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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020  
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AT 7.32PM**

**As the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting was due to start at 7.30pm the Chairman advised there were no public present and he asked members to decide whether to continue with the Full Council Meeting and then move on to the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting or whether they would prefer to hold the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting at this point. Members voted unanimously to proceed with the Full Council Meeting and then start the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting.**

**192/2020 PRESENT: CLLR. M HARRY (CHAIRMAN), CLLR. HILTON (VICE CHAIRMAN), CLLR. T HEWITT, CLLR. A GAMMON, CLLR. M HOLROYD, CLLR. D GREEN, CLLR. K LA BORDE, CLLR. A WILLSHEE, CLLR. I HOLROYD, CLLR. W ROBINSON, CLLR. F J DYER, CLLR. K HART (part of the meeting)**

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

**Also present:**

**193/2020 APOLOGIES:** Cllr. D Tudor

**194/2020 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. Hewitt** advised she would be declaring a pecuniary interest in the discussions surrounding the Truro & Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan as the Plan may influence the Langarth project for which Cllr. Hewitt was engaged to deal with the Communications side of the project. Cllr. Hewitt would be put into the waiting room when these discussions took place so she would not be present to hear or take part in any discussions.

**195/2020 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM, 3 MINUTES PER PARISHIONER)**

No questions from parishioners.

**196/2020 TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FOR HEDGE TRIMMING AND TREE WORKS AT SHORTLANESEND PLAYING FIELD**

**RESOLVED: TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FOR HEDGE TRIMMING AND TREE WORKS AT SHORTLANESEND PLAYING FIELD**

**Proposed by: Cllr. Gammon**

**Seconded by: Cllr. Hilton**

**Vote: 10 in favour, Cllr. Green abstained.**

**197/2020 TO DISCUSS THE QUOTES FOR REPLACEMENT SWINGS AT SHORTLANESEND AND APPROVE CHOSEN CONTRACTOR**

Three quotes were examined by members and it was:

**RESOLVED: To appoint Sovereign Play to install the replacement swings at Shortlanesend Playing Field in line with the quote received from them.**

**Proposed by: Cllr. Gammon**

**Seconded by: Cllr. Dyer**

**Vote: unanimous**

It was noted the swings were made from sustainable timber in line with the Kenwyn Parish Council Climate Emergency Policy.

**198/2020 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CLLR. GREEN ON THE PROVISION OF SANI STATIONS IN THREEMILESTONE – CORNWALL COUNCIL VILLAGE CENTRE RE-OPENING SCHEME**

**Cllr. Green** – advised both himself and Cllr. La Borde had visited local businesses in Threemilestone regarding the grant available from Cornwall Council to purchase sani stations and distance stickers for their use. The sani stations would be sited outside the shops.

The Clerk had collated the relevant information and submitted an application to Cornwall Council for the purchase of these items. This application had been successful.

Cllr. Green now advised there was a sticking point as the parish council would need to know the ongoing costs involved in servicing the sani stations, who would be responsible for them and who would be installing them. Cllr. Green was unable to provide that information at this time. He advised he would also need to speak with Cornwall Council Highways regarding siting the stations on the highway/pavement.

Cllr. Willshee felt the stations would be vandalised and it was up to individuals to carry sanitiser with them when out and about.

The Clerk was asked to get an idea of the likely costs involved in installing the sani stations. Cllr. Green would report back on the likely costs of servicing the stations, who would be responsible for them and for how long before any decisions could be made. The item would feature on a future agenda once this information was available.

**199/2020 TO RATIFY THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE TRURO & KENWYN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP AT THEIR MEETING ON 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 TO INCLUDE A SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY LINE AND ANY DELAY THIS MAY CAUSE**

**Cllr. Hewitt declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item.**

**The Chairman** – warned there had been considerable lobbying taking place in the form of emails and suggested telephone calls to members by Cornwall Council Officers in the lead up to this agenda item. He asked that stop immediately as it was a Code of Conduct matter if members were not permitted to attend meetings with an open mind and in no way pre-determined.

Cllr. Green apologised for doing this via email but he stated he was only circulating minutes of the Truro and Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan Group. No minutes had yet reached the parish council and the Clerk could confirm no minutes were taken at that meeting.

Cllr. Green advised that over the last two years the Plan had come a long way but it had been long winded and laborious. He had attended almost all the meetings. At the recent TKNDP meeting members from Truro City Council and Kenwyn Parish Council had voted 6:3 in favour of including a settlement boundary around Truro. Kenwyn already had settlement boundaries at Shortlanesend and Threemilestone but at this point Truro did not.

Cllr. Green was against the proposal for a boundary around Truro at this point due to the time it would take to complete the work and take the Plan back to the public for agreement. He advised if the Plan did not progress as it was at present the area would be vulnerable to developers. Cllr. Green was aware that it had been said the boundary work could be completed within three weeks but he had discussed this with his co Chairman and the planning officer who said this was not the case. It would take three weeks just to get the process in place.

Cllr. Green advised the existing boundaries around Threemilestone and Shortlanesend would give an element of protection anyway. Cllr. Robinson advised there had been problems when the KPC boundaries went in and he had never had an answer from the officer as to how robust the boundaries were. In particular there was an application in School Hill, Shortlanesend and Cllr. Robinson wanted to know how robust the boundary was then but he never received a reply.

Cllr. Robinson also advised that for years the group had asked for a Truro boundary, but this was repeatedly brushed off by the officers without any good explanation.

Cllr. Green advised the boundaries around Threemilestone and Shortlanesend still needed to be ratified.

Cllr. Green again said the area was vulnerable if the Plan did not progress with its existing policies to be used as protection – H1 and E6 policies.

Members however felt that as the TKNDP group had voted 6:3 in favour of a boundary for Truro this should be recognised and supported.

Cllr. Green advised he had seen a legal letter saying the Plan could progress with a Truro Boundary included but it could be challenged later on and sent back for public consultation thus delaying it. This letter had not been seen by any other members or the Clerk.

Cllr. I Holroyd – reminded Cllr. Green that during previous TKNDP Meetings the boundary around Shortlanesend was put in quite quickly but then it came to a sticking point for Truro specifically for him in relation to the top of Kenwyn Hill. Cllr. Holroyd had said to the officer at that time that a boundary was essential here to stop Truro development creeping out to Shortlanesend as per Threemilestone. The officer offered no assistance with this and therefore the group did not get any cohesive answer to this boundary issue. It was left hanging at that point.

Cllr. Holroyd said there was now panic about Coosebean and Pencoose Farm being developed but if the boundary request had been followed up when first mentioned there would be protection now. He insisted the boundary be put around Truro now unless he could be given cast iron guarantees that if the point wasn't pushed for the boundary now could it be added at a later date and would the existing policies defend these areas fully.

Cllr. Green advised he was unable to give those guarantees, he did not think anyone could. Cllr. Green said several people had told him if the boundary work now went ahead the areas would be left open to development. Cllr. Holroyd said they would be open to development anyway without the boundary in place. Furthermore, Cllr. Holroyd did not like the implied threats from non-elected members at the recent TKNDP meeting regarding the boundary and future development being their fault in some way. He felt the only way to nail the boundaries were to back the group who had voted in favour of it.

Cllr. Robinson asked if the boundaries put in place at Threemilestone and Shortlanesend would stand. Cllr. Green advised they would provided the Plan progressed now without the boundary for Truro being included. Cllr. Holroyd stated the point here was that the group were trying to stop Truro building out towards Shortlanesend so it was their boundary that was essential. Cllr. Green said Policy H1 and E6 would be used across the top of Kenwyn Hill. He would try to put something together to say they would try to put a boundary around Truro at some point in the future.

Cllr. La Borde – wished to make it clear she had only attended two meetings of the TKNDP Group, the first to just listen, the second was on 19<sup>th</sup> October. At the first meeting a lot of discussion was being put into the chat box regarding the need for a boundary around Truro. However, it was never discussed, and it got passed over and then at the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October Cllr. Tudor raised concerns about the E6 Policy. Cllr. La Borde advised Cllr. Tudor had raised an excellent point in saying that Landscape Assessments were subjective, they could be interpreted in various way and could be very confusing for councillors to assess and use. Developers however could run through these plans with great ease. Therefore, it would give no protection whatsoever.

Cllr. La Borde recognised at the meeting that Threemilestone and Shortlanesend both had boundaries so it was only logical that Truro should have its own boundary to prevent development running out to those boundaries. Cllr. La Borde advised she could not support Cllr. Green's wish to defer any boundary for Truro until a later date. She felt this left the area even more vulnerable to development because E6 was not strong enough to give the necessary protection. Cllr. La Borde felt the current

Neighbourhood Plan was still in place and would offer some protection until the work to get the Truro boundary included was complete. If the officers responded to the elected members they would find there was time and resources to get this work done much more quickly than they had advised at the TKNDP meeting.

Cllr. Willshee also felt the Truro boundary should be included at this point despite any delay to the Plan being complete. There was already huge development going on in the parish and no-one knew the knock-on effect of that at present. He supported the group's vote and felt the boundary was essential.

Cllr. Dyer thought that the vote at the previous TKNDP meeting should be upheld and supported as it was a democratic vote.

Cllr. Hilton advised members that the current neighbourhood plan would carry less weight the older it became, and that with the new government legislation currently going through the consultation process members didn't know how this would affect the new neighbourhood plan; or how future changes to Cornwall Council's Local Plan would be accommodated.

The Chairman summed up the discussion and what had been voted on at the TKNDP Meeting and advised the vote to be taken now was do members of Kenwyn Parish Council agree with the vote taken at the TKNDP Meeting.

**Proposal – To support the vote taken at the Truro & Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to include a boundary around Truro in the revised Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Proposed by: Cllr. Hilton**

**Seconded by: Cllr. Gammon**

**Vote 10 in favour, Cllr. Green voted against.**

**RESOLVED: TO SUPPORT THE VOTE TAKEN AT THE TRURO & KENWYN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 TO INCLUDE A BOUNDARY AROUND TRURO IN THE REVISED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.**

**200/2020 ANY OTHER ITEM THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS AS URGENT**

**Cllr. Hewitt re-joined the meeting at this point.**

No other urgent items.

**The meeting closed at 8.19pm.**