

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 Thursday, 21st July 2022 at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mr M C Uren (Town Clerk)

52/22 **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 my last report, as you may know, I've been to the States to visit my son and new daughter-in-law. However, the work of the Town Council and Cornwall Council has continued, and I have done some work before leaving. I attended the Annual Meeting of the Newquay and St Columb Major Community Network Panel Meeting. I was proposed to be Chairman, as was Cllr. John Fitter, who is the Cornwall Councillor for St Columb Minor and Colan. The vote was tied and both Cllr. Fitter and I agreed to Co-Chair for this year. Cllr Fitter chaired the first meeting, and I will chair the second, and so on and so forth. I was disappointed that St Mawgan Parish Council did not support me, and voted for Cllr Fitter, but I am pleased that Cllr Liz Mackenzie had been elected Vice Chair. But there's always next year!

I attended the AGM of the Independent Group of Councillors on Cornwall Council. I was happy to propose that Cllr Loic Rich stay on as Group Leader.

I visited the Youth Club in St Columb Major, where we discussed applying for grants from the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund for 2022/23. Five hundred thousand pounds is available, with grants from £10,000 to £100,000, with the emphasis being on Youth Projects this time around. I have applied for a grant of £100,000 for a new roof. The Youth Club has applied for £50,000 for main hall refurbishment.

I attended a meeting of Cornwall Council's Appeal Committee, where five appeals regarding school transport were heard by the Committee. Details of this meeting are available on the Cornwall Council Website.

Our Community Link Officer, Helen Fincham, and I met virtually with Adrian Drake, our Highways Manager, to discuss the new lights at the top of Hill Crest Close. I am really hoping that two new lights will be installed in the next financial year.

I attended virtually a Pre-agenda Meeting of the Standards Committee. The Full Meeting will take place next Thursday, the 28th of July.

I attended a Meeting of the Constitution and Governance Committee at New County Hall.

I have had correspondence, and meetings, with several residents over housing issues, benefit problems, and other matters before my holiday, and since my return".

53/22 Public Forum:

There were no members of the public present

54/22 Report from Police:

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

55/22 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr Coad (working), Cllr Allen (family commitments) and Cllr Culley (harvesting).

56/22 **Members' Declaration of Interests:**

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

Cllr Mrs Jiggins – Planning Applications PA22/06301 and PA22/06306. Cllr Wills – Planning Application PA22/06228

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

None

57/22 **To confirm Minutes of a Full Council Meeting, held on 7th June 2022 and of an Extraordinary Council Meeting, held on 15th June 2022:**

The Minutes of a Full Council Meeting, held on 7th June 2022, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Mrs McLeod seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes be accepted.

The Minutes of an Extraordinary Council Meeting, held on 15th June 2022, were presented by the Mayor.

Cllr Wills made reference to Item 50/22 – Youth Club, and confirmed that the Expression of Interest Forms had been submitted.

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

58/22 **Payment of Accounts – Members to Approve the Payment of Accounts to the end of June 2022:**

The Mayor proceeded to present the Accounts, paid up to the end of June 2022.

A small number of comments were made about cheques paid, payments received, and Standing Orders/Direct Debits.

Cllr Wills advised that the total cost of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations had amounted to £15,058.40 – just over the mandate agreed.

The Town Clerk referred to correspondence that had been received regarding Section 106 monies. Historically there is money available in one account connected to “developments of the open space at The Hurlings” and to “developments to open space at Trelawney Parc”. He

has spoken to Cornwall Council about the matter, and has now received confirmation that the historic S106 money for The Hurlings will be paid, and the S106 money set aside for work to Trelawney Parc can be diverted to the new play equipment installed at Hawthorn Close. As both of the projects have been completed, Cornwall Council are happy for retrospective Applications to be made. We should now be receiving in the region of £24,000 for both the projects.

The Town Clerk reported that this year we have spent over £35,000 on new play equipment at The Hurlings Play Area, and the Play Area at Hawthorn Close.

Cllr Wills also advised that we have today transferred £10,000 from the "Tracker Account" to the "General Account".

Cllr Wills proposed, Cllr Whetter seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Payment of Accounts, up to the end of June 2022.

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Planning Matters:

PA22/05621 – Listed Building Consent to strip and relay rag slate roof covering on breathable underfelt, remove spray foam insulation from underside of slates, repair roof structure, insulate roof space, replace fibreglass parapet gutter linings with leadwork and replace PVCU gutters and downpipes with painted cast iron – Town Hall, Market Place, St Columb, Cornwall – St Columb Major Town Council Clerk of St Columb Major

As this Application has been submitted on behalf of the Town Council, there will be "No comment" made.

PA22/05842 – Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), works to include – reduce remaining crown spread to the East, reduce crown spread to the South and removal of a branch on a T1; Horse Chestnut and reduce radial crown spread to the East and reduce radial crown spread of northern quarter to T2; Horse Chestnut – Bridge Farmhouse, Bridge, St Columb, Cornwall – Hannah Edyvean

It would appear that the Tree Officer has already approved this Application. The Town Council agreed with the Tree Officer's recommendations.

PA22/05846 – Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), works to include – T1 Horse Chestnut – Remove branch resting on stay wire by cutting back to a suitable growth point (Image 1), reduce remaining crown spread to east by cutting back beyond LV cable (reduction of radial crown spread from 9m to 7m) and reduce crown spread to south by 2m to leave 6m radial crown spread (Image 2). All pruning to remove tertiary branches only back to suitable growth points. T2 Horse Chestnut – Reduce radial crown spread to east by 2.5m to leave 8m (Image 3) and reduce radial crown spread of northern quarter by 2m to leave 6.5m (Image 4). All pruning to remove tertiary branches only back to suitable growth points – Bridge Farmhouse, Bridge, St Columb, Cornwall – Hannah Edyvean

Cllr Daniels reported that he could not find this Application on the Portal, and assumes that it is, basically, a duplication of the previous Application.

At this point Cllr Wills left the room, and Cllr Mrs McLeod took the Chair just for this next item.

PA22/06228 – Construction of outbuilding containing pool and games room, timber shed for bin storage and plant, wall with gate, patio with hot tub and associated path – Bank House, 2, North Street, St Columb, Cornwall – Rolf Munding

Councillors were generally of the opinion that the Application looks quite interesting, and would not unduly impact the main building, and took consideration of neighbouring properties.

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

Cllr Wills returned to the room.

Cllr Mrs Jiggins left the room.

PA22/06301 – Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the construction of two dwelling houses namely “access only” – Land Adjacent to Wingletang, Talskiddy, St Columb TR9 6EG – Mr and Mrs W Johnson

There would appear to be no problem whatsoever with this Application. Basically, the Applicants are utilising the land to provide some family accommodation, and ensure future financial security.

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

PA22/06306 – Demolition of lean-to structure, conversion and alterations to redundant agricultural building to form a dwelling and installation of sewage treatment plant – The Barn Adjacent to Wingletang, Talskiddy, St Columb TR9 6EG – Mr and Mrs W Johnson

As with the previous Application, this looks to be a perfectly acceptable and sound Application, extending the same reasoning as per the previous application.

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

A number of Planning Applications had been received after the Agenda had been sent out. It was agreed that these should be dealt with now, as there would be no Meetings in August.

PA22/06159 – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of a building as a domestic garden room/outbuilding – Mr G Cockroft

After some discussion, Councillors RESOLVED to offer “No comment” on this Application.

PA22/05589 – Application for steel portal frame building for the storage of agricultural commodities, products and machinery – Farm Building opposite Trewan Hall, St Columb, Cornwall – Mr Alex Cole, Gluvian Growers

Cllr Mrs Fuery proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Application.

PA22/06573 – First floor extension above existing garage – 20, Carloggas Way, St Columb, Cornwall TR9 6BH – Mr Holmes

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

Cllr Wills again left the room, and Cllr Mrs McLeod took over the role of Chairman for the next item.

PA22/06229 – Listed Building Consent for the construction of outbuilding containing pool and games room, timber shed for bin storage and plant, wall with gate, patio with hot tub and associated path – Bank House, 2, North Street, St Columb, Cornwall – Rolf Munding

As with the Application discussed earlier (PA22/06228), Cllr Daniels proposed, Cllr Whetter seconded, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to support the Application.

60/22 Town Hall - Roof:

A Listed Building Consent Application has been made for the new roof on the Town Hall. We have received another Fee Account from Court Design and Conservation. It appears to be very much on the high side. We are querying the account, but it is thought that at the end of the day, we will have to pay Fee Account 5.

61/22 New Bench for the Jackie Law Memorial Garden:

We have not yet received a price from the firm in St Mawgan. We have, however, received another suggestion from Cllr Daniels, regarding moving a seat from the Round House, and putting that into the Closed Churchyard, after refurbishment. Rather than placing it in the Jackie Law Memorial Garden, it was wondered whether it would be better further up the bank. This would, however, probably require a Faculty to be produced. After much discussion, Councillors decided that there should be no additional bench in the Closed Churchyard.

62/22 Additional CCTV Cameras?

After some discussion, it was decided to leave the provision of additional CCTV camera for the time being. It is still hoped that at some future date we will be able to place two more cameras, one at the rear of the Town Hall and one in Union Place.

63/22 Vandalism in the Recreation Ground:

Cllr Wills spoke on this matter, confirmed what the Town Council had suggested they would want from the culprits. The matter has been referred to Inspector Blackford, who has advised that the matter is now with his Sergeant, and the Restorative Team. We await the outcome.

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Correspondence:

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- a) CC – Town and Parish Council Newsletter – 01.07.22
- b) CC – Town and Parish Council Bulletin – 15.07.22

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Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Wills reported on the Biffa cleaner, who he had seen on one morning last week 5 times talking to people, and certainly not doing any cleaning. It was noted that this Cleaner will not do anywhere outside Zone A, as per his Contract.
- b) Cllr Wills advised that he had received a very nice letter from a visitor, who had complimented the town on the way it looked.
- c) Cllr Mrs Fuery again commented that last week there was only one operative working on a Biffa Lorry in the Halveor Close area..
- d) Cllr Mrs Fuery requested that something needs to be done regarding problems that are occurring at 48, Trelawney Parc - loud music, racing of cars, fighting, etc.
It was also mentioned that it would appear that no 8, Trelawney Parc is not being used by the tenant. Could this be checked with Ocean Housing.
- e) Cllr Mrs Fuery queried about the old Council Houses in West Street in St Columb, and the fact that she thought they were not supposed to be used as “Bed and Breakfast”/Guest Houses. The matter will be checked with Ocean Housing.
- f) Cllr Mrs McLeod again complained about the indiscriminate parking at Bridge, and Bridge Hill. It is getting worse, and people are now even parking in the entrance and exit to Old Rectory Drive. The provision of yellow lines at Bridge was part of our TPO. We will investigate the matter further.
- g) Cllr Taylor advised that he has had a Meeting with Pall, and all of his problems and concerns have been sorted out. The water treatment plant is completely sealed, as will be the new one.
- h) Cllr Daniels expressed concern regarding the fact that vegetation is growing up and around signs and bollards. Cornwall Council Highways should be asked to look into the matter urgently.
He also commented about the 30 mph sign on Station Road. It should really be further down the road towards the roundabout.
Mention was also made about the new lights that have been installed in Station Road. The trees should be lopped back, so that the lights are more visible.
- i) Cllr Daniels also reported that there is a lot of Ragwort in Newquay Road, which needs digging out.

- j) Cllr Daniels asked for a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Middleditch, for all the good work he does on the ground opposite the Doctors' Surgery. If Cllr Daniels wished to send a personal letter, that is fine, but the Town Council will not be sending a letter.
- k) The Town Clerk advised that we have received confirmation from PKF Littlejohns that they have received our AGAR Form 3.

66/22 Date of Next Full Council Meeting:

The date of the next Full Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on 6th September 2022.

The Meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Dated: 6th September 2022

Signed: