

LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Town Council was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday 17 March 2015 at 7pm.

Councillors present

Mayor Mrs Jarrett

Deputy Mayor May

Councillor Brewer, Councillor Gillett,

Councillor Hensman, Councillor Jewels,

Honoured Burgess Peareth, Councillor Robson,

Councillor Mrs Ross & Councillor Watkins.

In attendance

Town clerk Mrs Harris

One member of the public was in attendance

818/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

819/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Councillor Abbiss, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Mrs Parsons & Councillor Mrs Wilkinson

820/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

821/14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 03 March 2015 were accepted, approved and duly signed by Mayor Mrs Jarrett. Proposed Councillor Mrs Ross and seconded by Deputy Mayor May. This proposal received the support of the Council.

822/14 PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES – 10 February 2015

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 10 February 2015 were accepted by Council.

Proposed Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Mrs Ross. This proposal received the support of the Council.

823/14 FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES – 10 February 2015

The minutes of the Finance & Property Committee held on 10 February 2015 were accepted by Council.

Proposed Councillor Mrs Ross and seconded by Councillor Jewels. This proposal received the support of the Council.

824/14 LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES – 17 February 2015

The minutes of the Land & Parks Committee meeting held on 17 February 2015 were accepted by Council.

Proposed Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Gillett. This proposal received the support of the Council.

825/14 TREDETHICK FARM DRIVE

Council considered the further information provided by the landowner and the photographs taken by Mayor Mrs Jarrett.

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor May and seconded by Councillor Robson that in light of the new information provided the clerk is instructed not to forward the response agreed on 3 March 2015 under minute reference 797/14 to Cornwall Council. The clerk is now instructed to advise Cornwall Council that Lostwithiel Town Council does not support the request received from Restormel Ramblers namely 'to retain a right of way on foot over the unclassified road at Tredethick Farm drive'. This proposal received the support of the Council.

826/14 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL BY ELECTION THURSDAY 7 MAY

It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Jewels that Lostwithiel Town Council does not wish polling cards to be issued for the By-Election. This proposal received the support of the Council.

827/14 SHIRE HALL MOORS

Councillor Watkins advised Council that South West Water Ltd have verbally accepted that their gabions have accelerated the speed of the erosion in this section of the river bank. The gabion structures will be removed by South West Water Ltd as soon as they can obtain the necessary consent to work in the river. South West Water Ltd is not prepared to undertake any remedial works to rectify the accelerated erosion but is prepared to meet the cost of the diversion of the path.

South West Water Ltd also took the opportunity at the meeting to highlight their concerns for their lorries on a section of the river bank closer to Coulson Park. South West Water Ltd is to prepare scoping reports for this section of the river and update the Council as soon as these reports are received.

828/14 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

a) Flood Plan update

Councillor Mrs Ross advised the meeting that a venue and a date for the Pilot project meeting will be arranged shortly. Councillor Mrs Ross further advised that a test event will be held prior to the next Council meeting.

b) Neighbourhood Development Plan update

Councillor Jewels and Councillor Hughes have agreed to complete for approval by full Council the grant application form for funding to assist with the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

829/14 PLANNING DECISIONS

PA14/11985

Downend Garage Two Trees Road Lostwithiel

Proposed demolition of the existing garage workshop and the rebuilding of the same with an MOT test bed, leaving in place the North elevation wall. Conversion and extension of the garage shop into a café with living accommodation over.

Approved

PA15/00459

Benbole House The Terrace Lostwithiel

Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order, namely dismantle Horse Chestnut (t1) to ground level and crown reduce Common Beech (t2) by no greater than 3m to leave a height of 15m

Approved

830/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) PA15/00658 Twelvetrees Lerryn Road Lostwithiel
Proposed extension to existing agricultural shed
It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Mrs Ross that Lostwithiel Town Council supports this application. The Council considers it will allow materials and equipment for the business to be stored in a secure area. This proposal received the support of the Council.

b) None

831/14 PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

Councillor Watkins advised Council of the issues highlighted on the play area inspection sheets dated 16 February 2015 & 2 March 2015. The Council then considered the price for replacement hand grips on the item of play equipment in King George V playing field. It was proposed by Councillor Jewels and seconded by Councillor Robson that 6 pairs of hand grips at a cost of £30 per pair plus postage and fitting are ordered and that Cormac are instructed to fit the same on receipt. This proposal received the support of the Council.

832/14 LOSTWITHIEL FORUM – PICNIC BENCHES

It was proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Councillor Watkins that Lostwithiel Town Council agrees to the revised location of the picnic benches requested by Lostwithiel Forum namely south of the bridge subject to Environment Agency Flood Defence Consent being granted. This proposal received the support of the Council.

833/14 CEMETERY FLOWER BINS

Council considered the three prices obtained. It was proposed by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that Lostwithiel Town Council orders a 360 litre general waste bin from Cory at a cost of £6.96 per lift and that Cory are instructed that the Council will need the bin to be emptied once a month after an initial emptying one week after delivery of the bin. On receipt of the Cory bin the block bins inside the gate are to be demolished. This proposal received the support of the Council.

834/14 CEMETERY INTERMENT OF ASHES AND LEVELLING OF GRAVES

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor May and seconded by Councillor Watkins that the prices of £60.95 plus VAT to inter ashes and £77.12 plus VAT to level graves are accepted. This proposal received the support of the Council.

835/14 GRASS VERGES

Councillor Gillett presented to Council Members copies of his report with supporting photographs. It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Gillett that representatives of Lostwithiel Town Council meet with Cornwall Council officers to discuss the papers relating to the contract and their anomalies and report back to Council. This proposal received the support of the Council.

836/14 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor May and seconded by Councillor Gillett that the grass cutting date schedule is approved as drafted. This proposal received the support of the Council.

837/14 COULSON PARK – NEW SEAT

It was decided by Council that a price should be obtained for a new wooden 8 foot seat for the raised concrete plinth in Coulson Park.

838/14 KING GEORGE V PLAY AREA – AWARDS FOR ALL FUNDING APPLICATION

It was proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Councillor Robson that Lostwithiel Town Council Standing Orders are suspended to allow comments from the representative of Lost in Play. The Lost in Play representative addressed the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Councillor Mrs Ross that the meeting is reconvened.

The clerk circulated to Council Members a copy of the completed Awards for All application form drafted by Lost in Play, a copy of the Lost in Play Biffa application, the play area illustration submitted as part of the Biffa application and a copy of the project budget schedule. The Clerk then highlighted to Council the statement in the What will we pay for? What can't we fund? Awards for All application pack namely 'What can't we fund?

.....land, building, refurbishment, landscaping or property projects (including playgrounds and temporary buildings) costing more than £25,000 (including VAT).....'

The clerk then reminded Council that they have already earmarked a contribution of £42,300 to the King George V playing field project and that to complete the form as suggested is misrepresentation of the project. The clerk recommended to Council that the application is not submitted.

It was proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Councillor Mrs Ross that Lost in Play are asked to contact Biffa to ensure their agreement to the 'splitting off' of the multi sports area in a further grant application and the clerk is instructed to explain the nature of the King George V project and the levels of funding agreed to date to Awards for All to establish if the splitting off of the multi use sports area is acceptable. This proposal received the support of the Council.

839/14 EDGCUMBE HOUSE – WORKING PARTY UPDATE & TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING

Councillor Mrs Ross reported to Council that not many people attended the meeting on 26 February but a number of people have since expressed interest in joining the group. The working party will investigate European funding & Heritage funding opportunities however the group considers the Council should find £100,000 to make the building weatherproof. Councillor Mrs Ross has made some initial enquiries regarding Heritage Lottery funding which have been positive. No match funding is required and if the Guildhall and Edgcumbe House could be considered together it may help.

The Council was asked to consider co-opting further Councillors onto the working party. The clerk advised Council that it was not a Committee or indeed a sub-Committee and therefore co-option was not necessary. The clerk requested minutes of each working party meeting for consideration by Council.

The Council then considered the request to merge Edgcumbe House and the Guildhall repairs for Heritage Lottery funding. The clerk advised that the Council has already issued instructions relating to the Guildhall repairs and fees will be payable if the Council wishes to retract this instruction.

The clerk further suggested that her discussions with Heritage Lottery Funding had not been quite as positive as Councillor Mrs Ross's and that the clerk's recommendation to Council would be to submit a project enquiry form to have an initial assessment of the proposed project.

Finally the Council considered instructing the clerk to formally invite members of some Lostwithiel organisations to attend meetings. The clerk advised Council that this would be against her recommendation as it could upset organisations within the community which did not receive a formal invitation.

The clerk also advised that Heritage Lottery Funding had suggested that if a community function could be found for the building then it may be worth considering deprived area Big Lottery funding.

The Council was advised that the next working party meeting will be held on 26 March 2015.

It was proposed by Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Robson that the Council submits to Heritage Lottery a project enquiry form. This proposal received the support of the Council.

It was further proposed by Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Gillett that the Council holds an Edgumbe House Open Day. This proposal also received the support of the Council.

840/14 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

New location for the Town Council office

The meeting closed at 9pm

Chairman

Date