

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman: Councillor Philip Martin

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02/24

Minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held at Sithney school on Tuesday 06 February 2024 at 7.30pm.

Cllr P Martin (Chairman)

Cllr. S. Hilditch

Cllr. R Ashmore

Cllr. L. Penrose

Cllr. D Cattran

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis, and Cornwall Councillor L Jenkin and twelve members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Were received from Cllr I Bulavs and Cllr M Tresidder.
2. **Acceptance of minutes** – Approval of the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on the 02nd January 2024 were unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.
3. **Declarations of interest for items on this agenda** – None.
4. **To consider any applications for dispensations under section 33 of the localism act 2011** – None received.
5. **Public participation** – A parishioner spoke in objection to PA23/09044 as it is not a development site and would constitute a building in the open countryside in a world heritage site. If it was given permission, it would open up doors for more building.
The agent for PA23/09044 advised it is a 4 bed dwelling for the owners son and partner. The family own all the agricultural land and work on the farm on a part time basis as the land is not large enough for full time employment. The son works in agriculture and carries out contracting as well as working at home on the farm. The applicant's son needs to be based on site in order to work on the farm.
6. **Chairman's comments** – Cllr Martin had nothing to report.
7. **Councillors' questions and comments** - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable – No comments.
8. **Cornwall councillor's comments** – Cllr Jenkin advised CC are looking at the proposed budget which is looking to try and maintain services as they are despite increased demand in some areas. This will be done with a 5% council tax rise and pulling £20 million from council reserves. The traffic scheme for Nancegollan is slightly behind schedule but hopefully will not have to go through the full funding bidding process. The decision by CC to close Heartlands is not one that makes sense as in previous years the site was not making a loss. The standards committee are looking at bullying and harassment of councillors.
9. **Planning: Applications** –
PA23/10216 - 1 Carne View Cottages Crowtown Helston - Additional storey to existing single-storey extension and alterations to existing dwelling. Councillors considered that the proposed extension and alterations were reasonable and would not interfere with the amenity of the neighbouring property. It was RESOLVED that Sithney Parish Council support the application.
PA23/09044 - Land to The South of Cartref Coverack Bridges Cornwall Helston - Construction of single Four Bedroom Dwelling. Councillors noted that the proposal would be to build a good quality and sustainable property. However, it would constitute building in the countryside as it is not considered to be infill or rounding off and therefore it was RESOLVED that Sithney Parish Council object to the application.
PA24/00341 - Sea View Longstone Downs Wendron Helston - To remove 20m section of hedgerow in order to create additional space required for farmyard. Councillors noted that the exact distance from the current hedge to the new fence is not stipulated but it was accepted that the proposal is a reasonable request that would enable the farm to continue its work in a safe and efficient manner. It was RESOLVED that Sithney Parish Council support the application.
PA24/00272 - The Mowhay Tregathenan Sithney Helston - 32 ground mounted solar panels on four frames of eight panels. Councillors noted that approval had recently (May 23) been given to the placing of solar panels in a nearby location. It was also noted that this installation would be much larger but that there is also an intention to screen the installation from the adjacent public right of way. It was RESOLVED that Sithney Parish Council support the application as long as it complies with Cornwall Council's regulations.
10. **Public Rights of Way** - LMP Contract 2024/2025 – Cornwall Council have sent out our LMP contract for 2024/2025 with a 4.9% increase. Clerk has confirmed with the LMP contractor who has previously been awarded the contract until 2025 the price for 2024/2025 and there will be a shortfall of £233.44 to be paid by this council. It was RESOLVED to accept the LMP contract for 2024/2025 from CC.

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11. Clerk's report and correspondence.

Defibrillator Training – discussions with Lowertown community group are still ongoing, clerk will advise once a date is confirmed.

Internal Auditor – It was RESOLVED to appoint Ms B Goraus to carry out the internal Auditor for the 2023/2024 accounts as was done in 2022/2023.

Sithney village street lighting – CC have advised: 'Unfortunately, we no longer have a budget for additional lighting and have not done now since 2009. All I am able to offer is the adoption of lighting installed by others, as long as it is to our specification and on adopted highway, taking on its maintenance and energy usage'. Clerk has provided the electrical points and CC are looking at costs.

12. Payments - It was RESOLVED, all Councillors in favour that the following payments be authorised:

Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk – standing order	£143.58
Mrs J Ellis – Clerk Salary – Standing order	£769.10
Mr R Sanders – Plovers Field trimming	£90.00
Mrs J Ellis – Postage and website domain renewal	£72.64
Crofty Multi Academy trust – room Hire 2023	£180.00
	<u>£1,255.32</u>

12b. Financial report of the clerk – The Clerk reported that she had payments to pay totalling £1,255.32 as reported in item 12a. The balance at the end of January on the Current Account is £23,880.27 and, on the Business, Saver is £14,767.20. The new Rialtas software reports have been circulated to all Cllrs. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the reports.**13. Co-Option** – One application has been received from former councillor Nigel Logan. It was RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Logan on to this council.**14. Time and date of the next meeting** – Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.30pm – Sithney School.