



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 826th MEETING OF BUDOOCK PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD AT TREVERVA VILLAGE HALL, ON MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2009**

PRESENT : Cllrs Bastin (Chairman), Cotton, Fairbank, Hennell, Gibson, McCabe & Mrs Perham.

C2919 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments on items on the agenda.

C2920 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

C2921 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.

C2922 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Meeting of Budoock Parish Council, 28th September 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Hennell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Perham and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th September 2009 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

C2923 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

a) Obstruction of Gypsy Lane near the stables

The Acting Clerk stated that the complaint had been passed to both County Highways and the County Environment Service, who would determine whether the lane was classified as a highway or a public footpath, and then respond.

b) Planning Application PA09/01242/F (WC Rowe – Hard Standing)

The Acting Clerk read out an email received from the Planning Authority, in which the council was asked to withdraw its request for conditions to be applied, if approved. Members agreed that there were erroneous statements in the communication, which it was agreed would be best resolved by an onsite meeting with the Planning Officer, which the Acting Clerk agreed to arrange.

C2924 AGENDA ITEMS

a) Update on the position of Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman stated that the newly appointed Clerk, Mrs Ohly, had decided that she did not wish to continue as Clerk to Budoock and Mawnan Parish Councils, and that she had tendered her resignation the previous week. Mr Harrop, the previous Clerk, had offered his services for a short period, but this could only continue for a few more days.

However, when the selection interviews had taken place for a new Clerk, the final two candidates were closely matched. The selection panel had recommended that, should Mrs Ohly not accept the position, then it should be offered to Ms Sarah Moore, without any additional interview requirement. Ms Moore would have a month's notice to work, but did have some free time during November.

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

RESOLVED that the position of Clerk to Budock Parish Council be offered to Ms Moore, and that the position be for 10 hours per week at SCP19.

b) To consider future arrangements for the Domain Name, Hosting & Maintenance of the Council's Website

The Acting Clerk stated that, while he had been employed as Clerk, the council had paid the annual fees for the Domain Name and Hosting of the website, but that he had carried out maintenance within his normal working hours.

As he was no longer Clerk, the council would need to find another means of maintaining the site, and the new Clerk had no experience of web design. Alternatives available were to find someone local to do the maintenance work, or to contract with him, via his Web Design company. He stated that the annual charge would be just £40 more than the Domain Name & Hosting Fees, a total of £125 per annum. Any additional new pages would be subject to separate quotations, which was the same scale of charges already in place for Mawnan, Breage and St Hilary Parish Councils.

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

RESOLVED that the council accept the ex-Clerk's quotation for the maintenance of the council's website.

c) To consider a quotation for the clearing of the Bridleway between Tresooth Farm and Trewoon Farm (Public Right Of Way #10)

Cllr Fairbank explained that the council had received a written complaint about the state of this Public Right of Way. He and Cllr Mrs Perham had investigated, to find that this bridleway was less than a foot wide, due to growth from the side. The Acting Clerk added that only 48 metres of the bridleway were maintained by the council's contractor under LMP, and that the contractor had quoted over £400 to reinstate it. He recommended that a visit be requested from Cornwall Council's Ranger for the area, to assess the extent of the required work.

It was proposed by Cllr Hennell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Perham and

RESOLVED that the Acting Clerk should organise the site visit as a matter of urgency, ideally with Cllrs Fairbank and Mrs Perham present.

d) To consider potential problems with access to the Treverva Village Hall's Septic Tank

Cllr Hennell explained that the ownership of the land which contained the access to the septic tank might be unclear. The Acting Clerk had brought to the meeting the council's Treverva Village Hall file, which included copies of the deeds and associated covenants. On checking the file, it was considered that the documents needed to be researched in some detail.

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

RESOLVED that Cllr Hennell, as Treverva Village Hall Representative, be asked to examine the file in detail, liaise with the Hall Committee and the owners of neighbouring properties, and report back to the next meeting.

e) To consider whether the Council wishes to "adopt" the red BT Telephone Box situated in Treverva

The Acting Clerk stated that correspondence had been received from BT, in which it was stated that only 10 calls had been made from the public telephone in 12 months, and that it therefore proposed removing it. Should the Parish Council wish to adopt the box itself, for a fee of £1, then it would leave the box in place (with no telephone), but the council would be responsible for its future maintenance and insurance.

Following discussion, in which it was stated that local residents might feel that there was value in retaining the box for historical purposes, it was proposed by Cllr McCabe, seconded by Cllr Fairbank and

RESOLVED that Cllr Hennell be asked to conduct a “straw poll” of local residents, and report back to the next meeting for a final decision.

f) To consider the Council’s response to the “Members Needs Survey / Representation on Outside Groups” documents from CALC

The Acting Clerk stated that this matter had been discussed at the September meeting, but that he had found no evidence that a response had been made. Members stated that responses had been submitted to the Clerk, and it was agreed that these should be located, and a response formulated, as previously discussed.

g) To consider whether the Council wishes to be considered as a Priority Parish for Affordable Housing Delivery

The Acting Clerk summarised a letter received from Cornwall Council, which he copied to all members.

It was proposed by Cllr McCabe, seconded by Cllr Cotton and

RESOLVED that the Acting Clerk should respond positively, and offer assistance and encouragement from the Parish Council.

h) To consider the Council’s response to the “Call for Evidence” from Cornwall Council with respect to Community Network Panels

The Acting Clerk summarised an email received from Cornwall Council, which was consulting Parish and Town Councils about the operation of the CNA Panels. Back in July, the council had already written to the Head of Localism on this matter, and it was agreed that this letter be re-submitted.

i) To consider the Council’s response to Satisfaction Questionnaire from Cornwall Council’s Planning and Regeneration Service

This short questionnaire was considered, and responses formulated for the Acting Clerk to submit to Cornwall Council.

j) To consider the Council’s response to a Service Plan Consultation from the Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service

Copies of this longer questionnaire were distributed. As the final response date was in December, members were asked to consider the content of the document, which would be revisited at the next meeting.

C2925 CORRESPONDENCE

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

C2926 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hatton reported on the following matters :-

- Planning Enforcement – Attempts were being made to rationalise this across the county. This was becoming increasingly important, and more applications were, rather than being refused, being accepted, but with conditions attached. This reduced the number of refusals, and also the number of appeals.
- Housing – It had recently been suggested that all existing applicants for Affordable Housing, including those already living in such dwellings, would need to re-apply, but this was not the case
- Street Lighting – There had been a number of complaints across his Ward concerning the replacement street lights, and these were being investigated.
- Community Grant Scheme – There was still some funding available for very small capital projects, with commitments to spend required by the end of February 2010. Cllr Hatton agreed to check whether new floor covering for Treverva Village Hall might qualify.

- Highways problems – At the request of Cllr Gibson, Cllr Hatton agreed to re-raise the issue of vegetation and hedges overhanging the highway, and report back.

C2927 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) To Note Planning Decisions received from the Planning Authority

The Acting Clerk stated that he had not located any details of recent Planning Decisions.

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

No Enforcement Complaints had been notified to the council since the previous meeting.

c) To Consider New Planning Applications Received From the Planning Authority

The Acting Clerk stated that he had not located any details of recent Planning Applications.

C2928 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

a) Budock Playing Field

Cllr McCabe stated that a Table Top sale had been held, to generate funds for the Playing Field. The Playing Field Committee wished to erect a Christmas Tree in Budock Water, as in previous years, and requested financial assistance from the council.

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

RESOLVED that the council should make a donation of £50 towards the cost of the tree.

b) Treverva Village Hall

Cllr Hennell reported that the AGM had taken place, that the hall still had both an enthusiastic committee and a positive bank balance. It was planned to produce a twice-yearly newsletter for local residents, commencing in 2010.

C2929 RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

Cllr Fairbank reported that :-

- A letter of complaint had been received from a member of the public, concerning excavation work adjacent to Public Right Of Way #1, alongside Argal Manor Farm. On investigation, it appeared that the work was as per an approved planning application, and that the bridleway was on its definitive route.
- There had been a complaint concerning overhanging boughs on Gypsy Lane, which had since been removed free of charge by the council's contractor.
- There had been a number of complaints concerning electric fences alongside stiles.

C2930 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

(i) Ratification of August Payments

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

RESOLVED that accounts totalling **£455.32** be approved for payment and duly signed. A schedule of these is attached to the minutes as a record.

C2931 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a) Parking of vehicles adjacent to Treverva Turning

A member of the public raised this as an issue, occurring on weekdays when the school bus picked up and dropped off children. The issue had arisen since children had started being bused to Mullion School, and was particularly bad in inclement weather in the winter.

The school bus picked up around 8 or 9 school children there, after which it took the road to Constantine for further pickups. Parents dropped their children off at the pickup point by car, and in bad weather waited with them in their cars until the bus arrived. This meant that there were regularly 5 or 6 cars parked at the side of the road, near a quite dangerous junction, causing an obstruction and reducing visibility at the junction. The “dash for the bus” when it arrived could also result in a child being injured while crossing the road.

In addition, children from Treverva had to walk to Treverva Turning to get the bus, rather than the bus picking up in Treverva.

A constructive suggestion was made that :-

- The bus should pick up in Treverva, then turn round and go back to Treverva Turning.
- Consideration be given to creating a more suitable pickup point adjacent to the Treverva Turning junction, with sufficient room to park, and also with a shelter.

Two letters concerning this matter were also passed to the council.

On behalf of Cornwall Council, Cllr Hatton agreed to raise this issue with School Transport and County Highways.

Signed : 30th November 2009
Chairman

