

Lostwithiel Town Council

A Meeting of the Town Council was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday 26 November 2013 at 7pm.

Councillors present

Mayor Mrs Parsons

Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett,

Councillor Abbiss, Councillor Brewer,

Councillor Gillett, Councillor Milne,

Honoured Burgess Peareth, Councillor Robson

Councillor Mrs Ross, Councillor Watkins

& Councillor Mrs Wilkinson

In attendance

Town Clerk Mrs Harris

Five members of the public were in attendance

527/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council was addressed regarding the leaves on the old bridge being a trip hazard.

528/13 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from the following Councillors:-

Councillor Hensman, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Jewels, Honoured Burgess Jones & Councillor May.

529/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brewer declared a registerable interest in agenda item 7 regarding the Medieval Bridge.

530/13 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 19 November 2013 were accepted, approved and duly signed by Mayor Mrs Parsons. Proposed Councillor Watkins seconded Councillor Robson. This proposal received the support of the Council.

531/13 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL – FLOOD PLAN

It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by Councillor Brewer that Standing Orders are suspended to take comments from the Flood Wardens present regarding the new Flood Plan. This proposal received the support of the Council.

Councillor Mrs Ross advised the meeting that Cornwall Community Flood Forum hope to arrange a further training session for Wardens who missed the training in September early in the New Year. Mrs Ross gave the meeting an overview of the major changes to the plan and responded to the queries raised. The meeting was advised that the Council is still currently not able to reinstate the trained Flood Wardens as the Council has yet to receive the Personal Protection Equipment from Cornwall Community Flood Forum.

It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by Councillor Brewer that the meeting is reconvened. This proposal received the support of the Council.

532/13 CORNWALL COMMUNITY FLOOD FORUM

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Ross and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that Lostwithiel Town Council approves the response to CCFF as drafted. This proposal received the support of the Council.

533/13 MEDIEVAL BRIDGE

Councillor Brewer having declared a registerable interest left the meeting room.

It was proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that Lostwithiel Town Council is aware of the potential problem of flooding in Lostwithiel this winter and because as a Council we believe that the gravel obstructing the water flow in the river can only make a flood situation worse. The Council agrees to set aside a sum not exceeding £2,500 from current under spending within this year's budget to pay for Lostwithiel Town Council's share of the cost of the removal of gravel from the river between 3 and 6 metres upstream of the Medieval bridge on the King George V side. Lostwithiel Town Council's expenditure on this should not exceed this amount.

Lostwithiel Town Council calls upon Cornwall Council Highways Department to take action as a matter of urgency to remove the gravel from the river in the area of the bridge.

Lostwithiel Town Council also agrees that the gravel removed from the river can, subject to the necessary permission being granted, be spread evenly on the Parade between the War Memorial and the Army Cadet Building to a depth of no more than 10cms.

These decisions are dependant on Cornwall Council Highways Department organising and carrying out the work, including the removal of the gravel under and 3 meters either side of the bridge, together with obtaining any necessary agreement of the Environment Agency.

This decision should be communicated to Cornwall Council, Cornwall Councillor Bay, the Fowey Harbour Commissioners and the Environment Agency.

This proposal received the support of the Council.

534/13 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Cornwall's Celtic Culture

Grass cutting contract

Poldew Woods – fallen tree

Highways - moss on the pavement at Fortescue Place

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman

Date