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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2020
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AT 7.09PM**

158/2020 PRESENT: CLLR. M HARRY (CHAIRMAN), CLLR. HILTON (VICE CHAIRMAN), CLLR. HEWITT, CLLR. GAMMON, CLLR. M HOLROYD, CLLR. D GREEN, CLLR. LA BORDE

MRS K J HARDING – CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Also present: Cllr. D Tudor, Mr R Branch

159/2020 APOLOGIES: CLLR. A WILLSHEE CLLR. I HOLROYD, CLLR. YEXLEY

160/2020 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.

161/2020 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS (10 MINUTES MAXIMUM, 3 MINUTES PER PARISHIONER)

Cllr. Green – updated members on his approach to Truro College following complaints regarding student use of the play area at Chyvelah Ope. The college staff were not currently allowing face to face meetings, so the matter was being dealt with via email. Cllr. Green asked the Clerk to pass the contact details of the complainant to him to make direct contact.

Chairman – referred to a potential large development in Shortlanesend and asked Cllr. Green for an update on the progress of the revised Truro & Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Green advised he had asked the Cornwall Council Officers for an update. He also advised the revised Plan would need to be voted on by the parish council once it was at that stage.

162/2020 UPDATE FROM MR RICHARD BRANCH ON THE THREEMILESTONE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Chairman welcomed Mr Richard Branch to the meeting.

Mr Branch updated members as follows:

The paper submission for funding had gone to Cornwall Council for the attention of the Cabinet at their November meeting as previously advised to the parish council.

During August, a funding application had gone to the Towns Fund for the extension to Threemilestone Community Centre. This was very likely to be approved so the planning application had been worked up and would be submitted very soon. Mr Branch showed members the proposed drawings for the extension and advised on the new internal and external layouts.

Cllr. Green asked how many car parking spaces would be lost to the extension, Mr Branch advised 4 – 6 spaces would be lost but it was hoped that in the future a further 39 spaces could be found for the village. Cllr. Green was concerned that the extra spaces would take a long time to deliver, much later than the timing for the extension and the loss of the existing spaces.

Mr Branch advised the extension would provide public toilet facilities for the village.

Mr Branch also advised the planners were happy in principle.

Cllr. Green asked Mr Branch to confirm the Towns Fund monies needed to be spent and the project needed to be complete by March 2021. Mr Branch confirmed this and advised that contractors were already being sought to carry out the works.

Cllr. La Borde asked how many parking spaces would be lost during the build given the Doctor's surgery were asking patients to wait in their cars to be seen due to the current pandemic.

Mr Branch advised as few as possible and the build compound would not be in the car park.

Cllr. La Borde asked what the cost of the extension would be.

Mr Branch advised the cost was £617,000 with £117,000 coming from the Towns Fund. Cornwall Council would fund the rest of the costs.

Cllr. La Borde thought the cost was very high for an atrium. She also asked where the bike racks would go. Mr Branch went through the costs involved and what would be included.

Cllr. Tudor said it was hoped Cornwall Council would agree to pay the £500,000 in November. She reminded members that in November 2019 over £600,000 was awarded by Cornwall Council to Highertown Church for its Lifehouse Project instead of projects in Threemilestone which Cllr. Tudor described as unfair. Cllr. Tudor went on to say this was Cornwall Council's chance to put this right.

Cllr. La Borde asked if members could be sure that should this extension go ahead the public realm works would be done properly because if not car parking spaces would be lost forever.

Mr Branch advised he was as sure as he could be at this stage.

Cllr. Tudor said there was no danger of one scheme happening but not another. It had already been agreed that all the schemes would be go ahead.

Cllr. Green advised there were short term parking spaces on Chyvelah Road that were not well used but this was extra parking for the village.

Public Realm Works

Mr Branch showed members the designs for this work, these were the same as shown to members in May 2020. The designs were an intent to secure funding and therefore could change a bit once planning permission was sought.

Mr Branch talked through the proposals to straighten the road, the implementation of the new crossings, briquette areas to slow traffic and also the super crossing and links to it. The proposed 39 car parking spaces were also shown as was the Corner Hub which would provide e bikes, a café, Health and wellbeing area and other uses.

The proposals did not include the Victoria Mill site as this had been purchased by a company who now wanted to deliver flats on the site in line with the 2017 planning permission. Cllr. Tudor was concerned about the parking provision and would be meeting with the company later in the week to discuss this. She advised the flats would be rented out and not sold. She asked members to contact her if they wished to raise anything in connection with this development.

Mr Branch showed members the green areas and advised the public realm works had all been costed and had gone to Cornwall Council along with the Business Case for the November Cabinet meeting.

Cllr. La Borde – asked if Cornwall Council owned the bungalow where the proposed Hub would go. Mr Branch advised Cornwall Council did not own this, but it would be a site acquisition and was included in the costings.

Cllr. La Borde – asked if this would become a compulsory purchase by Cornwall Council. Mr Branch said he didn't think so as the bungalow had been up for sale recently but if necessary Cornwall Council would make a compulsory purchase in order to deliver the scheme.

Cllr. La Borde – referred to the existing post office building and asked how the owners of that would be affected once the 39 car parking spaces were delivered. Mr Branch advised they would benefit from this scheme, but they would also be fully consulted on the works later on in the scheme.

Cllr. La Borde – advised any crossing on the A30 needed to be extremely high standard as it was very dangerous at present.

Cllr. Green – advised he was not confident there could be a safe crossing.

Cllr. La Borde – advised that if cycle hire was being provided and the areas designated cycle routes then crossing the A30 became a huge issue. She felt it had to be via a bridge or underground crossing.

Mr Branch advised the Langarth planning application should be submitted in October and those working on this were consulting with Highways on this matter.

Cllr. La Borde – asked for clarification on timing and when the public realm works would be delivered. Mr Branch advised he couldn't give an answer. If the funding was approved by Cabinet in November it was still tied in with the planning application for Langarth and this was expected to be determined by July 2021.

Cllr. La Borde – was concerned that there would therefore be a long-term loss of parking spaces in the village particularly if Langarth was built in a West to East direction. She advised the crossing must be in place much earlier.

Threemilestone School Project & Sports Pitches

Mr Branch advised, as before, that this scheme was also going before the Cabinet in November. Mr Branch advised the designs he was showing members were the same as before. The delivery time of this scheme would be the same as the public realm works and were dependent on the Langarth Scheme being approved. Access to the hall and pitches were still open for change and negotiation. Kenwyn Parish Council had verbally offered support in principle and the parish council would have a chance to influence and change the designs and access etc.

Mr Branch advised there would be cycle access from Gloweth to the site. A small access lane from the existing car park would be provided across KPC land. The existing car park would be fully refurbished. The proposed extra parking at the site currently showed 12 spaces but this was only an indicative drawing and could be enlarged or reduced. There would be no additional costs to Kenwyn Parish Council if the scheme went ahead.

Some of the development site sat on Cornwall Council owned land and formed part of a County Farm. The lease on this land had ten years left but there would be a re-allocation of land for that tenant to release this land and deliver the project. The tenant would be given other land to compensate.

It was noted that Cornwall Council had already agreed to fund the new school hall and had promised £880,000 to do so.

Cllr. La Borde – asked if delivery of this project was dependent on Langarth. Mr Branch advised it was not as the £880,000 was already agreed but more funds would be needed to deliver the whole scheme. The £880,000 would fund just the basic hall.

Cllr. La Borde – asked if the scheme would be for community use as well as school use. Mr Branch advised it would.

Cllr. La Borde – asked if the school were happy to manage the community use and Mr Branch advised they were.

Cllr. Green – asked if PFI were happy with the proposals. Mr Branch advised the school were working on this, but everything so far was positive.

Cllr. La Borde – advised there was always opportunity for conflict when these facilities were attached to a school. She asked if all the management would be in the hands of the school or whether a trust would be set up to look after it.

Mr Branch advised a stewardship case was being worked on for this and Langarth.

Cllr. La Borde – asked what the timeframe was for the sports pitches given the land to be used formed part of the county farm at present. Mr Branch advised the timeframe was unknown but would be around the same as the public realm works and dependent upon the Langarth approval.

Cllr. Tudor – advised it would be later than that as it would be funded from the Langarth S106 agreement. She also advised that when Inox owned the land £330,000 had been set aside for this in the S106 agreement. Cornwall Council had informed Cllr. Tudor they would do better than this.

Cllr. La Borde – asked if there was a local football team signed up to use the facility.

Mr Branch advised there was and Cllr. Green advised this was Threemilestone AFC. Mr Branch also advised there would be a building on site for changing facilities.

Cllr. Green asked if the pitches would be floodlit. Mr Branch said there were no plans for this at present.

Cllr. La Borde – felt that the two pitches were heavily gendered for male sport use. Cllr. Tudor said girls did play football too. Cllr. La Borde replied that they didn't in the same number and a MUGA would be something to aim for. Cllr. Tudor advised a MUGA would hopefully be incorporated into the new hall project.

Members thanked Mr Branch for his presentation which had been very positively received. He then left the meeting.

163/2020 TO CONSIDER ONGOING EMPLOYMENT OF SECURITY FIRM CARRYING OUT PATROLS AT THREEMILESTONE PLAYING FIELD FOLLOWING INSTALLATION OF CCTV

The Chairman – referred to the Groundsman's contact with the Clerk that day regarding smashed glass at Threemilestone Playing Field and in the infant play area.

Cllr. Green advised he had learned from the Police Liaison Group Meeting that the police would be applying for funding for outreach officers. He also said that if the council knew the times these incidents were occurring the police would try to send patrols there.

Cllr. La Borde said the signage at the field was unwelcoming. She also said better equipment was needed for the young people to look after. The Chairman advised the signage had already been looked at and was part of the S106 improvement work as was the provision of new play equipment.

Discussion took place regarding the cost to the council for these patrols. It was decided that the patrols would be maintained for a further three months when it would be reviewed again.

Proposed by: Cllr. Hewitt
Seconded by: Cllr. Gammon
Vote: unanimous

164/2020 TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE EXTERNALLY AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2020 (IF AVAILABLE)

RESOLVED: TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE EXTERNALLY AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2020

Proposed by: Cllr. Hilton
Seconded by: Cllr. La Borde
Vote: unanimous

The Chairman thanked and congratulated the Clerk on another successful audit. He was aware of all the time it had taken her to achieve this.

165/2020 ANY OTHER ITEM THE CHAIRMAN DEEMS AS URGENT

The Chairman – thanked the Clerk for attending despite her difficult family circumstances and family bereavement the day before. He advised the Clerk would be on compassionate leave after the meeting and all enquiries should go to him.

Cllr. La Borde – thanked the Chairman for a very efficiently run meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm.