

18th June 2019

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SANCREED PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SANCREED VILLAGE HALL, SANCREED, ON 19TH JUNE 2019 AT 7.30PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillors Mr Ian Soulsby (Chairman), Mrs Hilary Harris, Mr Tommy James, Mr Michael Harvey, Mr Ivor James and Mr Stuart Thomas.

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Helen Hawkins, Mrs Alexis Male (clerk) and three members of the public.

20-19. APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Councillor D Haigh. The reminder about apologies was not covered.

20-20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T James declared an interest in Planning Application No PA19/04568.

20-21. PUBLIC SPEAKING

- One member of the public spoke about the planning application concerning Boswarthen explaining that the proposed access route passed her home and she had concerns about the track and the risks of an accident because access was on a blind bend, the road to Brane being on the same bend. The track was also a public footpath and, being narrow, walkers had nowhere to go to avoid vehicles. The track was deteriorating because of nearby springs but the local footpath ranger had said that, being a footpath and not a byway, repairs would not be carried out. At the moment any repairs and maintenance was being carried out by the residents of the two cottages on the track. Was there another access?
- Councillor Mrs Hawkins informed members that a resident, worried about the speed of the traffic, had been directed to her but, when she had offered information about joining Community Speedwatch, he had not been interested.
- Councillor Mrs Hawkins reported that she had enquired about the issues involving the property Govail and had now been told that the original notice had been served on the basis of the owner not applying for permission for separate dwellings but the policy had now changed so it was OK. All the other matters were civil.
- Councillor Mrs Hawkins gave the councillors information about the Dark Skies Open Event that would be taking place on Wednesday 17th July 2019, 4pm to 7pm, at St Johns Hall.
- An enquiry was made about the gate to the Beacon being chained. It was generally thought that the kissing gate still worked but the others had been locked because people had been leaving them open and the ponies had been getting out.

20-22. POLICE

In April three crimes had been reported: one violence or sexual offence on or near Avrack Close which was still under investigation; one violence or sexual offence on or near Bosvenning Place which was still under investigation; one other theft on or near A3017 which was still under investigation.

20-23. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 21st May 2019 having been previously circulated, it was resolved that they were a true and correct record and were signed.

18th June 2019

20-24. CO-OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY

Three applications had been received and, having heard from two of the applicants and having a statement from the third read to councillors, it was agreed to co-opt Mrs Sue Freeman to the council.

20-25. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Chairman reported that he had attended the workshop with Councillor Stuart Thomas. They had written down the pros and cons for Cornwall Council to peruse and had discussed the issues with other councils. St Just Town Council had talked about Sancreed becoming a ward of a St Just and Morvah council. He stressed that the demographics would not be equal plus they would have to take on the precept that had recently been increased to pay for the library, car parks and toilets. Councillor Mrs Hawkins commented that it might be better democratically to join with St Levan and Sennen Parish Councils.

20-26. FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- No issues with the footpaths had been reported.
- The matter of installing Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in Newbridge, as well as Drift, was discussed. There was a comment made that, if it were to be amalgamated with St Just Town Council, the accumulated funds in the parish council's account should be spent for the good of Sancreed parish. It was also considered that by installing VAS it would be seen that the parish council was trying to do something about the problem. It was agreed to purchase two signs, one for each location which could be moved from end to end, provided Highways agreed the positioning.

20-27. PLANNING

- **Applications**
 - PA19/04457 – Mr S Cock - Construction of Dormers to Roof slopes to Facilitate Alterations of Attic Space to Create Two Bedrooms and a Bathroom at Derval Farm, Access Track To Derval Farm, Newbridge. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
 - PA19/04568 – Mr Peter James - External Alterations and Extensions to the Farmhouse, Change of Use and Conversion of a Redundant Traditional Barn to Create a Self-Contained Dwelling and External Alterations and Extensions to the Former Farm Cottage incorporating the conversion of an Attached Redundant Traditional Barn at Land At Boswarthen, Sancreed. It was agreed to comment that there were no reasons that the complex should not be developed and that the only issue was the access. The planning department should be asked to look at an alternative or additional access.
- **Decisions**
 - PA19/03146 – Mrs McBride - Revised proposal to previous extant approval to convert single storey outbuilding into annexed accommodation at Little Boswens, Access Track To Boswens, Newbridge. This application had been withdrawn.

20-28. FINANCE

- Payments of £306.20 were agreed for payment.
- A request for a donation towards the competition project had been received from Sancreed Pig Walk but the Chairman pointed out that, until there was more substance about the project, the council did not know what it was giving money towards so it was postponed until the August meeting which would be after the competition had been judged.
- A request from West Cornwall Dark Skies did not need discussing because the clerk informed councillors that she had dealt with it through another parish council.

20-29. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

No external meeting had been attended during the month.

18th June 2019

20-30. UPCOMING EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- Cornwall Council Alternative to Pesticides Event, Thursday 11th July 2019 – No councillor wished to attend.

20-31. CORRESPONDENCE

- West Penwith Cornwall Search and Rescue Team Open Day, Sunday 30th June 2019 – Councillor Stuart Thomas took the information.
- Holly Whitelaw re Climate Change Action – A request to declare a Climate Change Emergency and prepare a Climate Change Action Plan had been received. It was noted.

20-32. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- An issue with caravans popping up on land was concerning people but it was decided that this was not in the parish so did not required discussion.
- There were no additional matters to be included.

20-33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, 16th July 2019 in Sancreed Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

**Chairman
16th July 2019**