

Lostwithiel Town Council

A Meeting of the Town Council was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday 19 November 2013 at 7pm.

Councillors present

Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett,
Councillor Brewer, Councillor Gillett,
Councillor Hensman, Councillor Hughes,
Councillor Jewels, Councillor May,
Councillor Milne, Councillor Robson
& Councillor Watkins

In attendance

Town Clerk Mrs Harris

Eight members of the public were in attendance

497/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council was addressed regarding the provision of public toilets and planning application PA13/ 09487.

498/13 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from the following Councillors:-
Mayor Mrs Parsons, Councillor Abbiss, Honoured Burgess Jones, Honoured Burgess Peareth,
Councillor Mrs Ross and Councillor Mrs Wilkinson.

499/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gillett declared a non-registerable interest in agenda item 21 regarding the provision of a grit bin in Meadow Breeze.

500/13 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Phillip's written report advised that there were 9 reported crimes , one other burglary, three other thefts, one public order offence, three criminal damage and one arson. There were a total of 25 logs for October.

501/13 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORT

None

502/13 MAYORS REPORT

None

503/13 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 05 November 2013 were accepted, approved and duly signed by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett. Proposed Councillor Robson seconded Councillor Jewels. This proposal received the support of the Council.

504/13 PLANNING

PA13/09487

Tredethick Farm, Tredethick Lane, Lostwithiel
Construction of a wind turbine 11 kw on 18m
tower.

The Council considered the correspondence received from the Planning Officer. It was proposed by Councillor Jewels and seconded by Councillor Robson that Lostwithiel Town Council asks Cornwall Councillor Bay to call this application to Committee on the grounds of visual impact on the nearby area of Great landscape Value. This proposal received the support of the Council.

505/13 CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING CONSULTATION

The clerk read to Council Cornwall Council's letter offering planning training at the beginning of December and was instructed to defer Lostwithiel Town Council's consideration of these consultation documents an agenda item for the December full Council meeting.

506/13 LOSTWITHIEL'S PUBLIC TOILETS

- a) To consider correspondence received
- b) To consider future public toilet provision in Lostwithiel

The Council considered correspondence received.

It was proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Councillor Milne that Lostwithiel Town Council should set up a working party comprising of the Mayor and the three Committee Chairman to look at the issues relating to the toilets and to report back to the Council as a matter of urgency. The working party should consider the following three issues:-

- a) Short term emergency measures for public events such as 'portaloos' and the option of asking Cornwall Council to keep the toilets open for up to a year if Lostwithiel Town Council makes a contribution towards the running costs.
- b) Investigate the problems with the existing toilets and the consequences of assuming ownership in their present state.
- c) Investigate the long term options such as a total rebuild, building on another site and the use of pre fabricated toilet units.

This proposal received the support of the Council.

It was then further proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Councillor Milne that the working party is extended to include Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett and that the clerk is instructed to report back to Lostwithiel Business Group and any other interested party. This proposal also received the support of the Council.

507/13 MEDIEVAL BRIDGE LOSTWITHIEL

The Council received a report regarding the meeting held at the bridge between Cornwall Council, the Environment Agency, Fowey Harbour Commissioners and Lostwithiel Town Council. The Town Council was advised at this meeting that clearance of the silt is not a high enough priority on Cornwall Council's works schedule to attract funding. It was agreed at the bridge meeting that a further meeting should be held in three weeks time to give Cornwall Council time to assess if there are any more cost effective solutions available.

Mayor Mrs Parsons joined the meeting.

508/13 LOSTFEST – to consider the request received to use the Parade
The clerk requested the deferment of this agenda item to the December full Council meeting.

509/13 LOSTWITHIEL PAGEANT
It was proposed by Councillor Jewels and seconded by Councillor May that Lostwithiel Town Council donates £50 towards the costs of Lostwithiel's pageant. This proposal received the support of the Council.

510/13 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL FLOOD PLAN
It was proposed by Mayor Mrs Parsons and seconded by Councillor Brewer that Lostwithiel Town Council provides each flood warden with an identification badge at a cost of £1 per badge. This proposal received the support of the Council.

511/13 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY 'The Lostwithiel Story'
The reply from the Environment Agency advising that it is cost prohibitive to edit the content of the DVD was discussed by Council.
It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Hughes that one of the first tasks that the Flood Wardens are asked to undertake when they are back on cover is to distribute a Town Council letter explaining that the Town Council will not be distributing or organising the distribution of sand bags to every household in Lostwithiel identified by the Environment Agency as an at risk flood property. This proposal received the support of the Council.

512/13` LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL - CEMETERY
It was proposed by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Hughes that Lostwithiel Town Council approves the full package of revised Cemetery documents. This proposal received the support of the Council.
Councillor Watkins asked for it to be formally recorded that Councillor Gillett is thanked by the Council for all his hard work on the revisions to the Cemetery procedures.

513/13 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL - CEMETERY
It was proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Councillor Jewels that the Council's consideration of this agenda item is moved to closed session. This proposal received the support of the Council.

514/13 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL –STANDING ORDERS
It was proposed by Councillor Hughes and seconded by Councillor Gillett that Lostwithiel Town Council adopts the new revised National Association of Local Council Standing Orders with the minor amendments agreed at the meeting. This proposal received the support of the Council.

515/13 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2013/14
The Council received income and expenditure figures for the previous three financial years, the current year's figures to date, a drafted budget for Land & Parks and an outline budget for Finance, Staffing & General Purposes Committee.

Council did not raise any queries with the figures presented.

The Council considered correspondence received from Cornwall Council. It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Gillett that the clerk is instructed to request the deferment of the submission of Lostwithiel Town Council's budget until 31 January 2014.

This proposal received the support of the Council.

516/13 LOSTWITHIEL SKATE PARK

Council was advised that the Environment Agency have raised a query regarding the removal of compensatory spoil from the site. The planning agents have confirmed that they are confident that they now have sufficient information available to resolve the issue raised.

517/13 GRIT BIN – MEADOW BREEZE

Councillor Gillett having previously declared a non-registerable interest left the meeting room.

It was proposed by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Hughes that Lostwithiel Town Council purchases a 0.28m salt bin filled with salt at a cost of £194.36 (inc.VAT) to be sited at the top of Meadow Breeze. This proposal received the support of the Council.

Councillor Gillett rejoined the meeting.

518/13 OFFICE SHREDDER

It was proposed by Councillor Jewels and seconded by Councillor Hughes that the clerk is instructed to purchase a new office shredder at a cost of £149 plus VAT. This proposal received the support of the Council.

519/13 ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

None

520/13 HIGHWAYS

The clerk was instructed to report the following issues to Highways:-

Potholes between Bodardle and Hillhead, at the Parade and Penquite and Tanhouse Road
Loose pavement grids in North Street either side of Asquiths and outside the Duchy Palace
The clerk was further instructed to include all items previously highlighted until they are resolved.

521/13 OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Hughes advised that the arrangements for Lostfest are well underway and that a formal request to use the Parade will be received shortly.

522/13 CORRESPONDENCE

To be considered at the December full Council meeting.

523/13 NOTICES

None

524/13 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
Cornwall Council Planning Consultation
Lostfest
Report from the Council's Public toilets working party

The meeting closed at 9pm

Chairman

Date