



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 818th MEETING OF BUDOOCK PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD AT BUDOOCK VILLAGE HALL, ON MONDAY 23rd February 2009**

PRESENT : Cllrs Bastin (Chairman), Brown, Fairbank, Gibson, Gifford, Hennell and Trevor McCabe.

C2829 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Chairman stated that Cllr Miss Pengelly was unwell and in hospital, and that he had sent her get well wishes on behalf of the council. He added that ex Chairman, Mr George Webber, had sadly passed away, and that he would be attending his funeral the following day, to represent the council.

A member of the public stated that he wished to make a statement on item C2834 (b), the noise abatement at Budoock Playing Field. It was agreed that Standing Orders would be suspended to allow this to occur when this item was reached.

C2830 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Tim McCabe & Miss Pengelly.

C2831 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.

C2832 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Meeting of Budoock Parish Council, 26th January 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Brown and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th January 2009 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

b) Meeting of Planning Committee, 7th February 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Hennell, seconded by Cllr Gifford and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th February 2009 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

C2833 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

a) Possible Tree Donation

The Clerk stated that he had contacted the lady who wrote in, and put her in touch with Penjerrick Garden.

b) Falmouth Town Council / Planning Application for Municipal Cemetery

It was stated by the Chairman that Falmouth TC might need to execute a CPO to acquire the land, should its planning application be successful.

C2834 AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **To consider the proposal from One Cornwall that all Householder Planning Applications be determined at officer level, with no delegated powers of referral to either Ward members of Parish & Town Councils**

A document had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Concerns were expressed about the degree of consultation that Parish and Town Councils would have, if all Householder Applications were determined under delegated powers.

The Clerk reported that, via the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC), it had been agreed to convene a Planning Forum of representatives of Quality Councils, to assist in determining the new Cornwall Council's planning policies.

- b) **Update on effectiveness of Noise Control Measures at Budock Playing Field**

The Clerk stated that, at the January council meeting, it had been stated that more remedial work would have been carried out, followed by re-opening of the equipment for re-assessment by Kerrier Environmental Health, over the Half-Term period. He had that evening received correspondence from Kerrier DC, which stated that no further work appeared to have been undertaken, and that the re-assessment exercise had been of little or no value.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public to speak on this matter. He stated that the only work that appeared to have been done had been on the Thursday of the Half-Term week, and that the equipment had not been re-opened. Standing Orders were reinstated.

It was proposed by Cllr Hennell, seconded by Cllr Fairbank and

RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact the Playing Field Committee as a matter of urgency, ask whether the agreed modifications had been undertaken, and if not, request that they be completed prior to further monitoring by Kerrier over a week at Easter.

- c) **To consider whether to increase the tax-free amount paid to the Clerk, for the use of space, lighting, heating and electricity due to working from home, from £2 to £3 per week (HMRC Guidelines, effective 1st April 2008)**

The Clerk stated that it had come to his notice that this allowance, which formed part of his employment contract, had been increased for 2008/09. He circulated a copy of the HMRC guidelines.

It was proposed by Cllr Gifford, seconded by Cllr Brown and

RESOLVED that the Clerk's tax-free allowance for home working should be increased to £3/week, back-dated to April 2008.

- d) **To consider the council's response to BT proposals to remove the Public Telephone Box from Kergilliack Road, Falmouth**

A communication had been received from Kerrier DC, who had been consulted by BT concerning the proposed closure of certain telephone boxes in its area, including the one on Kergilliack Road. The Clerk explained that this had already been downgraded to a cashless box, due to under use, and its removal was now being proposed.

Alternatively, it was possible for the Parish Council, or another organisation to purchase or sponsor the box (at a cost).

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Gifford, seconded by Cllr Brown and

RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond on behalf of the council, stating that it had no objection to the removal of the box. However, he should, instead, request some other benefit to the local community, such as Broadband Internet access or a Laptop PC for Budock Village Hall.

e) To consider a request from the County Playing Fields Association for a 2009/10 S137 Grant

A written request for this had been received. It was proposed by Cllr Fairbank, seconded by Cllr Hennell and

RESOLVED , as agreed when the council's 2009/10 Budget and Precept were set, that no grants be made to organisations outside Budock Parish..

f) To consider a request from Cruse Bereavement Care for a 2009/10 S137 Grant

A written request for this had been received. It was proposed by Cllr Fairbank, seconded by Cllr Hennell and

RESOLVED , as agreed when the council's 2009/10 Budget and Precept were set, that no grants be made to organisations outside Budock Parish..

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

i) Questionnaire relating to the proposed Cornwall-Wide Development Framework

A copy of the document had been circulated prior to the meeting, and this was updated for the Clerk to submit.

ii) Proposals for the Validation of Planning Applications for the new Cornwall Council

A copy of the document had been circulated prior to the meeting, and it was agreed that no comment should be made by Budock Parish Council.

iii) Survey from the Standards Board for England

A copy of the document had been circulated prior to the meeting, and it was agreed that no response should be returned by Budock Parish Council.

iv) Briefing Sheet from the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Community Safety Partnership

A copy of the document had been circulated prior to the meeting, and it was agreed that no comment should be made by Budock Parish Council.

C2835 CORRESPONDENCE

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

C2836 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a) District Council

In the absence of D Cllr Mrs Fryer, the Clerk reported on the following matter covered in a written submission :-

- During the interim period between 1st April and the new Cornwall Council elections, areas which were currently the responsibility of district councils, such as Planning and Licensing, would have politically-balanced committees made up of some current county councillors and some current district councillors.

b) County Council

C Cllr Hatton reported on the following matters :-

- Elections for the Unitary Authority would take place on 4th June 2009, so the "interim period" between the existing and the new councils would only be of two months. Ward boundaries would be based upon the original recommendations from the Boundary Committee, and there would be 123 members in the new council.
- A further boundary review would take place four years later, and would take into account the responses to the recent consultation exercise.
- Although the districts would cease to exist from 1st April, Cornwall CC members would continue in post until 3rd April 2009.

- With regard to the matter raised by D Cllr Mrs Fryer, taking Planning as an example, Parish and Town Councils would continue to be consultees and, as Ward Member, he would continue to be able to assist with discussions on specific applications.
- Post-Unitary, 100% of “Householder” planning applications would be determined at officer level. Householder Applications related to minor planning proposals, excluding new builds, within settlement boundaries. Medium and major applications, including those for development outside of settlement boundaries, could still be referred to a Planning Committee for determination.
- An application for a Community Grant from Budock Playing Field Committee, for safety matting, had been successful.

C2837 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) PA09/00138/F – Mr S Jago, Woodside, College Woods, College Hill, Penryn – Erection of extension to dwelling

Observation : **NO OBJECTIONS**

(ii) PA09/00144/F – Mr M Cooper, Heatherbank, Vicarage Hill, Budock Water – Erection of extension to rear of dwelling, and installation of a first floor window and eight roof-lights

Observation : **NO OBJECTIONS**

C2838 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

a) Police Report

A written report had been submitted, in which it was stated that 4 crimes had been reported in the past month, plus 2 calls concerning anti-social behaviour involving a juvenile male, as yet unidentified.

C2839 RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

Cllr Fairbank stated that :-

- There had been 18 expressions of interest in the Public Rights Of Way maintenance contract for 2009 to 2011, and that tender responses were required for 6th March 2009.
- The work on the stream bed alongside the footpath from the Village Hall to Trevoney having been completed, crown reduction of the large oak tree would commence shortly.
- The re-opened footpath alongside the church wall still needed cleaning up. The Clerk agreed to make further contact with Cornwall CC.
- Public footpath spur number 23/2 needed the mud scraping off its surface. The Clerk agreed to contact the footpaths contractor.
- The public footpaths across the newly created allotments (Bickland Water Road / Roscarrack Road) had been fenced off, but still needed further attention. Cllr Fairbank agreed to try to progress this.

C2840 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Brown and

RESOLVED that accounts totalling **£1,495.97** be approved for payment and duly signed. A schedule of these is attached to the minutes as a record.

C2841 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Budock Parish Council was to be held on Monday, 30th March 2009, commencing at 7.30pm, at Budock Village Hall.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was a report of an abandoned van on the car park to Budock Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to check this out, and report it if appropriate.

Signed : 30th March 2009
Chairman

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