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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2020 HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM AT 7.16PM**

**044/2020 PRESENT: CLLRS. I HOLROYD (CHAIRMAN), M HARRY (VICE CHAIRMAN), B HILTON, D GREEN, T HEWITT, F J DYER MBE, A GAMMON, W ROBINSON, A WILLSHEE, K LA BORDE**

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

Also present: Two Cornwall Council Officers and Cornwall Cllr. D Tudor

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

**045/2020 APOLOGIES:** Cllr. M Holroyd

**046/2020 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.

**047/2020 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM, 3 MINUTES PER PARISHIONER)**

**Cllr. Green** – advised the council the Tree Services Contractor would be trimming back the tree at Chyvelah Ope shortly following further complaints from the resident whose house was affected.

**Cllr. Green** – reported the grass was long enough to make hay at Chyvelah Ope. The Clerk advised it had been cut the previous week. Cllr. Green felt the grass should be removed as it would smell.

**048/2020 TO RECEIVE A FURTHER PRESENTATION ON THE LANGARTH GARDEN VILLAGE MASTERPLAN – CLLR. HEWITT**

**Two officers from Cornwall Council gave the presentation (as attached to these minutes).**

At the start of the presentation the Chairman paused the meeting to ask Cllr. Dyer if he should be declaring an interest in the Langarth project. Cllr. Dyer replied saying he did not need to as the line around the development site as shown on the presentation had been drawn incorrectly by the officers. His second reason was that the interest he had previously declared centred around the land known as Willow Green and in particular the Young Farmers building but since Cornwall Council had renamed all the land as Langarth he no longer felt he needed to declare an interest.

After the presentation **Standing Orders were suspended** to allow **Cllr. Tudor** to ask questions of the officers including the timescale for when building would actually begin. She pointed out that no improvements would be made to Threemilestone Village without the Langarth development and those involved in bringing forward plans to do this needed some reassurance as to timescales. It was generally felt that nothing tangible in terms of building would begin until at least 2023 although construction of the Northern Access Road would begin this summer.

**Cllr. Tudor** also asked when the proposed pedestrian crossing linking Threemilestone to the Langarth development would be put in.

The officers advised this would be part of the first phase of development.

**Cllr. Green** referred to the amount of Plant on the roads at one time given the construction of Langarth, the Stadium and the dualling of the A30. He was concerned about this impact of this should it all go through Truro.

The officers said they were mindful of this and the impact of the development would also be a concern which was why a Construction Environmental Management Plan was being worked up to deal with the impact of Heavy Goods Vehicles in the area to ensure the existing communities were not adversely affected by the construction phase. The officers reassured members that the lorries would stick to main roads and not use the lane network.

**Cllr. Green** advised the proposed crossing would kill someone, he asked why the road could not be lowered and then a bridge provided. He further advised the existing crossing for the college students was also dangerous, but this proposed new crossing would without a doubt kill someone.

The officers replied that in modern planning bridges were never the preferred option. Bridge construction involved a large land take and huge infrastructure to go with them. In urban design terms and modern traffic management they were not the favoured option. The officers further advised that to make the crossing work it would have to go hand in hand with other measures for example the speed of traffic on the A390 and the nature of the road itself.

**Cllr. Green** replied saying there was a lot of naivety about this and that within the next ten years there would be little change in terms of the speed of traffic and the way the A390 worked. He said the road would not slow down in that time. He reiterated his belief there would be a fatality there.

The officers advised they were not expecting a crossing alone to work but other measures would be included. They agreed this was a real challenge but there would be a way of doing this appropriately.

They also advised that in addition to the Super Crossing at Threemilestone other improvements would be carried out to the existing crossing at the College to make that safer.

**Cllr. Dyer** referred to the slide showing a land take from the County Farm at Besore and advised this land had been let to a tenant and there were eight years remaining on that agreement. The officers

advised there was always a get out clause in the tenancy agreements which would allow the claw back of the land should it be appropriate and necessary.

**Cllr. Dyer** also expressed concern that the new Super Crossing would encourage more drivers to use the A30 and the B3284 through Shortlanesend to avoid any traffic congestion. He advised the people of Shortlanesend would not be happy with this.

The officers advised this was being looked at as part of the Truro Transport Study. They also advised that no one knew how much traffic would be on the roads post Covid-19. They advised that new working practices may well mean those working from home would continue to do so thus reducing the current traffic levels. It was agreed it was a completely unknown situation in a very changeable world.

**Cllr. La Borde** asked the following questions:

1. Will cycle routes be provided in the first phase of the development because building from the west inwards it is a long way for cyclists and is there any provision for a cycle lane right the way down the A390 and into Truro?

**Answer** – Making this a walkable/cyclable development had been one of the guiding principles of the whole masterplan. Officers had struggled with the word ‘road’ to describe the Northern Access Road because it was in fact more than a road, it was more a walkable/cyclable corridor and the reason it wiggled so much was to keep it within an appropriate gradient and to facilitate easy access to the major employers at the hospital, the college and the council. Langarth at the west end needed to plug into the trails project and this was being worked on currently. Langarth itself would have a range of routes with the NAR being the core. It was hoped to get a dedicated route down the A390 to Truro and also a route down through the valley. One of the main challenges was to get the linkages into Truro right and there was currently work ongoing to look at that. Coosebean was fantastic but there were still some missing links. The officers assured members that cycling was front and centre of what they were trying to do.

2. **Cllr. La Borde** advised she had been in sport all her life and she had been a National Umpire for Netball. When looking at the proposed sports field for the School there was a male bias. There was the provision of two football pitches which as everyone knew was a male dominated sport. Cllr. La Borde wondered if there was potential for a multi-use games area for all to benefit from.

**Answer** – The officers felt this was a very interesting point and not one that they had come across before. The officers would take this seriously going forward.

3. Is there any Energy Plan for the Langarth Development to include potential onsite generation of power or will this all be on the buildings themselves?

The officers advised the current consensus and method in which energy infrastructure worked was like a taxi rank system whereby whoever had planning consent would bid in to Western Power to secure a supply but the officers were currently trying to rationalise that so they didn’t end up with several sub stations. It was hoped to end up with one that would also provide other elements such as battery storage which would link in with a community and educational resource. A plot of land next to the Park and Ride had been provisionally earmarked for this.

Investigation was ongoing into the use of solar panels on the car ports on the Park and Ride extension. The homes and offices would be subject to energy efficiency standards that would be built into the energy codes for the area. There were various options currently being looked at which would need a separate presentation.

4. Provision of 10% net gain bio diversity – is this being progressed and if so do you have any pointers you can give the parish council as to how you will achieve this because in the building of Langarth alone there are going to have to be mitigation measures for some of the species already on there.

**Answer** – yes it was now a mandatory requirement that all planning applications show a provision of 10% net gain on diversity. 10% was the mandatory standard but the officers were hoping to achieve something closer to 20% on the site. This would include restoring some habitats that had been lost or degraded over time, being mindful that the scheme itself would give rise to ecological harm and it was hoped to address this off site as well as on site.

**Cllr. La Borde** – the Truro and Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan is currently under review but will the housing at Langarth need to be net zero carbon housing or not?

**Answer** – the officer advised they sometimes got tangled up in how far and above they could go in terms of statutory requirements. Quality and Energy performance were the really important things that the Neighbourhood Plan had an opportunity to tackle. The TKNP already had some quite strong general policies but not much specifically about Langarth. Having a strong local policy position was very important and the officer felt it was a missed opportunity that the Plan did not have this included.

The officers felt zero carbon was a difficult concept in terms of absolute practicality but being better than the normal industry standards wasn't so that was what was being aimed for. More information could be provided on this if required.

**Chairman** – was still concerned about the proposed junction to replace the roundabout in Threemilestone village centre. In particular how the junction would be managed.

**Answer** – This was being examined much more closely now and more discussion with Highways and the designers would be taking place.

It was agreed to ask the team back to a future meeting but to raise questions ahead of the presentation on specific themes. The team were thanked, and they then left the meeting at 8.15pm.

**Standing Orders were reinstated.**

**049/2020 TO DISCUSS ABUSE DIRECTED AT STAFF AT SHORTLANESEND PLAYING FIELD, REPORTS OF MISUSE OF SHELTER AT THE PLAYING FIELD AND DECIDE ON A COURSE OF ACTION TO ADDRESS ALLEGED DRUG DEALING, DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE AND ALLEGED ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT THE SHELTER/FIELD**

Extensive discussion took place on the problems at Shortlanesend and in particular the drug dealing and drug use in the shelter. A number of alternatives were suggested such as knocking glassless

windows into the side or somehow illuminating the shelter but eventually members agreed to demolish and remove the shelter but look for a suitable replacement that would allow the CCTV cameras to monitor and record what was happening in the replacement shelter or structure.

The Clerk was asked to arrange the demolition and removal of the shelter and members would look for replacements. Any replacement would be decided upon by the parish council from a number of alternatives to be brought forward by members.

The Council agreed to the expense that would be incurred in demolishing and removing the shelter and making good the ground.

Members agreed that the most important factor was the safety of the children using the park and this could not be guaranteed given the long history of drug and alcohol related issues at the shelter. Whilst members would have liked to have seen more action by the police it was accepted this had not been forthcoming and now the shelter was being used by people from outside the parish also for the sole purpose of drug dealing and usage it was time to remove it sadly. This had been supported by the village via Facebook discussions.

**RESOLVED: To demolish and remove the shelter from Shortlanesend Playing Field, to approve the costs involved in doing so and to reinstate the ground afterwards. To investigate some sort of replacement that would dissuade the current usage of the shelter to deal and take drugs and for alcohol related purposes. To ensure the replacement gave good visibility for the CCTV System to monitor and record any anti-social or illegal behaviour inside.**

**Proposed by: Cllr. Gammon**

**Seconded by: Cllr. Willshee**

**Vote: 7 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions**

**050/2020 TO NOTE NEW EARMARKED RESERVE FOR COVID-19 PUT IN PLACE BY CLERK IN 2019/20 ACCOUNTS AND CONSIDER ADDING FURTHER FUNDS TO IT FROM THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND**

**RESOLVED: To note new Earmarked Reserve for Covid-19 put in place by the Clerk in the 2019/20 Accounts. The reserve to be monitored and topped up if necessary by the Clerk.**

**Proposed by Cllr. Hilton**

**Seconded by Cllr. Gammon**

**Vote: unanimous**

**051/2020 TO DISCUSS REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLY WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS AND RE-OPENING SHORTLANESEND VILLAGE HALL, TO APPROVE PURCHASE/RENTAL OF NECESSARY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING DISHWASHER TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS AND TO APPROVE NECESSARY WORKS AND COSTS TO INSTALL NEW EQUIPMENT**

Members looked at quotes to lease and to purchase appropriate industrial machines obtained by the Vice Chairman, Cllr. Harry and by Cllr. Willshee.

Discussion took place on the pros and cons of leasing and purchasing but it was eventually decided to lease the machine at a cost of £85 per month in order to meet the requirements of the new

Covid-19 regulations. Members approved the cost of this and the costs involved in the installation including works to remove kitchen cabinets, electrical work and plumbing works.

**RESOLVED: To lease an industrial dishwasher for Shortlanesend Village Hall, to approve the cost of the lease arrangement, the cost of installation including works to remove cabinets and rework kitchen, plumbing and electricity and the cost of new crockery that was dishwasher safe. The Caretaker to receive training in the operation of the machine as part of her upgraded duties to comply with Covid-19 regulations.**

**Proposed by: Cllr. Robinson**

**Seconded by: Cllr. La Borde**

**Vote: unanimous**

#### **052/2020 UPDATE ON OTHER MEASURES TAKEN TO MEET COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

**The Clerk** advised Shortlanesend Village Hall had been deep cleaned and completely redecorated. New LED lights had been fitted throughout.

Sani stations were on order for all the playing fields and the village hall and would be installed together with appropriate signage once they were delivered.

The Clerk had purchased the appropriate PPE for staff and for the appropriate wipes and anti bacterial cleaner for hall users.

**Cllr. Harry** also advised that both himself and the Clerk had been on training courses on Covid-19 and how to deal with the threat and how to re-open safely. They had undertaken a number of training courses and successfully passed them. Certificates showing this were being displayed on the website and would be displayed at the hall in due course.

Any further courses relating to Covid-19 would also be undertaken by the Clerk and himself.

#### **053/2020 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL - VIEWS SOUGHT: PARISHES' INITIAL THOUGHTS ON MOVING TOWARDS RECOVERY – CLLR. HARRY**

**Cllr. Harry** – advised he believed councillors should be contacting local businesses to see what help, if any, from Cornwall Council was required now that the lockdown restrictions as a result of Covid-19 were being slowly lifted.

Members agreed and Cllr. Green, Cllr. Dyer and Cllr. La Borde would make contact with businesses in Threemilestone and Gloweth and the Chairman and Vice Chairman would do the same at Shortlanesend.

Members to feed back through the Clerk and she would report back to Cornwall Council.

#### **054/2020 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE TO ADOPT THE AREAS OF LAND IDENTIFIED BY CORNWALL COUNCIL TO BE DEVOLVED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL AND TO PURSUE FURTHER AREAS IN THE SHORTLANESEND WARD – CLLR. HARRY**

Discussion took place on the devolution of various parcels of land. Whilst the majority of councillors supported this others didn't.

**The Vice Chairman and Clerk** made members aware that there would be maintenance and insurance costs involved in this but it was a good opportunity to progress the council's Environmental Plan work and to improve and enhance the parish.

**Cllr. Green** referred to Glenthorne Road Play Area but the Clerk advised that discussion was ongoing but did not form part of this agenda item.

**Standing Orders were suspended to allow Cllr. Tudor to speak.**

She advised the devolving of the land was a passing the buck and cost process but it did mean that the parish council could employ other contractors rather than Cormac and therefore get better prices and better value for money and she would very much like to work with the parish council on an environmental basis to improve these areas so she hoped the parish council would agree to this.

**Standing Orders were reinstated.**

**RESOLVED: In principle to agree to adopting the areas of land identified by Cornwall Council and to accept any costs arising from this including maintenance, insurance and improvements.**

**Proposed by Cllr. Hilton**

**Seconded by Cllr. La Borde**

**Vote: 9 in favour, 1 abstention.**

**Cllr. Green** – asked that a Plan be drawn up if the land was adopted. The Clerk advised this was already in place in the Parish Council's Environmental Plan.

#### **055/2020 UPDATE ON PARKS S106 PROVISION – NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT - CHAIRMAN**

**The Clerk** advised the installation of play equipment at Chyvelah Ope would take place week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and it was hoped to be around the same time at Shortlanesend and Threemilestone.

The Vice Chairman and Cllr. Tudor were working together on other S106 related issues in the parish.

**Cllr. Robinson left the meeting at this point – 9.12pm.**

#### **056/2020 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR ALAN PERCY, CUBERT PARISH COUNCIL - SECTION 106 DEEDS – SECONDARY PARISH ALLOCATION**

Noted. Members would be mindful of this in the future.

#### **057/2020 TO CONSIDER THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON NEW THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND FORMULATE A RESPONSE**

It was agreed this was still too weak, didn't have enough teeth, there were no sanctions still and it wasn't enforceable.

The Clerk to respond accordingly.

**058/2020 ANY OTHER ITEM THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS AS URGENT**

**Cllr. Hilton** – referring to the recently cut verges in Shortlanesend and the patches of daisies that had been left, advised members the daisies had been left as they were now a protected species.

**The meeting closed at 9.18pm.**