

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, 18th June 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs P Wills (Mayor), Mrs J Warner (Deputy Mayor), Mrs L Jiggins, B Daniels, W Draper, S Allen, E Culley

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk), five members of the public, Inspector Meredith and P C Lenton (up to item 40/19) and a Reporter from Newquay Voice

39/19 **Mayor's Welcome:**

Cllr Wills welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

Housekeeping:

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

Announcement and Diary Dates:

The Mayor's Report (also incorporating the County Councillor's Report) was presented by Cllr Wills:- "Not a long report this month, as I have in fact just returned from a two week break in Turkey! I did think of you all when looking at the weather report for the Royal Cornwall Show, as I sat on the beach overlooking the Mediterranean.

I attended the last NDP Meeting, and I am pleased to report the first Parish Walk took place on 15th May, and the Group felt it was very successful. Relevant issues were raised, and there was some useful engagement with the public. The second Walk was on 29th of May at Bridge, the Retreat, Union Hill, Penkernick Way. The third Walk was on 12th June at Sun Valley, Trekenning Road, The Hurling's. They continue to work on the next questionnaire. There has been little development on this, and they hope to realistically send this out in early September. The

owners of Trekenning Farm have been working alongside Developers, with a mind to develop land at the farm for housing, a new food store, and a possible annex to the School. They have asked to meet with the Council, and the NDP Group at our next Meeting.

I attended St Wenn Parish Council Meeting last week, together with an All Members' Briefing at County Hall, followed by a Civic Reception for the Cornwall Rugby Team.

It was a pleasure to attend a Training Session of the St Columba Wrestling Club, who normally meet at The Columba Centre, but this time met on the Rec., to take part in an interview for Cornwall Live. This was highlighting this ancient Cornish tradition. Sadly, they are few in number, and hope to recruit new members to join. I have pledged £500 from my County Councillor Community Chest Fund, to help them with equipment and training. North Cornwall MP, Scott Mann, has highlighted the plight of Cornish Wrestling in Parliament, again in the hope of highlighting the sport”.

40/19

Report from County Councillor and Police:

The County Councillor's Report has already been given.

PC Lenton presented the Police Report:

“10 REPORTED CRIMES. LAST YEAR 11

Apologies - PCSO Burgess on rest days.

1-2 ASSAULTS- 1 – Three Juveniles on bus 2- House party related.

3-4 DRIVING OFFENCES – 1 male arrested for drug driving 2 – Fail to stop RTC

5-6 CRIMINAL DAMAGE- 1 – Ex-partner attended and smashed patio doors 2- Two hostile females stopped in their cars one scratched door

7-8 PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES- Ex-partner turned up and threats made in relation to alleged money owed 2- The other female who alleged unknown person threatened her?

9- HARRASSMENT- Ex-partner sending texts and voicemails

10- SENDING LETTERS WITH INTENT TO CAUSE DISTRESS- Mother's new boyfriend receiving menacing voicemails from her son.

Thanks to Insp Meredith for attending.

Thanks to you for the two cameras on the old bank.

Steve Allen next Tuesday 25th June insight patrol.

Parking on the grass area Highfield and the corner.

Regards AL

999 immediate

101 non-emergency

01637 880617 Neighbourhood St Columb

Email stcolumbmajor@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Inspector Meredith spoke briefly about what is happening in the Newquay area with regards to policing. He explained about the number of police who work out of Newquay, the different sections, and how the shifts are worked out. He was pleased to note that St Columb Major has had two more CCTV cameras installed. He spoke about "Bodyworn Video", and how it was proving an effective tool in Court, and for complaints against the Police. Reference was made to the forthcoming Boardmasters Festival. Drugs and County Lines was spoken about. If anyone has concerns regarding anything to do with drugs, they should report them via "Crimestoppers" (Tel. No. 0808 444 555). Cllr Allen will be joining the Police for a day, on an "Insight Patrol", in the not too distant future. The Alert System is still being rolled out. Inspector Meredith advised that with Police now using drug wipes for marijuana and cocaine, there are now as many people being cautioned for drugs driving as there are for drink driving. This is a very worrying development. A Police volunteer is currently upgrading the local Police Website. Cllr Wills stated that St Columb Major now has nineteen CCTV cameras. They have been installed to help in the prevention and detection of crime.

Both Inspector Meredith and PC Lenton were thanked for their attendance, and they left the Meeting.

41/19 **Public Forum:**

Mr Montagh (agent for Mr and Mrs Shazell) spoke about Planning Application PA19/04309. The link is additional to the house. The garden is large enough to be able to accommodate this extension. The intention is to compliment the existing house. The extension will be to the rear of the existing house and will not really be visible from the road. There will be no adverse effects on the neighbours.

Mr Marsh spoke about Planning Application PA19/03147. Their intention is to build a house on land to the north of Dinham House. The family are currently renting at St Issey. He explained that the property will be a family home. He spoke about the stone built barn – the “building worthy of retention”.

Mrs Barrett spoke about Planning Application PA19/03995. This is a re-submission of withdrawn Application PA18/06023.

42/19 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr Roberts (unwell), Cllr Mrs Fuery (unwell), and Cllr Mrs Rogers (family issues).

43/19 **Members Declarations of Interest:**

Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the Agenda:

None

Declarations of gifts to the value of £25:

None

44/19 **To confirm Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting, held on 21st May 2019**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 21st May 2019, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Rogers seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. Cllrs Mrs Warner and Mrs Jiggins abstained, as they were not present at the Meeting.

45/19

Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of May 2019:

The Mayor presented the Accounts, to be paid up to the end of May 2019. Some explanations were given regarding cheques issued to the Land Registry and SeaDog IT. Are Major Steps any nearer to moving to Tropicana House? The answer is that they are supposed to be keeping us informed, but we have not heard from them for some time now. A letter has recently been sent to them asking about this matter. Mention was made about the fact that we are in contact with HMRC, regarding the payment of business rates for the First Floor of the Town Hall, and the Library. We are requesting a merger, but we have to wait and see what HMRC decide.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously, to approve the payments of accounts up to the end of May 2019.

46/19

Planning Matters:

Cllr Wills confirmed that Town and Parish Councils are consultees only when it comes to Planning Applications. It is the Planning Authority at Cornwall Council who make the final decision.

PA19/03995: Replacement dwelling, re-submission of withdrawn application PA18/06023 – Lower Tremayne Farm, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6DZ – Mr & Mrs Barrett

Members were shown a map describing exactly where the replacement dwelling would be. No objections were raised.

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

PA19/03565: Side extension on existing detached dwelling to create ground floor extension to form wc/utility and first floor extension to form bedroom and en-suite – 1, Maple Close, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6SL – Mrs Francesca Crew

A map was shown to Members. Again, no objections were raised

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

PA19/03147: Construction of a new domestic dwelling incorporating building worthy of retention – Land at Bridge Street, North of Dinham House, New Road, St Columb – Mr S Marsh

A map of the site was shown to Members. There are currently containers and a caravan on site. These will only remain on site until work is completed. No other comments or objections were raised.

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

PA19/04309: Proposed erection of a single-storey link attached utility room, garage and workshop – Pollawyn Road from Junction South of Rosevanion to Junction West of Tregamere, Tregamere, St Columb – Mr & Mrs C Shazell

Members viewed a map of the premises. Once again, no adverse comments were raised about the Application.

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

47/19 Annual Governance Statement 2018/19:

The Mayor spoke about the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19. Members had previously received a copy of this Statement. The Town Clerk explained why one of the boxes (Box 4) had been ticked “No”. Apart from Box 4, the Internal Auditor has confirmed that all the other items were acceptable, and have, therefore, been ticked “Yes”.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Draper seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19.

48/19 Accounting Statements 2018/19:

Cllr Mrs Warner stated that it has taken five years for our finances to be “spot on”. The Mayor advised that without the help of the current Town Clerk, Cllr Mrs Warner, the original Internal Auditor (Mr Ken Abrahams), and to a lesser degree himself, the finances would not be in such a good state as they are now. The Town Clerk took Members through the Accounting Statements 2018/19, explaining how the figures had been arrived at. Thompson Jenner had again carried out a very thorough, and in-depth examination of the Town Council’s finances. He explained the variances between some of the previous year’s figures, and the latest

year's amounts, as an explanation has to be given where the variance is over 15%.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs Warner seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the Accounting Statement 2018/19.

49/19 Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Cllr Wills gave an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Three Neighbourhood Walks have been held. Another Questionnaire is in the process of being produced. It is hoped that this would be sent out in mid to late September. The Steering Group are working extremely hard on this project. The next Meeting of the Steering Group will be on Wednesday, 19th June. The matter of the Trekenning Farm development has been passed to the Steering Group. Cllr Wills will report back to the next Meeting.

50/19 Citizen of the Year:

A general discussion took place about the Citizen of the Year for 2109. After some debate, someone was nominated, and unanimously agreed on by Councillors.

51/19 General Data Protection Regulations – Review of Policies:

The Town Clerk advised that we are still waiting for this year's GDPR report. Policies need to be reviewed on an annual basis. Hopefully, the Report will be available for the next Meeting. The Policies can then be reviewed accordingly.

52/19 Strengthening Community Network Panels:

Cllr. Wills spoke briefly about the Strengthening of the Community Network Panels.

53/19 Commemoration of 75th Anniversary of D-Day – Donation:

Cllr Mrs Warner spoke about this matter. She read an article that had appeared in the Daily Mail Weekend regarding the new Normandy Memorial. The total cost of the project is put at £29 million, with £20 million coming from the Government, and the remainder from fundraising. Donations have been requested. After some debate, Cllr. Mrs Warner proposed, Cllr Mrs Jiggins seconded, and it was agreed that we should send a donation of £150 to "The Normandy Memorial Trust". One Member voted against the proposal.

54/19 **Glanville's Green, Ruthvoes:**

Cllr Mrs Warner, Cllr Wills, and the Town Clerk spoke about this matter. Land at Glanville's Green is owned by Cornwall Council, and leased to a local farmer. It has been suggested that we could provide some kind of play equipment for the youngsters of Ruthvoes. The Town Council could take over the land in question, or have an SLA with Cornwall Council. It was also mentioned that the Telephone Box is currently being used as an Information Point.

55/19 **CHICKS – Donation:**

We have received another request from CHICKS for a donation. We only normally give this organization a donation annually. We have already given a donation this year. CHICKS need to re-apply in six months' time.

56/19 **Correspondence:**

The following items of Correspondence have been received:

- a) The Rural Bulletin – 08.05.2019
- b) NALC Newsletter – 15.05.2019
- c) The Rural Bulletin – 21.05.2019
- d) CC – High Street Heritage Action – 21.05.2109
- e) NALC Newsletter – 23.05.2019
- f) NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin – 24.05.2019
- g) NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin – 31.05.2019
- h) The Rural Bulletin – 04.06.2019
- i) CC – Communities and Devolution Bulletin – Community Governance Review for Cornwall 2019. We have already responded to this item.
- j) CC – Communities and Devolution Bulletin – Climate Change and Carbon Neutral Cornwall

57/19 **Any Other Business:**

- a) Cllr Mrs Warner advised that she has received a number of old photographs from Mr Terry Rowe, depicting Hurling in St Columb Major. It was agreed that we should purchase an Album, and place them all in the Album.
- b) Cllr Mrs Warner expressed concern at the state of the wall at Trekenning Point. It is black, and in a quite disgusting state. We have contacted Devon and Cornwall Housing (now Link West) about this matter. They were, to say the least, not at all helpful. They say that the wall is on a seven year cycle to be painted. After some debate, it was agreed that we should paint the wall black.

- c) Cllr Mrs Warner spoke about the railings opposite Co-op. She wondered whether they could be blast coated in situ. The answer was no – they have to be taken to a specialist contractor to have the blast coating undertaken in a special facility.
- d) Cllr Daniels spoke about the flower bed beside the Notice Board. Someone has placed compost, or something similar there, and it is now a haven for cats to leave their deposits. We do intend to have this bed made up with bricks, and flowers planted. Our Handyperson will be undertaking this work in the not too distant future.
- e) Cllr Allen advised that he has had someone asking about what will happen to Highfield Green, when the Town Council takes it over from Cornwall Council.
- f) The Town Clerk asked Members whether they would wish to visit again the South West Water Treatment Plant at Halveor. The last visit was in April 2017. Members thought this was a good idea.
- g) Cllr Wills advised that we have now received the plaque “In memory of Denis Hill”, which has been placed in the Library. The unveiling will take place on Thursday of this week, at 4.00pm.

58/19 Date of Next Full Council Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 2nd July 2019 at 7.00pm

59/19 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 this Resolution, which was seconded by Cllr Culley, and RESOLVED unanimously, that we now go into Closed Session

This part of the Meeting ended at 8.27pm

Dated: 2nd July 2019

Signed: