

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, 20th July 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs P Wills (Mayor), Mrs F Fuery, Mrs L Jiggins, S Allen, K Roberts, S Whetter, S Taylor

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk) and three members of the public.

66/21 Mayor's Welcome:

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

i) 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.

ii) Diary Report from Mayor and County Councillor:

Cllr Wills presented his report:-

"Since we last met, I have, in fact, been away on a break, at the insistence of the Mayoress. We enjoyed 10 days of glorious weather staying at Harlyn Bay in a caravan loaned to us by the Mayor's Chaplin and Rector of the LannPydar Benefice, the Rev Helen Baber. August is traditionally a quiet month for Cornwall Council, with very few meetings. I very much look forward to things getting busier again after the Summer recess. I hope you all have the chance to enjoy the Summer with your nearest and dearest".

67/21 Public Forum:

- a) Mr Biddick gave a presentation on Planning Application PA21/05813. The site was originally a brownfield site. He considers that the best way forward is to demolish the existing industrial buildings and erect 7 industrial units. This would give good business growth to the area.

- b) Ms. Bicknell spoke again about access and egress on Barn Lane and whether the meeting promised with the three developers had happened. Cllr Wills gave the latest position as to why a meeting has not happened, and stated that, as far as he was aware, Legacy will not be altering their arrangements in any way. Basically, as far as the Town Council is concerned, we will not be pursuing the matter any further.
- c) Mr Curtis advised that he has still not received answers to his questions raised at the last Meeting. Cllr Wills advised that he has replied to the questions raised. Whether Mr Curtis agrees with his answers or not remains to be seen. He intends taking no further action on this matter. He further advised that the Town Council agreed the Minutes, and no alterations will be made. It is the Executive of the Town Council that agrees the Agenda. Having had lengthy discussions with the Planning Officer, there would appear to be no legitimate planning reasons to call in the Application. Highways have stated that they will not meet regarding this matter. They have put forward their recommendations, and they are the same as the Town Council, a consultee in the process.

68/21 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr Mrs McLeod (unwell) and Cllr Mrs Warner (unwell).

69/21 Members Declarations of Interests:

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

None

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

None

70/21 Report from County Councillor and Police:

The County Councillor's report had already been presented.

There was no Police presence, and no Report had been received.

71/21 **To confirm Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 6TH July 2021:**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held on 6th July 2021, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted. There was one abstention, as that Member was not present at the Meeting.

72/21 **Planning Matters:**

PA21/05813: Demolition of existing industrial buildings and erection of 7 industrial units (E use class) (excluding former A1 and A3 use classes), highway arrangements, car parking, drainage and landscaping – Cox’s Meadow, Carnanton Road, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr and Mrs Biddick

Cllr Whetter stated that it is a good application. Cllr Wills considered that the erection of industrial units is an improvement, and beneficial for the community.

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

PA21/03590: Renovation and extension to property – 20, West Park, St Columb TR9 6RP – James Crisp

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Allen seconded, and it was RESOLVED to support the Application. There was one abstention.

73/21 **Town Hall – Roof:**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Pre-application Submission was validated on 29th June 2021. The Senior Development Officer (Historic Environment Planning) has now arranged a Teams Meeting initially on 3rd August 2021.

We have also received two prices for scaffolding. We await one more price, which should be available soon.

74/21 **Radar Speed Signs:**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Highways Manager has approved the three sitings for the Radar Speed Signs – going down Newquay Road,

passed the school; going down Fair Street, opposite the Smallseum; going down Bank Street, towards Bridge Hill.

We have received one price for the signs – two more are awaited. We have requested that the signs do actually record registration numbers of vehicles caught speeding. Cllr Whetter suggested that we also speak to SSE, St Columb Major, who undertake this type of work for Cornwall Council.

75/21 Working Party – Play Equipment:

Cllr Allen spoke about a recent visit that Cllr Whetter and himself had made to The Hurlings. Residents were very pleased with the replacement slide that has now been provided. A number of suggestions were made as to how we could enhance the area. A climbing wall could be provided; a disabled swing and “toddler” swing. Having spoken to a number of the residents, it was also wondered whether moveable or fixed goal posts could be provided. The question was raised as to whether we could perhaps provide flowers/plants for some of the raised areas at The Hurlings. Mention was also made about the area immediately in front of the boundary hedge, which backs on to St Austell Brewery. Youngsters love to use this area. Cllr Allen spoke about a Tropical Rain Forest, which has recently been created up at the school. Some 1,500 trees have been planted, at no cost to the school. Could perhaps something similar be made in this area. The person responsible for the creation of the Tropical Rain Forest would be happy to give a presentation to the Town Council. This was thought to be a good idea. It was eventually agreed that recommendations (including costings) be made as to the best way forward, and these come before the next Full Council Meeting in September.

76/21 Garden Maintenance – Cemetery:

The Town Clerk explained the background to this matter. A general discussion ensued, and it was eventually agreed by Councillors that we pay the lady concerned for the work she has undertaken, and ask her to meet with us at the Cemetery to discuss what course of action she now considers making.

77/21 Maintenance of Jackie Law Memorial Garden:

The Town Clerk gave an update on the situation regarding the Jackie Law Memorial Garden. He has recently met with members of the PCC and the Diocesan Co-ordinator of the Cornwall’s Living Churchyards Project.

Robert Moor gave a presentation on Cornwall's Living Churchyards Project. A general discussion ensued, and it was agreed that we look into the possibility of making a "Wildlife Area" down the boundary wall by the Accountants Bungalow. It was also suggested that the Jackie Law Memorial Garden be left to become more "wild" and that members of the PCC voluntarily undertake maintenance of this Garden. The Vicar has stated that any work carried out to this Garden must be undertaken on a voluntary basis. Councillors agreed that this seemed a good idea and probably the best way forward.

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Car Parking Permits:

Cllr Allen advised that on occasions a number of residents, who have Car Parking Permits for the Recreation Ground, have been unable to park because the Car Park is full, with people involved with football and bowls. Could the Permits be interchangeable? It was stated that Permits do not guarantee you a parking space. After some discussion it was thought that perhaps one way forward would be to allow people involved with football to park on the MUGA. The Football Club would be responsible for monitoring the situation.

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Any Other Business:

- a) Cllr Wills offered his congratulations to the Town Clerk and his wife on becoming grandparents for the first time recently.
- b) Cllr Mrs Fuery again expressed concern that there is only one Biffa operative emptying bins from the small lorry. Is this acceptable? We will investigate the matter.
- c) Cllr Mrs Fuery wondered what the latest position was with regards to the provision of a bus service from St Columb Major to Plymouth. Cllr Wills will enquire.
- d) Cllr Mrs Fuery advised that she has recently heard from Highways that hedges should not be cut down.
- e) Cllr Mrs Fuery was concerned regarding the number of road signs locally that you cannot read because they are covered in vegetation. We will pass this on to Highways.
- f) Cllr Roberts again expressed concern regarding indiscriminate parking on Bank Street. It was agreed that we need to speak to the CEO Department and request that their operatives, on occasions, visit first thing in the morning and last thing at night.
- g) Cllr Mrs Jiggins was unaware that the re-cycling bins had been removed from Trekenning Road Car Park. It was confirmed that the bins had been removed during last Summer and that there is now a Kerbside Collection. With regards to clothing, there is a Clothing Bank outside the Fire Station.

- h) Cllr Mrs Jiggins was concerned regarding the way the Closed Churchyard is left after Contractors have strimmed/cut the grass. We will speak to our Contractors regarding this matter.
- i) Cllr Taylor wondered whether we would be looking to upgrade the wooden skate park. The answer was that there are no plans at present for an upgrade.
- j) The Town Clerk spoke about problems that are still occurring in the Rec. with youngsters drinking, smoking, and taking drugs. The youngsters appear to congregate in the open shelter. We have obtained a price for another camera to be provided with a very strong lens, that can highlight individual's faces. The cost of a PTZ IP camera is £889.00. Councillors agreed that the camera should be purchased. It will be positioned on the pole attached to the Pavilion.

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Date of Next Full Council Meeting:

The next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 7th September 2021 at 7.00pm.

The Meeting ended at 8.30pm

Dated: 7th September 2021

Signed: