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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th JULY 2020 HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM AT 7.49PM CHAIRED BY THE VICE CHAIRMAN, CLLR. M HARRY

066/2020 PRESENT: CLLRS. M HARRY (VICE CHAIRMAN), B HILTON, D GREEN, T HEWITT, F J DYER MBE, A GAMMON, W ROBINSON, K HART, A WILLSHEE, R YEXLEY

MRS K J HARDING – CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Also present: Cllr. D Tudor

The Chairman made everyone aware that the meeting was being recorded both by audio and video.

067/2020 APOLOGIES: CLLR. I HOLROYD (CHAIRMAN), CLLR. LA BORDE (lost signal and submitted apologies to Clerk)

068/2020 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.

Cllr. Harry – declared an interest in item 11. He advised he would take no part in the item and would ask Cllr. Hilton to chair it.

069/2020 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM, 3 MINUTES PER PARISHIONER)

Cllr. Green – asked members to consider holding meetings in Threemilestone. The Chairman advised no physical meetings could take place now or for the foreseeable future due to the Covid-19 pandemic. He further advised this matter could not be taken forward under ‘Questions from Parishioners’. Cllr. Hilton was surprised there were so many people in Threemilestone who wished the council to relocate there when none of them took advantage of the virtual meetings currently being held. Cllr. Tudor advised that was because they did not have the necessary skills. Cllr. Hilton felt the virtual meetings would be a good thing to continue with going forward anyway.

Cllr. Green – wished to thank the Clerk and Graham Harding for the tremendous work they had done to get the playing fields back open in line with the Government’s guidance. This included the cleaning, signage, removing the play equipment and tables to storage to maintain social distancing and all other measures taken in such a short time.

070/2020 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman wished to thank the Clerk, Graham Harding and his staff for everything they had done to make the playing fields safe to re-open and for the ongoing work to keep the areas safe.

The Chairman advised the Clerk and Graham Harding should also be thanked for arranging the removal of the shelter at Shortlanesend Playing Field which had happened on the day of the meeting. Already the council had received thanks from two separate households who were very relieved and grateful to see the shelter go.

The Chairman advised the Clerk and Graham Harding had worked hard to get the CCTV up and running at Threemilestone Playing Field and this was now very close to completion.

The Chairman wished to thank the Clerk for the excellent Risk Assessments she had put together on the re-opening of playing fields and the village hall. He advised the Government guidance was coming out in dribs and drabs and this made it difficult to keep pace with everything, but he and members felt the risk assessments were excellent. It had taken a lot of extra work to get these in place and actioned.

Members were very grateful for everything that had been done.

The Chairman advised further help was needed to get all the public rights of way inspected. Some had been looked at but there were a large number left to do. Cllr. Green said he would pick up the slack where he could. The Clerk was asked to email out the latest list.

Finally, the Chairman asked members to please respond to emails sent out by the Clerk particularly during these difficult times as urgent decisions were often needed.

071/2020 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 8th June 2020 were agreed and signed.

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072/2020 REPORTS OF MEETINGS

Cllr. Hilton – had attended an online CALC training session on Planning. Part of the training was dropped and the focus was on the relaxation of licensing to allow cafes and restaurants to use outside pavement seating areas in order to assist with the Covid-19 social distancing and the use of

outside spaces as these were thought to be safer areas. He advised the training had been very interesting.

073/2020. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS – TO BE SUBMITTED AHEAD OF THE MEETING. QUESTIONS FROM THE REPORTS ONLY

Cllr. Dyer – had sent the following email which formed his report for July.

Dear Ian, Thank you for your email, and yes my wife are within the N.H.S. vulnerable situation because my wife had a letter from the N.H.S. advising her [and by implication me as well because we still live together] to be extra cautious etc. However this does not really affect my local government work because all three Parishes that fall into my electoral division all operate using the zoom system including their clerks and the telephone system. Many of the "County Officers" are either furloughed or just "working from home" which in some cases can make life interesting if one does not have their mobile phone numbers but as the weeks go by I am building up my own phone system of mobile phone numbers

However your actual questions, I am most surprised re your question about the Public House in Shortlanesend because the Landlord Mark Harry your Vice Chairman has always declared his interest and therefore does not take part in any discussion or voting on any issue regarding Public House Business .and of course did just that with me

Moving on to the Post Office/Shop Steven the Owner told me this week he will be delighted now he has news from Central Government that he will be able to unlock the main front door to allow customers in and out of the shop rather than having to use the side door. Having spoken with Barry Hilton who has also spoken with the same two gentlemen that he will be bringing some suggestions to the Parish Council Monday evening that I hope the council will see fit to support because they have come about from discussions with Mark and Steven

Other issues from my County Council report that have taken quite a large amount of time in the last month, firstly the Carnon River Drainage System has not coped with the excess water that has not flowed through this valley as it should with most of the arches which carry the bridge and traffic from Bissoe to Perran-ar-worthal being blocked over a period of time three adjoining cottages in Bissoe suffered to a lesser or greater extent some form of flooding. The issue of this valley drainage rests with the Environment Agency and they over the years have been most reluctant to spend what will be large amounts of money lowering the river bed all the way from Bissoe to Devoran mainly because of the mineral deposits which are so expensive to remove from the silt that has to be dug out to achieve swifter cleaner drainage at Bissoe and save those cottages from being flooded. I always try to avoid being political at Parish Council but to try and put pressure on the environment agency have talked with Mrs Cheryl Mackory our new M.P. for Truro/Falmouth who has this week, I think, had a meeting with the Chairman of The Environment Agency, but at this time of writing have not had a report back but am most anxious to hear the result.

Secondly at Chacewater Parish at in fact Wheal Busy, the Wheal Jane Mine Blacksmith's Shop building which is Grade 1V listed as being one of if not the actual largest building in the interest of mining heritage in the County if not the Country owned by Tregothnan Estate [Lord Falmouth]. Plans have been drawn for its re-instatement which I see as important as this building would in good condition make in itself a very important "gateway" to the village of Wheal Busy. Chacewater Parish Council, Tregothnan Estate, English Heritage and myself are backing this scheme.

Thirdly Chy- Godphlyn Cottage near Chiverton Roundabout that Kenwyn Parish Council agreed to disagree with the Planning Officer Mr Jeremy Content has been refused. This House itself was in fact a conversion from a building from the former Burra Burra mine buildings and had already been given permission to be further divided into two dwellings, so to have three homes on this site was considered to be overdevelopment of the total site that the neighbours did not support and are happy with the result.

I am sorry that this report is so long but I have had the honour of representing this area ever since Cornwall Council was first thought of and of course before that Cornwall County Council The Baldhu Ward of Kea Parish [which goes right up to Playing Place Garage,] all of Chacewater Parish that ends at Scorrier and in the earlier days including my County Council seat relied on Threemilestone as well the rest of Kenwyn It is an area I have lived in all my life and got to know it well

Yours with Kind Regards John

Cllr. Tudor – advised she would read her report out as she hadn't had time to send it in. Cllr. Tudor was questioned by Cllr. Robinson as to why she had not complied with the agenda item and sent it in ahead of the meeting. He felt it should not be read out.

Cllr. Tudor asked that she be given at least a ten-minute slot at future meetings as a lot was happening that she needed to report on and things were changing every day.

Cllr. Tudor advised Cornwall Council had agreed £888,000 funding for the new hall at Threemilestone School. The School would need to find the rest of the funding. This would not have to wait for Langarth to get underway.

Cornwall Council had also agreed to partly fund the extension to Threemilestone Community Centre. The Committee there would need to raise further funds to deliver this and they had been asked to work up a Business Plan to begin this.

Funding for the new football pitches in Threemilestone would be secured through the Langarth S106 agreement.

Works to the public realm would have to wait until the Langarth development got under way.

Cllr. Green asked about governance issues given works to provide the new school hall would have funding from Cornwall Council. Cllr. Tudor felt it was best to get the hall built and worry about the governance afterwards. Cllr. Green advised he still had concerns about this aspect.

Cllr. Green asked Cllr. Tudor if the group formed to look at projects in Threemilestone had been discontinued with or if it would be meeting again in the future. Cllr. Tudor felt it may meet in the future but she did not know when. She had other projects to look at which the group may be able to help with.

The Chairman asked Cllr. Tudor to ensure her reports were submitted in writing a few days ahead of the meetings in the future.

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Seconded by: Cllr. Robinson
Vote: unanimous**

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**Proposed by: Cllr. Yexley
Seconded by: Cllr. Robinson
Vote: unanimous**

077/2020 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL - REOPENING HIGH STREETS SAFELY FUND

The Chairman – passed the meeting to Cllr. Hilton to chair this item as he had declared an interest and then took no part.

Cllr. Hilton advised he had spoken with local businesses in Shortlanesend and compiled a list of requirements to be included on the application for funding to Cornwall Council. He hoped the application could be submitted this week.

Cllr. Green and Cllr. La Borde had visited businesses in Threemilestone on two occasions, once with Cllr. Tudor, and had compiled a list of requirements for this area. The Clerk had put the application together along with three prices for each item and that had been submitted by her on 3rd July. It was hoped the application would be successful and this could then be progressed. Those involved were thanked for their efforts and the meeting was handed back to Cllr. Harry to chair.

078/2020 TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY ACCOUNTS AND AGREE PAYMENT

RESOLVED: TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY ACCOUNTS FOR JULY 2020 (FIRST ROUND) AND AGREE PAYMENT

Proposed by: Cllr. Hilton

Seconded by: Cllr. Hart

Vote: unanimous

079/2020 ANY OTHER ITEM THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS AS URGENT

Chairman – advised there would be one more meeting before the summer recess and this would be held on 20th July again using Zoom. The agenda hadn't been finalised as yet but he asked members to allow plenty of time so council business could be completely up to date before the break.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.