

NORTH HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2019

Present:

Steven Sandercock - Chairman
Mary Budge – Vice Chairman
David Daniells
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 No Apologies

2 PUBLIC SESSION

2.1 R Chairman Suspended all Standing Orders for members of the Public to address the Council Proposed 1st Cllr C Marshall 2nd Cllr M Budge. A resident addressed Councillors regarding the old website and suggested it was shut down. The Clerk and Mrs J Radford explained that the Parish Council used the North Hill Village Hall Website and is unable to be shut down, Mrs Radford also stated that the new website address is linked onto the Village Hall page. Clerk to see how to improve the search for North Hill Parish Councils website. Standing Orders reinstated proposed Cllr D Daniells 2nd Cllr J Grahame.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 None Declared.

4. APPROVING MINUTES

4.1 Minutes approved and signed by the Chairman as correct for 10 June 2019. Proposed 1st Cllr J Grahame 2nd Cllr M Stephens. All Councillors in favour.

5. REVIEW OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Installation of a freestanding mono pole solar array in field. Land South East of Hillbrook, Middlewood. Mr Peter Bousfield Ref: PA19/04216 Councillors discussed this application and held concerns regarding the following, the panels are pointing south and therefore will have no sun during the months of October to March. The area on which has been allocated in the AONB, the installation is on an old property and what is to be gained. Cllrs voted on this, Cllr Stephens is in favour of supporting this application Cllrs Ruby, Daniells, Grahame, Randall, Marshall and Hosking voted against therefore proposed by 1st J Grahame 2nd Cllr R Randall not to support this application . Cllrs Parsons, Sandercock and Budge abstained from voting.

5.2 Proposed Barn Conversion Newtown Farm, Coads Green. PA19/04631 The Parish Council discussed this application, and are happy to support as it provides local accommodation for a young local couple, propped 1st Cllr M Budge 2nd Cllr D Daniells with all Cllrs in favour.

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6. REVIEW OF CLERKS REPORT

- 6.1 Hymn Sheets – The Clerk is awaiting responses from both Rev H West and Ms J Smart.
- 6.2 Dog Bin – This bin seems to be collected at Newhams.
- 6.3 Congdons Shop Commers Land – Both quotes have been received from R Cooper £933.60 inc VAT and L Furse £1400.00, therefore Cllrs wish to keep the work local and it was proposed 1st Cllr J Grahame 2nd Cllr R Randall with all Cllrs in favour to use Mr R Cooper.
- 6.4 Public Footpath Bathpool – The Chairman is aware of Cornwall Council visiting the site twice, without the Chairman's presence as requested. Cllrs Sandercock cannot close the path and would be prosecuted if he did so, therefore Cornwall Council have the responsibility for duty of care to the public. The Chairman has requested this statement in writing from CC, and no paper work has been received. Councillor Parsons will look into this matter with Mr O Jones.
- 6.5 Public Footpath Bathpool Mill Lane/Lynher Lane – The Clerk has received an email from a local resident Mr M Wright who is holding concerns with regards to the footpath from Mill Lane to Lynher Lane in Bathpool. Cllrs stated that this area is "no man's land" and no action will be taken on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 6.6 Chris Coldwell – Councillor Parsons has invited Mr C Coldwell to the meeting in August.
- 6.7 Old Graveyard – Clerk has contacted the Clerk for Lewannick Parish Council to find out about the situation of the Graveyard, due to Lewannick having a new Clerk covering, it could be a short wait to hear back from them.
- 6.8 New Graveyard – Cllrs wish to arrange a meeting on Monday 22nd July at 730pm to discuss the proposed area for a new graveyard, with Cllr Ruby contacting Mr Wooster inviting him along. Clerk has noted Telephone number 01822 820896 for Mr Wooster.
- 6.9 Salt Bin – This has been ordered at a cost of £124.48 and due for delivery shortly to Chairman's address.
- 6.10 Drains – Cllr Ruby and Daniells are still concerned about the drains in Bathpool, especially those at Lawns Lane and at Uphill, and as a result of this Cllr Daniells stated that he is blocking the drain which lays in his property. Cllr Ruby accused Cllr Parsons of telling Cllr Daniells "to shut up about the drains", Cllr Parsons told Cllr Ruby that he has not once made a comment making that statement and no Cllrs in the room present has heard Cllr Parsons say this at any point. Cllr Daniells stated that this issue with the local drains has been going on for 10 years, Cllr Parsons explained to Cllr Daniells that Uphill is not cleared as it is on private property and Mr O Jones is unable gain access and that Bathpool regularly have the drains cleared in the area. The Clerk will contact Mr O Jones to enquire about the progress being made.
- 6.11 Dumping of Grass Waste River Lynher – It has been reported to the Chairman recently that garden waste is being dumped into the River Lynher by the Environmental Agency and a local resident. The Parish Council are unable to help with this matter; therefore, no action will be taken.
- 6.12 Climate Change Action CC – The Chairman attended the Town Forum meeting in Launceston recently and it has been reported that Cornwall Council have declared an Climate Emergency and that an Action Plan has been developed for Cornwall. Cornwall Council are offering small grants to Village Halls to help slow the process of Climate Change.

7. MAINTANANCE

- 7.1 Play Area – The Parish Council wish to thank those whom have painted the play area equipment, as it looks very good. No further action from the Clerk.

8. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Judith Pollard – Mrs Pollard has contacted the Parish Council to enquire about the cutting back of trees which are over hanging from the Church boundary wall, the Parish Council are happy for Mr and Mrs Pollard to carry on with their works and have no issues.
- 8.2 Mike Wright – Refer to item 6.5
- 8.3 Marcus Kiggell – Mr Kiggell set up a Direct Debit to help save St Torneys Church when threatened with closure, now the Church has closed Mr Kiggell would like to cancel this, Cllrs have suggested Mr Kiggell contacts Ms Nicola Barker to do this.

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- 8.4 Heulwen Jones – An email have been received from Ms Heulwen Jones of Lynher Way, making a complaint about the dog mess which seems to be constantly left at the front of her property. The Parish Clerk to contact Ms Y King Dog Warden to see if she has seen anything, but Cllrs seem to think this could be the result of the roaming dog about North Hill.
- 8.5 Polling Stations Phase 2 – Councillors are happy with the current arrangements for Polling stations, therefore Clerk to report this back to Cornwall Council.
9. FINANCES
- 9.1 Authorisation of Expenses – Proposed 1st Cllr A Parsons 2nd Cllr M Stephens
- A Jones Expenses £9.60 Postage
- A Jones £124.48 Salt Bin
- North Hill Village Hall £42.00 Room Rent
- 9.2 Wages – A Jones £539.02 (Inc. Mobile Phone Contract, Rm Rental, Internet)
- 9.3 Update of Current Account - as of 28 June 2019 – £15550.50
- 9.4 Budget Sheet 2019 2020 – given to Cllrs for information.
- 10.1 Next Meeting – Monday 12 August 2019 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.09pm.

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Sign & Date _____
Chairman