

Lostwithiel Town Council – Meeting

Tuesday 3 July 2012

A Meeting of the Town Council was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday 3 July 2012 at 7pm.

Councillors present

The Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Mrs G M Parsons,
The Deputy Mayor Councillor Mrs P Jarrett,
Honoured Burgess M Jones, Honoured Burgess W Nicholls,
Honoured Burgess R Peareth, Councillor D Abbiss,
Councillor C Jewels, Councillor V May,
Councillor D Parsons, Councillor J Pegg
& Councillor D Robson

In attendance

Cornwall Councillor Shakerley
Town Clerk Sandra Harris

Two members of the public were in attendance

107/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council was addressed regarding animals in the Cemetery and blocked gullies where the footpath crosses the road between Road Hill bridge and the railway crossing.

108/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Councillor Mrs R Bettin, Councillor P Sweet, Councillor R Warwick & Councillor Mrs S Wilkinson.

109/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Honoured Burgess R Peareth declared a personal interest in agenda item 18 Finance.
Councillor J Pegg also declared a personal interest in agenda item 18 Finance.

110/12 COMMUNITY POLICE - Report

PCSO Phillips's written report advised that there were 6 reported crimes, 4 detected for June 2012 compared with 8 (1 detected) for June 2012.

111/12 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR Report

Cornwall Councillor Shakerley updated the Council on the new waste and recycling contract and requested that all waste and recycling not collected is reported to Cornwall Council. There are 'pocket areas' with persistent problems and Cornwall Councillor Shakerley would like to be made aware of all problems experienced.

Cornwall Councillor Shakerley also advised the Town Council that early indications show that following in the next round of Government grants to Local Government Cornwall Council may be forced to make 30- 35% cuts.

112/12 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 12 June 2012

The minutes of the Council Meeting of 14 June 2012 were accepted, approved and duly signed by the Worshipful the Mayor Mrs Parsons. Proposed Councillor Abbiss seconded Councillor May. This proposal received the support of the Council.

113/12 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 19 June 2012

The minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of 19 June were accepted, approved and duly signed by the Worshipful the Mayor Mrs Parsons. Proposed Honoured Burgess Peareth seconded Councillor Robson. This proposal received the support of the Council.

114/12 CORNWALL COUNCIL – ST AUSTELL, ST BLAZEY AND CHINA CLAY AREA REGENERATION PLAN

It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett that the Town Council's response to this consultation should include the following:-

1. That the boundary should be revised to incorporate all of the St Blazey, Fowey and Lostwithiel Community Network Area as the aspirations and needs of Lostwithiel are consistent with the Regeneration Area. Lostwithiel also needs significant funding to improve its employment, transport and green credentials i.e. extending the proposed cycle routes and developing sustainable tourism.
2. The Town Council would like to highlight the importance of maintaining the town's 'green belt' area on the town's western boundary.
3. Lostwithiel Town Council does not wish the town of Lostwithiel to decline into a commuting backwater sandwiched between significant development objectives for both Bodmin and the current Regeneration Area. In the opinion of Lostwithiel Town Council the development of the A391 link road between the A30 and Carclaze will have significant impact on the lives of the residents and businesses in Lostwithiel.
4. Lostwithiel Town Council accepts that there will be an increased emphasis on Community Network based policies and hopes that Cornwall Council will seriously consider expanding the current area to give Lostwithiel the opportunity forge closer links within the Network.

This proposal received the support of the Council.

115/12 CORNWALL COUNCIL GOVERNANCE REVIEW

It was proposed by Councillor Pegg and seconded by Honoured Burgess Jones that the following responses are submitted on the Governance review response proforma:-

In your view, what aspects of Cornwall Council's decision making processes work well and what not so well? What are your reasons for saying this?

Lostwithiel Town Council feels remote from Cornwall Council. The Town Council perceives that Cornwall Council implements its decisions without taking into consideration local needs and requirements which results in action first and consultation afterwards.

In your experience, would you say that Cornwall Council has open and transparent decision making processes?

The Town Council is advised after the decision has been made.

How can Cornwall Council improve the way it works together with relevant partners and stakeholders, both now and in the future?

Interpret new legislation with a more 'common sense' approach.

If you have a preferred option for Cornwall Council's future governance arrangements, please indicate below and note the reasons for this:

Lostwithiel Town Council's preferred option is b) The Committee system.

In the opinion of Lostwithiel Town Council the cabinet system focuses too much power into too few elected representatives.

What are the key factors or issues the Council should consider when reviewing its governance arrangements in order to ensure that so far as is possible, its structures are informed by its function?

More training, more outworking guidance.

Précis and simplify wherever possible all guidance notes.

This proposal received the support of the Council.

116/12 PARADE SEATS

It was proposed by Councillor Abbiss and seconded by Councillor May that the invoice is approved for payment. This proposal received the support of the Council.

117/12 ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

It was proposed by Councillor Jewels and seconded by Councillor May that cheques presented totalling £3351.34 are authorised for payment. This proposal received the support of the Council.

118/12 CORNWALL COUNCIL PAPER BANK

The clerk read to Council emails received from Cornwall Council regarding the provision of a paper bank. It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Jewels that the clerk is instructed to contact Cornwall Council to request that the paper bank is replaced. This proposal received the support of the Council.

119/12 CAR PARKING ENFORCEMENT

It was proposed by Councillor Jewels and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that the clerk is instructed to contact Cornwall Council to request more regular visits from Car Parking Enforcement Officers. This proposal received the support of the Council. It was further suggested that car parking, enforcement and possible residents parking permits should be an integral area of the Town Plan.

120/12 SKATE BOARD RAMP

Following the discussion of an email received regarding the recent repairs undertaken, an email from the Town Council's insurance brokers regarding a proposed policy endorsement and the problems experienced in closing the skate ramp it was proposed by Councillor Jewels and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that the skate ramp group are asked to either arrange their own insurance cover for the ramp or remove the structure from site by 14 July. This proposal received the support of the Council.

121/12 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD – PARKING 4 JULY 2012

It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by Councillor Jewels that permission to allow car parking on the King George Fifth Playing Field is refused due to recent heavy rain. This proposal received the support of the Council.

122/12 HIGHWAYS

The clerk was instructed to notify Cornwall Council of the following:-

Blocked gullies where the footpath crosses the road between Road Hill bridge and the railway crossing.

Enormous pothole by the entrance to the station

Blocked drainpipe drains in Fore Street, North Street and South Street causing water to flow over pavement and not through drain into road.

Request yellow lines on the corner between Bodmin Hill and Duke Street

123/12 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

None

124/12 CORRESPONDENCE

Sheryll Murray MP

Train Local Work Local Employ Local

Julie Girling MEP

Poster request

Animal Aid

Parkers

Pear Technology

125/12 NOTICES

None

Alternatives to culling

Bulb catalogue

Digital mapping for Parish & Town Councils

126/12 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None

127/12 COUNCILLOR COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Shire Hall Moor – long grass, stinging nettles and cycle ruts

Second Island – grass cutting the clerk was asked to check if it is permitted before 14 July

Coulson Park – grass cutting to river bank

Cemetery – grass cutting

King George Fifth playing field – could the field be cut and collected a few days prior to Carnival week?

Mobile skate ramp – the Council has received notification that this will be sited on the basket ball area on 15 July Regatta Day

Planning Committee Members were asked by the Planning Committee Chairman to respond to the letter already received from the Town Clerk regarding planning applications PA12/01244 & PA12/01277. The following members of the planning committee advised the clerk that they wished the applications to be decided by Cornwall Council's Planning Committee:-

The Worshipful the Mayor of Lostwithiel Councillor Mrs G Parsons, Councillor Abbiss, Honoured Burgess Jones, Honoured Burgess Peareth, Councillor May and Councillor Robson.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman

Date