

NORTH HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2019

Present:

Steven Sandercock - Chairman
Mary Budge – Vice Chairman
Mervyn Stephens
Adrian Parsons
Jan Grahame
Richard Randall
Carrie Marshall
Maurice Hosking
Brian Ruby

In Attendance:

General Public – Several
Mrs A Jones (Parish Clerk)

Meeting opened in the Village Hall at 7.30pm with the Chairman welcoming all present.

1. RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Cllr D Daniells

2. Mr Chris Coldwell – Guest Speaker

2.1 Mr Chris Coldwell is ANOB Project Manager Cornwall Council, there are 140 sites in Cornwall at risk or vulnerable but only 25 are live scheduled plans in the Duchy. Cornwall Council is working alongside Historic England and other Community Groups such as History Groups and volunteers to help with the works being carried out. The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England help also by providing funding for the detailed surveying work and to find out what work is required to preserve the monuments. 40 Sites have been identified following important characteristics such as Public Access, know or likely land ownership support, potential for future management and maintenance commitment. North Hill has 3 sites of interest 1. Nine Stone Circle, 2. Neolithic Long Cairn West of Blackcoombe Farm 3. Three Stone Hut Circle North East of Trewortha Farm. North Hill is included in the 140 sites, but several are on Private Land. There are other sites which are vulnerable to pedestrian footfall erosion, although not looking to increase footfall, but landowners to be stewards. Mr Coldwell would welcome any support from the Parish Council, and Thanked the Parish Council for the invite to the meeting. The Chairman and Councillors Thanked Mr Coldwell for coming along.

3 PUBLIC SESSION

3.1 R Chairman Suspended all Standing Orders for members of the Public to address the Council Proposed 1st Cllr M Budge 2nd Cllr A Parsons. No members of the public wished to address the Parish Council. Standing Orders reinstated proposed Cllr R Randall 2nd Cllr M Budge.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT & STANDING ORDERS

4.1 The Chairman asked all Cllrs if they have read, understood and are prepared to sign the Annual Review of these Documents. The Chairman stated that Cllrs and the public will have 3 minutes to speak and requested that members of the public refrained from joining Parish Council discussions. The Chairman stated that if Cllrs do not refrain from being quiet when addressed, he as Chairman will shut the meeting down for a 10 minute period, if this was to continue, the Chairman will ask members of the Council to leave the meeting, but as a final resort will close the meeting and rearrange another date for the meeting to take place. The Chairman stated that it cannot continue as from the last meeting in July, nor can any Cllr abstain from Voting unless for a genuine reason e.g. declaring an interest. For those Cllrs

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whom wish to brush up on the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct, Training is available to attend at Stoke Climbsland Village Hall on Monday 19th July at 6.30pm.

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

5.1 None Declared.

6. APPROVING MINUTES

6.1 Minutes to show correct information on Item 5.1 8th July 2019 "The Solar Panels are pointing South on a North facing Hill". Minutes approved and signed by the Chairman as correct with the amendment made for 8 July 2019. Proposed 1st Cllr J Grahame 2nd Cllr C Marshall. All Councillors in favour.

7. REVIEW OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Laxton Barn, PA19/05337

Cllrs Discussed this application and have no issues with supporting this application therefore Proposed 1st Cllr R Randall 2nd Cllr M Stephens with all Councillors in favour. Cllr A Parsons abstained from the vote.

7.2 Installation of a freestanding mono pole solar array in field. Land South East of Hillbrook, Middlewood, Mr Peter Bousfield Ref: PA19/04216. The Clerk has received correspondence from the Caseworker regarding this application who is in favour of supporting this application as it conforms with the Local Plan and Neighbouring area. Mr Bousfield was available for Councillors to ask questions and stated that animals are still able to graze the land once installed, a storage battery will be used for the winter months and the array of panels cannot be seen. Cllr Parsons stated with the panels on a North facing slope this has benefits e.g., the panels will be facing into the hill and not visible therefore lessening the impact. On Review of the discussion five Cllrs Voted to support the application proposed 1st Cllr C Marshall 2nd Cllr M Budge. Cllr Parsons abstained from the vote. 3 Cllrs voted against the development.

8. REVIEW OF CLERKS REPORT

8.1 Hymn Sheets – Rev H West and Ms J Smart have reviewed the Hymn Sheets and have sent a copy to the Clerk in preparation for the new edition. Clerk to await an old copy to use as a template.

6.2 Congdons Shop Commoners Land – Work to be started shortly.

6.3 Footpath Bathpool – Cllr Sandercock stated that Cornwall Council are installing a netted stone wall to the path to help stop the eroding and works to be carried out in Spring 2020.

6.4 Public Footpath North Hill – It has been reported to the Chairman that Trebartha Est have carried out works on the land, but have damaged the Public Footpath. Clerk has contacted Savills and reported. Since this report being made a Tree has fallen down, Clerk to follow this up with Savills too.

6.5 New Graveyard – The Clerk is still awaiting to hear from Lewannick Clerk regarding this issue, but Cllr Parsons suggested contacting Caroline Latham. Cllr Ruby provided a map from Mr Wooster with the measurements for the suggested area.

6.6 Drains – Clerk has spoken to Mr O Jones regarding the matter of Drains and this will be followed up shortly, hopefully with this issue finally resolved.

6.7 Salt – This item has been dealt with. NFA.

6.8 Land Adj to the Village Hall – The Clerk has it confirmed in writing that no correspondence has been received from Cllr Ruby's Solicitor. Earl and Crocker sent the information to Mr Ruby's Solicitor on the 20th March and no response has been received. Cllr Ruby stated that his daughters are now dealing with this issue, the Chairman has requested this in writing and to pass this information to the Solicitors.

7. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Phyllis Harrison – Mrs Harrison has reported to the Parish Council via Email the concerns of the speeding traffic through Bathpool. It was agreed that the Parish Council are unable to help with this, as the Council feel it is a Police matter.

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- 7.2 Mr Boggis – Mr Boggis has contacted the Parish Council regarding the large vehicles passing through North Hill Village heading for the New Housing Estate, Cllrs feel there are no restrictions on movement but wish the Clerk to check the Planning Application.
- 7.3 River Lynher – Information for Cllrs regarding and issue with the spreading weed. Environmental Agency is deal with this matter.
- 7.4 BT Phone Boxes – North Hill Parish has adopted the two in the area.
8. FINANCES
- 8.1 Authorisation of Expenses – Proposed 1st Cllr C Marshall 2nd Cllr M Stephens
- A Jones Expenses £74.12 Postage Ink Mileage
- 8.2 Wages –
A Jones £539.02 (Inc. Mobile Phone Contract, Rm Rental, Internet)
- 8.3 Update of Current Account - as of 28 July 2019 – £14831.80
- 8.4 Budget Sheet 2019 2020 – given to Cllrs for information.
- 10.1 Next Meeting – Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.32pm.

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