



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 813th MEETING OF BUDOCK PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD AT BUDOCK VILLAGE HALL, ON MONDAY 15th September 2008**

PRESENT : Cllrs Bastin (Chairman), Brown, Fairbank, Hennell, Miss Pengelly, Tim McCabe and Trevor McCabe.

C2771 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Chairman recognised that this was an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, and that there were a number of members the public present, who wished to make comment on matters on the agenda. He suggested that, with council's permission, he proposed suspending Standing Orders as each item was reached, to allow members of the public to comment, after which Standing Orders would be reinstated.

It was proposed by Cllr Fairbank, seconded by Cllr Trevor McCabe and

RESOLVED unanimously that public comment should be invited immediately before each item was discussed by the council.

C2772 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from D Cllr Mrs Fryer.

C2773 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) In Items on the Agenda

Cllr Trevor McCabe declared a personal interest in agenda item C2774 (b), regarding the Childrens' Playing Field, Cllr Bastin declared a personal interest in the planning applications, C2775 (a) (i) and (ii), and Cllr Miss Pengelly declared a personal interest in item C2775 (a) (ii).

b) Of gifts of a value of more than £25

There were no declarations of gifts of a value of more than £25.

C2774 AGENDA ITEMS

a) To consider the council's response to a consultation document from County Highways regarding Bus Stop locations and road markings

The Clerk summarised the covering letter from County Highways, which had accompanied the proposals, and stated that members had already had an opportunity to examine the plans before the meeting commenced.

He explained that it was proposed to make changes to the highway along the route of bus services 2 and T4 (Falmouth to Helston), and that the council was a consultee in this process, and able to make comment upon the proposal. Members of the public were also able to make their comments, either in writing or via the Cornwall CC website. The council had already received copies of three letters of objection from members of the public. As agreed, Standing Orders were suspended, to allow members of the public to address the council upon this matter, after which they were reinstated.

During discussion, councillors raised a number of potential problems with the proposed changes within Budock :-

- The proposals would reduce on-street parking in Budock Water, where there was no car park as an alternative.
- In particular, the proposal to prevent parking outside Budock Stores, the only remaining shop in the village, could compromise its viability.

- The road through Budock Water was very narrow, with blind corners, so the proposals could well cause a traffic hazard.
- There were already two bus shelters in Budock Water, for passengers travelling in the direction of Falmouth, which was far busier than the route towards Mawnan Smith and Helston. There had been no problems caused by the fact that there were no markings on the roadway.
- Passengers travelling back from Falmouth were dropped off at any point they requested along the route through Budock Water and did not require bus shelters, as they went home after alighting. There was no pavement on that side of the road, so there was no opportunity to build shelters without narrowing the road even further.
- Bus timetables in both directions were displayed at the existing bus shelters, and there was no need for these on the other side of the road.
- Buses never crossed in Budock, as the same vehicle that travelled into Falmouth turned around and came back in the opposite direction.
- There had been no public requests for the proposed changes, which were likely to increase congestion, rather than decrease it.
- In rural villages, there was no need for the increasing formality and urbanisation of roadways.
- It seemed odd that this expenditure, which was considered to be unnecessary by the council and members of the public, was being proposed, while the proposal for a Variable Message Sign (VMS) had been rejected.

It was proposed by Cllr Trevor McCabe, seconded by Cllr Miss Pengelly and

RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the consultation document, on behalf of the council, including the points raised (see above). The Clerk was also asked to publish the council's response on its website, along with County Highways contact details.

b) Update – Environmental Health complaint regarding noise nuisance at Childrens' Playing Field, Merry Mit Meadow

The Chairman explained that, since its last meeting, the council had received written correspondence from Kerrier DC's Environmental Health Department concerning the above, although it had not issued a Noise Abatement Order.

He had attended two meetings with the Playing Field Committee, and the equipment had been cordoned off, and notices posted to stop its use until the noise problem could be addressed. A hedge had also been planted behind the equipment. Although Environmental Health had offered to allow access to the recording made on the noise monitoring equipment, it had been stated that there were no precise readings of the noise levels, and that there was not legal requirement for these. It had been advised that a survey and report from an Acoustic Engineer should provide objective evidence, and indicate what steps might be taken to alleviate the problem. The Chairman had contacted a local engineer, who had costed this exercise at £300, and stated that he could carry out the survey and prepare the report before the end of the month.

At this point, Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to address the council upon this matter, after which they were reinstated. Members were reminded that the equipment had been purchased with a Liveability Grant from Kerrier District Council. Cllr Hatton suggested that a Community Grant from the County Council might be available as a contribution towards the cost of rectification of the problem, but that this could not be used to fund the Acoustic Survey and Report.

After a lengthy debate, it was proposed by Cllr Tim McCabe, seconded by Cllr Brown and

RESOLVED that the council should arrange the survey and report, but that efforts should be made to recoup as much of the cost as possible

from the equipment supplier, the Playing Field Committee, or from elsewhere.

It was also proposed by Cllr Tim McCabe, seconded by Cllr Brown and

RESOLVED that the Cllr McCabe and a representative of the Playing Field Committee should visit Kerrier Environmental Health Department, and listen to the recording.

C2775 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) To Consider Planning Applications Received From the District Authority

(i) PA08/01005/F – Furgo Seacore Ltd, Bickland Industrial Park, Falmouth – Erection of a storage building

OBSERVATIONS : No objections, as this was a storage building on an existing manufacturing site.

(ii) PA08/01489/F – Falmouth Town Council – Use of land alongside St Budock Church, Budock Water as a municipal cemetery and the formation of vehicular access and roadway

Members had already had an opportunity to examine the plans before the meeting commenced. The Chairman pointed out a number of points in the proposal :-

- The land was not owned by the applicant, and a Compulsory Purchase Order might be required to acquire it (paragraph 1.5).
- Poolfield Road was not a highway, but had been reclassified as a footpath (paragraph 1.8).
- The area concerned was prime agricultural land, which was becoming increasingly valuable, so it was incorrect to quote “no significant harm” in paragraph 2.8 (ii).
- There were residential properties near to the land, and there might be more in the future, not as stated in paragraph 2.8 (iii).
- There had been a change in circumstances since the applicant’s previous successful applications (which had now lapsed), in that Poolfield Lane was no longer a highway.
- It was stated that there were no alternative sites, but no evidence of this had been provided.
- There was no evidence that English Heritage had been consulted about the proposals, which would affect Budock Church.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to address the council upon this matter, after which they were reinstated. There followed a lengthy debate, during which members raised additional potential problems with this application :-

- Even with the quoted 100 to 120 burials each year, this would add significant traffic on Churchtown, the narrow access road from Budock Water. It was considered that the figures quoted would create more than 500 return journeys to and from the cemetery.
- The impact upon traffic on Vicarage Hill / Bickland Hill in Budock water appeared not have been considered.
- It was recommended, should the proposal be agreed, that access should be from Bickland Water Road, and not via Churchtown.
- The internal road layout of the proposed municipal cemetery was not in keeping with the old grade “2*” listed church and churchyard, approached via a rural lane.
- There seemed to be insufficient parking within the proposed layout.

OBSERVATIONS : Budock Parish Council objected to this proposal, and asked that the local ward member requested a site meeting and determination by Kerrier DC’s Planning Committee, rather than by an officer under delegated powers.

C2776 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Budock Parish Council was to be held on Monday, 29th September 2008, commencing at 7.30pm, at Budock Village Hall.

Signed : 29th September 2008
Chairman

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