The Chairman assured him it was not Cormac and furthermore the new equipment would be installed near the houses which was nowhere near the proposed access.

Support was needed from Kenwyn Parish Council for this project. Mr Horscroft wished Kenwyn Parish Council to advocate on the project. Mr Horscroft also said match funding from the parish council would show commitment to the project.

**The Chairman** wished to make it clear that the parish council had not agreed to any access across its field as yet. Mr Horscroft advised it was an issue that needed resolving.

**Cllr. Robison** asked for much more detail on the project and also asked why the Stadium no longer had associated pitches with it despite this being one of the reasons Cornwall Council had agreed to help fund it. Cllr. Robison was also concerned about how accessible the hall and pitches would be once they were built. Mr Horscroft advised that although the project would be linked to the stadium, they were in fact two separate issues. This would be a hall for the school, but members were told there was interest out there from other clubs and organisations to make it better.

**Cllr. Tudor** interjected in response to Cllr. Robison's point and said that Cornwall Council had been 'tricked' as it had supported the Stadium scheme believing the pitches were included and it was aware that they had now been removed but there was a public record of the pitches and this was on record and gave her leverage to argue that Threemilestone still needed pitches to the tune of £330,000 once Langarth had been built out.

**Cllr. Green** agreed with Cllr. Robison and said that the PFI status of the school meant that whatever was built there did not necessarily belong to the school or the council. It could end up in the ownership of the PFI company. The headteacher advised that discussions had begun with the PFI company and it was in her words 'doable' to pay to get out of the part of the contract relating to ownership of the school playing fields. It would depend on the cost. She also advised the project could not exist by itself so needed community use and involvement.

**The headteacher** acknowledged the concerns of the parish council on this point.

**Cllr. Hilton** asked the speakers to clarify what they meant by the project would support delivery at the Stadium. Mr Horscroft stated that was the aim because if the pitches weren't at the stadium but they were available at the school then teams that were looking to participate in sports would have the facilities they needed there instead of at the stadium. This would be a bonus situation but the project could go ahead without the Stadium. Mr Horscroft had written to the Local Enterprise Partnership to seek clarification on that.

**Cllr. Yexley** asked if the £888,000 was from Cornwall Council or from the Truro Town Bid, Mr Horscroft advised this was from Cornwall Council and was secure as it was paying for the new school hall but Cornwall Council was also happy that the money was used as match funding to provide a sports hall and better facilities. The Town Bid fund could add to this. Cllr. Yexley asked if the land was available to provide all this. The headteacher spoke on the land availability.

**The Chairman** referred to the fields behind in the ownership of Cornwall Council as part of the County Farm – he asked how many years were left on the lease there. Cllr. Tudor advised members not to take too much notice of the lease arrangement and how long it had left. She also felt the two schemes were getting muddled up. Cllr. Yexley advised she had no objection to the school having a new hall but the two schemes were being presented together and she wished to ensure there was sufficient land available.

**Cllr. Green** felt the projects at the school, the playing fields, the community centre and the stadium were morphing into one project. He asked that this be clarified. Cllr. Tudor advised they were interconnected because if Langarth wasn't happening none of these projects would either.

**Mr Richard Branch** took over the presentation at this point. He explained his background and how he and his firm had developed a pack of option designs for Threemilestone which he then costed and put into a business case for Cabinet approval by Cornwall Council. That was done over a 6-month period and it concluded in April. The pack of options were issued and consisted of three main schemes in Threemilestone – the Community Centre, the public realm and the sports pitches at the back of the school. The sports hall sat outside of their remit as did the Kenwyn Parish Council playing field and land. They were conscious that due to their location they were inextricably linked and they were keen to present them as a whole.

The Business Case was submitted in April. That would take six months to get to Cabinet so that should be in November 2020 where hopefully the funding would be agreed.

The final pack of designs was shown to members on the screen.

There were seven options for the sports field layout, only one did not involve Kenwyn Parish Council Land. The preferred option, option 7, was shown to members.

Mr Branch referred to the new hall and the proposed new car park layout and lane going through KPC land. **Cllr. Holroyd** advised the parish council had not agreed with this. Mr Branch advised he knew that and this was just an indicative design. It had been hoped that in late March or early April Kenwyn Parish Council could have looked at the design and agreed the access but due to Covid-19 this had proved impossible so the Business Case had to be submitted using the only option that did not include KPC land although this was not the preferred option.

If there was agreement later on to go across KPC land the funding would still be there because the bid was costed on the most expensive option and route.

**Cllr. M Holroyd** – asked what the projections were for the usage of the hall because he was concerned that there were already similar facilities nearby at Truro College, the Leisure Centre and at Richard Lander School. He felt if this went ahead it would make it very Threemilestone ‘centric’ for the parish and he wondered if realistically there was enough need for this extra facility. He asked how busy they envisaged the hall would be.

Mr Horscroft replied saying the principal of Truro College had said he supported this project as already the demand at the college outstripped the availability. There were a number of issues about sports clubs being able to access facilities when other sports clubs were in there. There were also issues about children in the school being able to access after school sports clubs. Mr Horscroft further advised he would map that demand soon.

**Cllr. M Holroyd** – said he did not understand what would make this project infallible to the problems experienced at the college and the leisure centre. He asked what would stop this new facility being taken over by clubs and preventing children from using it. He asked how this hall would be different. Mr Horscroft advised a joint booking system would be essential to address this. During the day the school would have first access to the hall but outside these times it would be available to the community and clubs. Mr Horscroft conceded this had to be worked on and considered in the project. The head teacher advised this was an especially important part of the work being done as it would dictate the size of the hall that would be built. If there was no demand or need for it then it would be a very small school hall but if there was demand it would be built to meet that. The head teacher said they were looking at what the hall would look like in 15 – 20 years’ time and projecting ahead.

**Cllr. M Holroyd** thanked the head for this explanation but pointed out many projections are made which turn out to be incorrect.

**Cllr. Tudor** spoke at this point saying that as the Cornwall Councillor for three years trying to get Cornwall Council to back and fund better facilities for the school and for Threemilestone and Gloweth that this was an opportunity and instead of thinking of reasons why it shouldn’t happen the parish council should think of reasons why it should and she was flabbergasted at the negative attitude coming forward. The Chairman referred to previous discussions with Cllr. Tudor where he had explained that a lot of the councillors were seeing this project for the very first time, they were not being negative they were simply asking questions to understand the scheme. Cllr. Tudor addressed this by saying all members of the council were invited to attend the public consultations about this project that went on for months and they could have found out all about it then if they had attended. She said she was very disappointed that there wasn’t much positivity about the scheme.

**Cllr. I Holroyd** referred Cllr. Tudor back to one of the original meetings held at the school and felt that from what was presented then to where it was today had grown like topsy. He reminded Cllr. Tudor that he had expressed the need for joined up meetings where all parties were involved including the parish council but that this had not happened. He referred to the smaller meetings that took place that never fed back to the other parties. He advised this was why the questions were coming now because they would have come earlier in the process if the council was involved.

**Cllr. Tudor** thanked Cllr. Holroyd ‘for the opportunity to put a stop to this nonsense’. She further added Cllr. Holroyd in his previous role as Chairman had been invited to attend meetings, he had

been invited to attend the public consultations along with all the other councillors. 200 people had attended but not the majority of the parish councillors. Therefore, she added, nothing had been going on behind closed doors.

**Cllr. Holroyd** advised he had been told Mr Branch was keen to work with the parish council on numerous occasions but that had led to nothing. Therefore, the parish council had not been consulted. The Langarth Masterplan with the sports hall tagged on the end had now been presented to the parish council a couple of times but not this scheme.

**Cllr. Tudor** advised that multi million-pound projects were being consulted on in the parish but councillors did not bother attending the events. She said she thought it might have been a priority to actually turn up even if it was just as a member of the public living in the area if nothing else.

**Cllr. Hewitt** advised this was getting the council nowhere and that members were there to do their best for the community and looking back at who said what or what should have been done etc did not help. She asked members to focus on the amazing opportunity in front of them and work out how the parish council could support it moving forward. **Cllr. Yexley** agreed saying the bickering was getting in the way of progress. She further advised she supported wholeheartedly the scheme before members.

**Mr Branch** was invited to continue his presentation. He advised that on the slides the pitches were shown as football pitches. He wished to say this was indicative only to show the size of what could be put there.

The village centre upgrades were shown to members. This was as shown in the Langarth Masterplan presentation.

Mr Horscroft asked for support from the parish council by way of a vote and perhaps a letter of support.

The Chairman advised no vote could take place given the agenda item was just an 'update'. Some members and Cllr. Tudor pushed several times for a vote and Cllr. Tudor disagreed with the Chairman that a vote could not be taken.

Whilst discussing option 7 (picture below) with regards to access across Threemilestone Playing Field, the Chairman, on behalf of the parish council gave "in principle" support for the access and the project provided this was the option that was finally used.



No vote was taken so it was important to note this was in principle, but it would be minuted that this support had been given.

Mr Horscroft and Mr Branch were thanked for attending the meeting and for their presentation.

**118/2020 TO APPROVE THE SECOND MONTHLY ACCOUNTS FOR JULY AND AGREE PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED: TO APPROVE THE SECOND MONTHLY ACCOUNTS FOR JULY AND AGREE PAYMENT**

**Proposed by: Cllr. Hilton**  
**Seconded by Cllr. I Holroyd**  
**Vote: unanimous**

**119/2020 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE RE-OPENING DATE FOR SHORTLANESEND VILLAGE HALL (IF POSSIBLE) THERE WILL BE A CONFIDENTIAL ITEM AT THE END OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS STAFFING ISSUES RELATING TO THE HALL**

**The Chairman** – suggested a provisional date of 14<sup>th</sup> September for the hall to re-open. The Clerk had produced a letter that should be sent to all hirers asking them to indicate if they wished to return to the hall and if so when that would be. They would also be asked to produce their own Risk Assessments which needed to be agreed before they would be permitted to come back to the hall.

The Chairman asked members to agree to the letter being sent, the date of 14<sup>th</sup> September to be the provisional re-opening date, the new Cleaning Schedule to be introduced, the hall to have a further deep clean ahead of re-opening subject to confirmation at the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 which would be dependent on the responses received from hirers and the Covid-19 situation at that time.

Members agreed with all these points.

**RESOLVED: To write to all hirers to obtain their responses as to if and when they intend to return to the hall, to use 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 as the intended re-opening date to be confirmed or otherwise on 7<sup>th</sup> September, to carry out a final deep clean of the hall ahead of re-opening, to implement the new Cleaning Schedule, all dependent on responses from hirers and Covid-19 situation as at 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020. To have in place agreed Risk Assessments and signed and dated new Terms and Conditions of Hire from all hirers.**

**Proposed by: Cllr. Yexley**

**Seconded by: Cllr. Gammon**

**Vote: unanimous**

**120/2020 ANY OTHER ITEM THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS AS URGENT**

No other urgent items.

**The meeting closed at 9pm.**