

# ST COLUMB MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Full Council Meeting of St Columb Major Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, St Columb Major, on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 7.00pm, and broadcast live on the Town Council's Facebook Page.

**Present:** Cllrs P Wills (Mayor), E Culley, B Daniels, Mrs F McLeod, Mrs F Fuery, Mrs B Rogers, S Allen, Mrs L Jiggins

**In attendance:** Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk) and one member of the public.

**380/19**      **Mayor's Welcome:**

The Mayor, Cllr Wills, welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

i)      **Housekeeping:**

The Mayor addressed Councillors, giving advice on emergency procedures, asking that all mobile 'phones be switched off, or turned to silent.

ii)      **Diary Report from Mayor and County Councillor:**

Cllr Wills presented his report:-

"Since we last met, I have chaired a Meeting of Cornwall Council's Standards Committee. The minutes are available to read online at the Council's website.

I attended a Meeting of Cornwall Council's Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Again, minutes are online.

I have also attended a Meeting of the Constitution and Governance Committee. All these meetings were via Teams, and are Virtual Meetings.

I have attended several All Members Briefings, on a range of subjects, including the new Waste Management Contract - roll out due in 2022/23, and the "Cornwall We Want" Feedback.

I met with the Divisional Police Inspector, Guy Blackford, for our tri-monthly meeting to discuss Policing Issues within the parish. We

discussed illegally parked vehicles, which have no tax, MOT, or insurance, and what measures can be taken to have these vehicles removed from the highway, if they are not legal. I can assure residents that vehicles parked on our streets and highways, that are not legal, will be removed. Please tax and insure your vehicle, and make sure it is MOT'd, and is legal. We also discussed the problems that are occurring in the Teen Shelter at the Rec.

Today I attended an Extraordinary Meeting of Cornwall Council, where parish boundaries were reviewed. I am pleased to report that there will be no changes to our historic boundaries.

Cllr John Fitter has left the Conservative Group at Cornwall Council, along with Cllr John Symons. Both have joined the Independents. All Independents were asked to consider if they would be willing to give up a seat on a Committee for either of the new Independent Members. I have known Cllr John Fitter for many years, and consider him to be a man of great integrity. I agreed with the Independent Group Leader, and gave up my seat on Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Cllr Fitter, for the duration of this Council.

As we know from Midnight on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of November, the country will go back into Lockdown. It is vital that we take this second Lockdown as seriously as the first. I have updated residents, via social media on the steps we are taking to keep everyone safe, including the following: Car Parks will be free again for the duration of Lockdown. The Library will be closed, as will the Public Toilets. The Rec. will remain open, as will the Children's Play Area. Our priority is the safety of our residents, and our staff. To this end, I have instructed all staff to stay at home for the duration of Lockdown. The Clerk will attend the office twice a week, to keep things ticking over, and I will be checking the phones on the days that he is not here. Together, we will keep the Town Council running".

381/19

**Deputy Mayor – Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Oath of Allegiance:**

As Cllr Mrs Warner was still self-isolating, it was agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk visit her, to arrange for the necessary documentation to be signed.

**Questions from the public:**

Neil Kirkland:

Question: Since the last Council Meeting, people have reported on-street parking problems at: South Park, West Park, Highfield, Trethewey Close and Treventon Rise. Contrary to the answer given at that Council Meeting, these people advise that the problems started with the introduction of charging at Trekenning Car Park. Residents also report Trekenning Car Park being two-thirds empty most of the time, which clearly fits with the problems now highlighted. Based upon this, I and others are concerned that the £75,000 spent on resurfacing the Trekenning Car Park has resulted in a considerable worsening of the parking problems in the town.

Response: I disagree with this statement. I drove around these areas last Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm and there was no evidence of bad, or illegal parking. I accept that South Park is an issue, and I have arranged to meet with Ocean Housing, to discuss if there is anything that can be done to improve parking in this area for residents.

Question: Please would the Council bring forward its review of charging at the Car Park?

Response: No, as stated previously the review will take place in the New Year.

Question: Please would the Council include in the remit of that review, how the problem of illegal and dangerous parking at school drop-off and pick-up time might be addressed?

Response: This is not an issue for the Town Council. Many of the County's schools experience the same issues at drop-off and pick-up times. This is not unique to St Columb. This has been looked at many times in the past, and there is no magic wand answer.

Question: Please would the Council invite interested parties from across the town, to work with them on this review?

Response: We may consider this, when the Terms of Reference for the review is agreed.

Question: The Council's decision, to reduce the Precept for 2021/22 by 14% at its last Meeting, is I am sure welcomed by all. This is particularly so, given the advice in the Meeting before last, that the Mayor was "hoping

to hold it steady, or reduce it a little". Please could the Council now agree to do all that they can to ensure any increases above inflation in future years will be fully explained, and minuted, noting of course that the present Councillors cannot be held responsible for the actions of future Councillors.

Response: That is for the next Council to consider.

Question: Please can you minute, that contrary to the Mayor's advice at the last Meeting, I have never had any discussion about Trekenning Car Park, or parking in the town, with Derek Middleditch.

Response: Yes

**383/19**

**Report from County Councillor and Police:**

The County Councillor's report had already been presented.

There was no Police presence, but a report had been received. The Town Clerk proceeded to read the report:

"There were 16 reported crimes for the month of October. These break down as:-

- 2 x media communications
- 1 x threatening behaviour
- 4 x criminal damage
- 4 x assault
- 1 x dog not kept under proper control
- 1 x stalking
- 1 x taking of a motor vehicle
- 1 x harassment
- 1 x importation of a controlled drug

Sadly, this will be my last Police Report, as I am due to retire shortly, due to bad health. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Councillors, and residents of St Columb Major, for their continued support over the last 16 years.

Many thanks to you all, and stay safe.

PCSO Malcolm Burgess"

Sincere thanks were extended to PCSO Malcolm Burgess, for all he has done while working in the Parish. Councillors wish him a long and happy retirement.

**384/19      Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Roberts (unwell), and Mrs Warner (self-isolating).

**385/19      Members Declarations of Interests:**

**i)      Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the Agenda:**

Cllr Mrs Rogers – Planning Application PA20/08372

**ii)      Declarations of gifts to the value of £25:**

None

**386/19      Co-option of Town Councillor:**

Mr Whetter was welcomed to the Meeting. He gave a short presentation as to his reasons, and suitability, to become a Town Councillor.

**387/19      To confirm Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020:**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs McLeod seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. There were three abstentions, as neither Cllrs Allen, Mrs Rogers or Mrs Jiggins were present at that Meeting.

**388/19      Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of October 2020:**

The Mayor proceeded to present the Accounts, paid up to the end of October 2020.

Some brief explanations were given on cheques issued, payments received, and Standing Orders/Direct Debits. Some discussions were had regarding the cleaning of the Trekkenning Point wall, the eradication of moles, or really it should be said, the controlling of moles, and the bulky waste disposal of a mattress.

The Town Clerk explained the differences between the balances from last month, and this month. The reason that there is a difference of about £13,500, is that three amounts have been included on the Bank

Statement, but not on this Accounts Listing. The matter will be sorted out on the next Accounts Listing, which will be presented to Members at their next Full Council Meeting.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Payment of Accounts, up to the end of October 2020.

**389/19**

**Planning Matters:**

**PA20/08025 – New porch for protection of office from coronavirus transmission – Castle Caravan Park, Castle-an-Dinas, St Columb, Cornwall – Mrs S Badman**

No public objections had been received regarding this Application. This is a straightforward addition to the main building.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Culley seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Application.

**PA20/06764 – Change of use from an office/storage to an annexe to be used as overflow of house for guests – 23, Trekenning Road, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6RR – Miss Sarah Vaux**

Again, there have been no public objections to this Application. The property is actually situated opposite the entrance to South Park. Basically, the applicant wants to change the use of the wooden chalet at the front of the property. This building has been used as a holiday let ever since it was built. There will be no change to the exterior appearance.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs McLeod seconded, and it was RESOLVED to support the Application. There were two objections, and one abstention.

**PA20/08222 – Variation of Condition 16 (time limit) of PA11/00560 (Development of a 5 MW solar photovoltaic farm on 16.1 Ha of land along with attendant equipment and infrastructure) – Trekenning Farm, Trekenning, Newquay, Cornwall – Lightsource bp**

Cllr Wills explained that this Application deals with the Solar Farm on the Castle-an-Dinas road. The Solar Farm has been there for about seven years. Basically, what they want to do is to extend the period from 25 years to 40 years. It was pointed out that we did receive 106 monies from this project. Will we now receive more if the period is extended? It was confirmed that the energy generated by the solar panels, goes directly into the National Grid. It was stated that the energy that does come from this Solar Farm, would be sufficient to power St Columb Major. Cllr Daniels

made the point, that security must be maintained on the site, and that the existing plant and equipment be maintained to the current high standard.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Daniels seconded, and it was RESOLVED to support the Application, subject to the questions raised. There was one abstention.

At this point Cllr Mrs Rogers left the room.

**PA20/08372 – Proposed retention of existing engineering operations and use of land for storage and distribution (Use Class B8) – Land South of Polita Bridge Farm, St Columb Major, Cornwall TR9 6BX – Mr J Payne**

Cllr Wills explained that the land in question is the area of land coming off Trekenning roundabout, on the North East corner of the A39, and Castle-an-Dinas road. This area has already been subject to an Enforcement Notice from Cornwall Council. County Highways have objected to the Application. Their concern is connected to the access and egress to the site. Cllr Wills expressed concern that this could be a “back door” way of obtaining Planning Permission. Cllr Daniels commented on the fact that he is not happy with the reasons given. They appear to be very vague. Cllr Mrs Fuery stated that the applicants have previously flouted the law.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs McLeod seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to object to the Application.

Cllr Mrs Rogers returned to the room.

**PA20/08471 – Listed Building Consent for a new 4” flue through rear wall for new boiler – Glencairn, Union Hill, St Columb TR9 6AP – Mr Michael Renshaw**

It was pointed out that Historic Environment Planning find the Application acceptable, and the removal of a condemned boiler a positive gain.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Application.

**PA20/08943 – Application for tree works: works to trees subject to a tree preservation order: to fell and replace a Scots Pine tree and a Poplar tree – Castle Caravan Park, Castle-an-Dinas, St Columb, Cornwall – Mrs S Badman**

The Tree Officer supports the felling, and the replanting options.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Fuery seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Tree Officer's recommendations.

**PA20/08942 – Variation of Condition 3 in respect of decision Notice C2/04/01359 dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2004 (Uplifting of Condition 4 of Ref. 03/02057) – 6, Browning Close, St Columb Major, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr Andrew Milson**

Cllr Wills advised that the houses in question were built about 16/17 years ago. Condition 3 stated that the four houses must be "affordable houses for local families". Basically, what the applicant is now saying is that this rule is out of date, and makes the house unsaleable, as he wishes to sell. However, having stated that, the Condition was issued for perpetuity. At the end of the day, the Planning Department will make the decision.

Cllr Daniels proposed, Cllr Culley seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to offer No Comment on this Application.

**PA20/09341: Non-material Amendment to Application No. PA19/08885 dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 for Reserved Matters Application following outline approval PA17/04250 for proposed residential development namely –**

- 1. The removal of ground floor hanging slate to all points showing this;**
- 2. Depth reduction of front window in flats (Plots 22 and 23) to accommodate amended kitchen design;**
- 3. Removal of timber post supports to porch roofs – Land North East of Pall, St Columb Major Industrial Estate, St Columb, Cornwall - Mr Liam Webb ebc Building & Construction**

The area of land in question is at the top of Hawkens Way. These are, basically, just a couple of minor exterior design changes.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Culley seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Application.

**PA20/09166 – Oak (T1) Thin out by 20%. Reduce radius by 2m. Beech (T2) Fell to allow light and even canopy growth for Oak (T1) and Sycamore (T3) in the future. Sycamore (T3) Pollard and coppice but leave for regrowth in the future – Sunnyside, Bridge, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6DL**

As this Application is for works to trees in a Conservation Area, it will be decided under Delegated Authority. There is no need to submit any



comments, as this communication is merely to notify that an application has been received.

**390/19**      **Installation of additional Street Light in Barn Lane:**

Cllr Wills gave a background to this request. We have obtained a price from SSE to install a new streetlight, in the sum of £2,393.20. Cllr Daniels advised that the owner of the Park Home site, and the developers of the new housing estate, at the end of Barn Lane, in consultation with Highways, should be expected to undertake this work. The Town Council should have no part in it at all.

Members voted unanimously not to approve the installation of this additional streetlight in Barn Lane.

**391/19**      **Smallseum:**

Cllr Wills gave an update on the Smallseum. Everything was going along fine, but now with the pending “Lockdown”, this project will have to wait, as the Company mounting the photos, have had to close temporarily. It was commented that some of the old photographs that will be used are good – very interesting and informative. Cllr Culley asked whether we have yet received anything, by way of a contribution, from the Old Cornwall Society. The answer was that we have received nothing to date.

**392/19**      **Names for the roads on the New Housing on Hawkens Way, and Station Road:**

The Town Clerk read an e-mail, that had been received from Coastline Housing – “It looks like both names will be used at the Hawkens Way site. So, many thanks to you, and the rest of the Council for the suggestions. We are hoping to be on site at Station Road soon. So, given there’s a bit more time available on this, I wondered whether the Town Council, or any of your residents, would like the opportunity to suggest names again”. Members were asked to give this some thought. A suggestion was made as to perhaps calling it Coronation Drive, or Coronation Way.

**393/19**      **Cross Putty Junction – Street Lighting Feasibility Report:**

Cllr Wills gave an update on this Scheme. This Feasibility Report was part of the Community Network Highways Projects, and funded from that respective Highways Budget. It was confirmed that it has not cost the Town Council anything. The major part of the project is for the installation of lighting at Cross Putty. It was stated that the road markings are within Guidelines. However, there are some works that are required to be

undertaken. It was stated that if the development is approved on the opposite side of the A3059 to Pall, then this junction will have to have lighting provision. However, at this time it looks as if the project is a “no go”. Cllr Daniels did however state that the no longer effective, reflective bollards needed to be replaced. The kerbs all around the junction also need to be seen, to better “border” the roads. The trimming back of grass around the kerbs would also assist this considerably.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Fuery seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously that the report is noted, and that we agree with the findings thereof.

Cllr Wills advised that the report will now be published on-line.

**394/19**      **Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence had been received:

- a) Cornwall Council Contract and Supplier Relationship Management Team – Supplier Update – Quarterly Supplier Newsletter – 12.10.20
- b) CALC – Planning for the Future – Government Consultation on Changes to the Planning System
- c) Cornwall Education Learning Trust – Section 10 Consultation on new proposed school, Newquay Primary Academy
- d) Cornwall Council – Town and Parish Council COVID-19 Update – 16.10.20
- e) Cornwall Council – Local Council Planning Conferences 2020
- f) Cormac – Town and Parish Council Highways and Environment Update – 30.10.20
- g) Letter of thanks from Cruse Bereavement Care
- h) Letter of thanks from the Merlin MS Centre
- i) CHICKS - Magazine

**395/19**      **Any Other Business:**

- a) Cllr Culley confirmed that he had ordered two Christmas Trees (one for the Town, and one for Talskiddy). When would we like them delivered? It was suggested the third weekend of November would be suitable. It was hoped that both Trees would be lit for Christmas.
- b) Cllr Mrs Rogers expressed concern at the amount of “dogs mess” that appears on the Rec. on Saturdays. The matter will be investigated.
- c) Cllr Mrs Rogers advised that the gate to the Allotments appears to be being left open at nights. The matter will be looked into, and, if necessary, a reminder note sent to all Allotment Plot Holders regarding this requirement.

- d) Cllr Mrs Fuery again made the comment about indiscriminate parking in Glebe Close. The matter will be discussed with Ocean Housing.
- e) Cllr Mrs McLeod advised that there now appears to be increased dog fouling in Old Rectory Mews. She is monitoring the situation, and intends to have photographic evidence.
- f) Cllr Mrs Jiggins also advised that there appears to be a considerable amount of dog fouling taking place in West Street, and Victoria Street.
- g) Cllr Daniels asked for the latest position regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr Wills advised that nothing happened during Lockdown, and things were supposed to be happening in September. To date nothing appears to have happened. He has spoken to a number of people involved in the NDP, and two of them have advised that they that are moving away from the area. He will speak with the Chairman to see exactly what is happening with this project.
- h) Cllr Wills mentioned about Citizen of the Year. Nothing has happened this year yet. He suggests that the Citizen of the Year Award should continue. He wondered about the people who run the Ring O' Bells. Basically, the Award would be for all they did for the old and vulnerable during Lockdown. A number of Councillors suggested that local shops should also be included. After some thought, it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to all shop keepers concerned, from the Town Council. Members were asked to think about a suitable recipient of the Citizen of the Year for this year.

**396/19      Date of Next Full Council Meeting:**

The date of the next Full Council Meeting is now scheduled to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**397/19      Resolution:**

**To consider the following Resolution: That the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972)**

Cllr Wills proposed the Resolution, seconded by Cllr Culley, and RESOLVED unanimously that we now go into Closed Session.

This part of the Meeting ended at 8.10pm

Dated:      8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Signed: