

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 816th MEETING OF BUDOCK PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT BUDOCK VILLAGE HALL, ON MONDAY 24th November 2008

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

C2803 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment on items on the agenda.

C2804 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Brown & Tim McCabe, and from C Cllr Hatton.

C2805 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) In Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

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

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

C2806 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Meeting of Budock Parish Council, 27th October 2008

It was proposed by Cllr Fairbank, seconded by Cllr Miss Pengelly and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th October 2008 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

b) Meeting of Planning Committee, 11th November 2008

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 11th November 2008 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

C2807 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

a) Trevoney Footpath - Work on Stream Bed and Tree on Bank

The Clerk stated that he had been assured by the contractor that this work would start imminently. The delay had been caused by the non-availability of the tree surgeon.

C2808 AGENDA ITEMS

a) To consider recommendations of the Policy & Finance Working Group in respect of Budget & Precept 2009/10

A report detailing the Budget and Precept proposals had been distributed by the Clerk, in advance of the meeting,

Cllr Fairbank stated that the Policy and Finance Working Group had held two recent meetings, and that these had taken note of the letter received earlier in the year from the council's Internal Auditor. This contained a recommendation that take steps be taken, over the next four years, to increase the level of Free Reserves to a level equivalent to a year's expenditure (currently over £20,000). It was, however, considered that this figure should be reduced by the value of the reserves of the two Village Halls and the Playing Field Committee, estimated at £5,000 to £6,000, as the comment related to those entities.

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As a result of lengthy deliberations, the working group's recommendation was that the 2009/10 Precept be set at £16,125, an increase over 2008/09 of £1,125 or 7.5%. This would represent approximately £24.73 per Band "D" property, an increase of £1.73 over the current year.

The Clerk stated that, as the council's Finance Officer, he was concerned that the proposed forecast that Expenditure would exceed Income in 2009/10, resulting in a reduction in Free Reserves of over £6,000.

To maintain Free Reserves at the same level as that forecast for the end of 2008/09, the 2009/10 Precept would need to be approximately £22,000, a 49% increase over 2008/09. This would equate to around £44 per Band "D" property, an increase of £11 over the current year. The council considered that such an increase would be unacceptable to local residents, particularly in the current financial climate. Rather, it was decided to cut £4,500 from the council's Expenditure, enabling forecast Free Reserves to be reduced by just £1,700 in 2009/10.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Fairbank, seconded by Cllr Trevor McCabe and

RESOLVED that the 2009/10 Precept be set at £16,125, and that the council adopt a modified version of the proposed 2009/10 Budget, with a £4,500 reduction in council Expenditure.

The Clerk agreed to circulate a full copy of the revised Budget and Precept.

b) To consider proposed dates for Council Meetings in 2009

In advance of the meeting, the Clerk had distributed a schedule covering the remainder of 2008/09, and all of 2009/10. It was pointed out that a number of Planning Committee and Policy & Finance Group Meetings were incorrect (should all be Mondays).

The Clerk agreed to update the schedule, and circulate a revised copy to all members of the council.

c) To consider the continuing closure of Poolfield Lane, Budock Water

The Clerk stated that he had been assured by Kerrier DC that the fence was likely to be removed, and footpath reopened, by the end of the week.

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

RESOLVED that, should this not be the case, the Clerk write to inform them that the fence was down, and ask for a written plan to reinstate the footpath.

d) To consider the impact of new planning rules, introduced October 2008

A copy of a document received from CALC had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk summarised the document, and directed members to the website link, should they need clarification on circumstances when planning permission would be likely to be required.

e) To consider updating the council's Publication Scheme (due to changes from the Freedom of Information Act) for adoption by January 2009

All Parish Councils' existing Publication Schemes expired in December 2008, and a new model scheme had been received from the Office of the Information Commissioner. The Clerk had circulated a replacement Publication Scheme for Budock, and explained that it included the model scheme in its entirety, which needed to be adopted without change.

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

RESOLVED that the council adopt the revised Publication Scheme, effective 1st December 2008.

f) To consider the council's responses to the following documents :-

i) One Cornwall's draft Core Agreement of the Localism Charter

A copy of the document had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Fairbank and

RESOLVED that the council should not respond.

ii) Invitation to participate in a pilot scheme under One Cornwall's Active Partnering Arrangement

A copy of this document had also been circulated prior to the meeting. It was felt that Budock ought to respond, and ask to be considered for the pilot scheme.

As Budock already had a partnership scheme in place for the maintenance of Public Rights Of Way, it was proposed by Cllr Hennell, seconded by Cllr Gibson and

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to One Cornwall, with an expression of interest in taking on grass cutting (Highway verge maintenance) in the parish.

iii) The Communities & Local Government document "Communities in control : Real people. Real power : Codes of conduct for local authority members & employees – A consultation"

A copy of the document had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Fairbank and

RESOLVED that the council should not respond.

C2809 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on correspondence received, a schedule of which is attached to the minutes as a record.

C2810 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a) County Council

C Cllr Hatton had apologised for his absence from the meeting.

b) District Council

D Cllr Mrs Fryer reported on the following matters:-

- She apologised for the fact that she had been unable to attend the recent meeting at Budock Playing Field.
- She had heard nothing further concerning Falmouth Town Council's planning application for a proposed Municipal Cemetery alongside Budock Church.
- She now had a Kerrier DC mobile telephone, on which she could be contacted (number 07969 469771).
- With the Unitary Authority elections now likely to be in October 2009, it was likely that Planning and Licensing would continue to operate as at present between April 2009 and the election.

C2811 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) To Note Planning Decisions received from the Planning Authority

The Clerk reported on decisions received, a schedule of which is attached to the minutes as a record.

b) To Note Planning Enforcement Complaints received by the Planning Authority

The Clerk reported that no enforcement complaints had been received in Budock, since the last meeting.

- c) To Consider Planning Applications Received From the District Authority
 - (i) PA08/01821/F Mrs M Gallacher, Merrymeet Farmhouse, Budock Water Erection of a domestic garage
 OBSERVATIONS: No objections.
 - (ii) PA08/01849/F Mr A Smith, Craignish, Maenporth Estate, Falmouth Erection of extensions and alterations to existing dwelling

OBSERVATIONS: The council considered that the proposed extensions and alterations were too extensive to be in keeping with the location of the dwelling, and requested that the proposals be scaled down in size.

(iii) PA08/01901/F - Mr & Mrs R Stacey, Trehane, Budock Water - Erection of an extension to dwelling

OBSERVATIONS: No objections.

d) Report on a meeting with Falmouth Town Council, concerning the proposed Municipal Cemetery alongside Budock Church

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Trevor McCabe had held a meeting with Falmouth Town Council, which unfortunately had not been attended by a Kerrier DC Planning Officer. Falmouth had agreed to make the following revisions:-

- Relocating the entrance onto Poolfield Lane, off Bickland Water Road.
- Reworking the cemetery layout to be more in keeping with its rural surroundings, and less "municipal" in appearance.
- Allowing Budock residents to be buried there for the same fees as Falmouth residents.

Falmouth Town Council had agreed to resubmit a revised application. In the meantime, it was proposed by Cllr Trevor McCabe, seconded by Cllr Fairbank and

RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Planning Authority, to make them aware of the agreed changes.

C2812 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

a) Budock Village Hall

Members were reminded that, from Christmas 2007, the council had agreed to pay for the room hire for the childrens' Christmas Party each year, the invoice for which should be expected towards the end of December.

C2813 RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

Cllr Fairbank had nothing specific to report.

C2814 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

RESOLVED that accounts totalling £706.91 be approved for payment and duly signed. A schedule of these is attached to the minutes as a record.

C2815 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Budock Parish Council was to be held on Monday, 26th January 2009, commencing at 7.30pm, at Budock Village Hall. As previously agreed, there was to be no meeting in December 2008

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a) Bus stop sign

This had still not been moved by the bus company. The Clerk agreed to chase them up.

b) Impact of the "Falmouth Pitch & Putt" development
This appeared to be likely to be given the go-ahead, and the council was reminded that this would increase Bickland Water Road traffic at the Bickland Hill junction.

Chairman

