

SHEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the **Annual General Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday 14th of May 2012 in the Chapel Schoolroom, Crafhole at 7.02 p.m.

PRESENT. Councillors C. Kennedy Chairman, M Snowling Vice Chairman, Councillors K Baker, S. Medway, P Nicholas. There was 1 member of the public present plus PCO John Riggall, Cornwall Councillor G. Trubody and Guest speaker from Antony Estate Mr P Cressy.

1. APOLOGIES.

There were apologies from Councillors D Mathias and P. Harrison,

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

It was proposed by Councillor Snowling and seconded by Councillor Medway that the existing Chairman be re-elected. It was carried unanimously.

Councillor Kennedy was re-elected as Chairman.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

It was proposed by Councillor Medway and seconded by Councillor Nicholas that Councillor Snowling be re-elected as Vice Chairman. It was carried unanimously.

4. GUEST SPEAKER: Mr P Cressy regarding "Antony Estate and its future land use."

In summary he stated that Antony Estate had no major plans to change current use of land, ranging from arable farming to pasture for cattle, woodland management and management of current properties. The Estate has been working closely with other parishes and joint funders to help support new permissive footpaths such as those at Whacker quay and Wilcove.

They are in consultation with estate tenants regarding other potential paths however funding is no longer available and they would need to join up with partners for the capital, on-going maintenance and liability cover. Following discussions with Cornwall Councillor Trubody they are keen to be involved in the Neighbourhood Development Plan in all aspects where Estate land holdings are concerned. They have no current plans to expand housing but realistically there may be demand over the next 20/30 years so would be happy to talk to the Parish Council regarding discreet and correct locations if it comes up. Regarding Shevioc Parish Village Open Space the Trustees would prefer it to be located in the land below the Memorial hall in Crafhole but understood the Parish Council's arguments. They are aware that an agreement is needed in order for the Parish Council to obtain funding. Councillor Kennedy asked what the posts were for at the bottom field under the fishing reservoir in Crafhole along Coombe Lane towards Ladywell, which was a gold footpath. He stated that it was stock fencing as would be turning arable to permanent pasture to prevent previous problems of mud washing over the path. Councillor Kennedy asked him to look into extending the fencing because cattle congregate around gates and churn up the path in the final field before Ladywell. Councillor Nicholas asked if the trimaran could be moved from the Lynher at Whacker quay. Mr Cressy referred him to the MOD. Councillor Kennedy advised that Shevioc Parish Council was looking into creating a circular footpath linking existing footpaths around the parish with funding and was working with the countryside access forum and Cornwall Council and would be consulting them shortly. Councillor Kennedy thanked Mr Cressy for his time.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT. The Chairman presented the annual report. 2011/12 Annual Report: Shevioc Parish Council.

The past year has been dominated by Planning and, in November, by the enactment of the Localism Bill. The Act, together with Cornwall Council's commitment to a localism agenda, provides the potential to move decision making away from London to Truro and then, where appropriate, to Parish Councils. For this to be accomplished, Cornwall Council must have confidence in the ability of the Parish Council to operate in a responsible and financially sound manner. To achieve this, the Parish Council has continued to work with officers and our County Councillor, George Trubody. This, combined with our clear published policies, financial processes and minutes, all available

through our website, mean, we believe, that our opinions are respected and carry greater weight at County Hall than would normally be the case for a relatively small parish. This is essential if we are to secure funding for the Parish from Truro and have the opportunity to consider taking responsibility from Truro for services we believe we can provide to a higher standard through management locally.

Planning has certainly been contentious during the year. The Parish Council is not the Planning Authority, that role is provided by Cornwall Council. However, we are Statutory Consultees on Planning matters and we are given the opportunity to support or object to all Planning Applications from within the Parish. The major issue throughout the year has involved the Gook Café. After supporting the initial planning application, the Parish Council did not support the retrospective plans for the structure that has actually been built, and Cornwall Council supported us in this decision. Subsequently Cornwall Council served an Enforcement Order on the development requiring its removal and the Parish Council supported this Order. The cafe owner has appealed against the Enforcement Order and an Inspector will adjudicate and decide what changes, if any, are required. The Parish Council submitted a strong argument to the Inspector supporting the Enforcement Order based largely on, in the Parish Council's opinion, clear evidence of a disregard for the normal planning process by the applicant. The Parish Council has also had to consider whether to support or object to an extension of time to the Planning Approval, granted after an appeal, for the Development of 21 units by Earle Hotel's Limited in the area behind the Whitsand Bay Hotel. The Parish Council supported this application but only on condition that all the Inspector's recommendations were complied with before development could commence.

The Parish Council is encouraging pre-planning application presentations so that, without prejudice, open discussion can start at an early stage and allow input from within the community before an applicant submits formal plans. Pre-application meetings have been held for development by Whitsand Bay Hotel of 17 units behind the hotel and for the development of a single eco-friendly house in the area immediately to the east of the Gook Café. The Parish Council believe this is a very positive way forward that allows early involvement by all those concerned and through its openness, reduces the problems associated with rumours and misinformation.

The Localism Bill allows for Neighbourhood Development Plans, which are generated by local communities, and which, if approved by Cornwall, allow us to decide on our strategy for development. The Parish Council is now part of a pilot scheme supported by funding from Truro to develop a Plan for the whole of the Rame Peninsula and in parallel we are working towards having our own Plan for the Parish.

The Parish Council is anxious to ensure that the toilets at Portwrinkle remain open and operational for the foreseeable future. To achieve this, the Parish Council has been undertaking discussions with Cornwall to take responsibility for running the toilets. In order to provide sufficient income to achieve this we are negotiating for the income from the car park to remain with the Parish in addition to an annual subsidy from Cornwall towards the operating costs of the toilets. After two public meetings, both of which endorsed the Parish Council's approach, discussions are at an advanced stage and due to be considered by Cornwall this month. The overriding requirement by the Parish Council is that any settlement should not increase the financial burden on the Parish.

Undoubtedly the successes this year have been

- The introduction of the virtual pavement by the shop in Craffhole, which has received many complements as a significant contribution to road safety – the Parish Council will continue to work to get this extended to other parts of the village;
- A commitment from Cornwall Council to fund the 30 mph speed limit for Sheviock, which previously they had approved but said no money was available for its implementation;
- The pooling of all South West Water, SWW, related complaints into a single public meeting with a representative from SWW present – although some of the issues are

outstanding, there has been a significant improvement and a number of the long running issues resolved.

Nancy Gray has now been in post as Clerk for 18 months and this, after the period of 4 Clerks in 6 months, is giving the Parish Council excellent support and ensuring our administration is of the highest standard. One of her successes has been to register the Council as a Section 33 Authority that enables us to recover VAT from our purchases. Nancy operates from the Bill Warren Room in Shevioc Memorial Hall, Crafhole, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 4 and 5.30pm and is available to the public during those hours.

The role of the Parish Council is to listen and then to try and get the most appropriate solution for the Parish through discussion with officers from Cornwall Council. The Parish Council encourages participation through its monthly Parish Council meetings, through its bi-monthly Surgeries, by e-mail to councillors or simply by talking to Councillors. Please note that in May 2013 the Parish Council will be up for re-election. If you would like to be involved, feel you could improve what we do, have ideas for improving the way we operate, or believe that some or all the current members are out of touch, then why not consider standing next year - the Parish Council needs the best available councillors to achieve long term advantage for the Parish!

Post report note: On the 14th of May the Inspector has published his report on the appeal against the enforcement order for the Gook café. The decision is to dismiss the appeal and the enforcement order upheld. The decision requires the complete structure to be removed within 3 months of the decision taking effect

Chris Kennedy

Chairman 2011 - 2012

5. ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES:

CALC. The Chairman and Vice Chairman were duly elected.

CAPTC. The Chairman and Vice Chairman were duly elected.

PLANNING. Councillor Matthias had previously expressed her personal need to stand down as planning officer. It was proposed by Councillor Snowling and seconded by Councillor Nicholas that councillor Medway be elected. It was carried unanimously.

TREE WARDEN. It was proposed by Councillor Snowling and seconded by Councillor Medway that Councillor Nicholas be elected. It was carried unanimously.

FOOTPATHS. It was proposed by Councillor Nicholas and seconded by Councillor Baker that Councillor Kennedy be elected. It was carried unanimously.

RAME PENINSULA TRANSPORT. It was proposed by Councillor Nicholas and seconded by Councillor Snowling that Councillor Harrison be elected. It was carried unanimously.

RAME PENINSULA TRUST. In Abeyance

RAME PENINSULA HOUSING GROUP. No longer exists

MEMORIAL HALL. This is now a standing item on the Parish Council meeting agendas to elect councillors on a monthly basis.

POLICE REPRESENTATIVE and POLICE PACT LIAISON OFFICER. It was proposed by Councillor Snowling and seconded by Councillor Baker that Councillor Medway be elected. It was carried unanimously. Councillor Snowling stated that he would help with this if needed.

RESEARCHER It was proposed by Councillor Medway and seconded by Councillor Snowling that Councillor Nicholas be elected. It was carried unanimously.

6. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th MAY 2010

The minutes were proposed by Councillor Snowling, seconded by Councillor Nicholas and carried unanimously. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.22 p.m.

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