

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of The Civic Amenities Committee held at the Guildhall on Wednesday 1st April 2009 at 7:00pm

PRESENT:- Councillors D Holley (in the Chair), R Austin, R Bickford, P Clements.
Mrs S Hooper MBE, P Stephens ISM

ALSO PRESENT:- Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES:- Councillors G Ellison, C Oakes, C Riches, D Yates

01/09/10 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Holley takes the Chair for this meeting in the absence of the Committee's Chairman, Councillor Ellison.

02/09/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Clements declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 14/09/10(b) regarding Footpath 17 as he had submitted an application for a Modification Order.

03/09/10 CCTV

Councillors referred to a broken window over the weekend at Pengelly's and it was **AGREED** that the Police are asked whether there was any CCTV footage regarding this.

The Clerk stated that she had received money from Caradon for the Community Fund projects. A discussion was held on whether money was received for upgrade of cameras and the Clerk will look at the application submitted and report back at the next meeting

04/09/10 LIGHTING AT MURAL

The Clerk reported that Councillor Ellison is still obtaining a quote for a mesh cover on the lights at the mural.

05/09/10 FORMER TOILETS AT ST STEPHENS

It was **AGREED** that:-

- (i) any decision on whether to take on the former toilets at St Stephens is deferred until an inspection has been carried out.
- (ii) a copy of the original report on the toilets is obtained from Mr Masters.

06/09/10 ELWELL WOODS PROJECT

Councillor Ellison is still awaiting a decision on the funding application which has been submitted.

07/09/10

SALTASH STATION

- (a) Councillor Bickford reported that Cormac has completed re-surfacing the road, putting in the pavement and the new drains. CCTV is now to be installed; improved signage and security lighting will also be installed. No work has been undertaken on the station building itself but more substantial fencing has been erected at the front.

It was **AGREED** to ask Cornwall Council to serve an untidy site notice on the owners and also to send a copy of the Council's conditions of sale.

- (b) Councillor Bickford reported that it was intended for a plaque to be erected on the station for the Brunel Celebrations similar to that erected for the 125th Anniversary. The cost will be in the region of £300. It was **AGREED** that this is funded from the Community Fund.

08/09/10

BUS SHELTERS

- (a) The Clerk reported a letter from Rebecca Dickson stating that the shelter could be moved to the opposite side of the road in Yellow Tor Road. A plan has to be submitted for formal approval. It was **AGREED** that the glass should be to the wall and that quotations are now obtained for its re-location.
- (b) Thirteen responses had been received from residents of Carkeel regarding a bus shelter. Ten responses felt that there was a need for a shelter and the majority suggested the former telephone box site but the resident who lives adjacent to the site had objected. Carkeel is served by the No. 76 bus every 40 minutes and Councillor Austin will ask First how many get on the bus. It was **AGREED** that further consideration is given when the numbers are known.

Councillor Mrs Hooper stated that a request had been made to know the result of the survey when the speed visor was used.

09/09/10

BEATING OF THE BOUNDS 2009

It was noted that Councillor Ellison had booked the boat and also the use of Cotton's coach for the day.

10/09/10

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the plot which was overgrown had been offered to three off the waiting list, none of whom had kept it on. It was felt that it was now too overgrown and complaints are being received from an adjacent property owner as the brambles are spreading to his plot. There are now 74 on the waiting list.

It was **AGREED** that:-

- (a) Hine Bros should be asked to bring the plot back into use

- (b) Cards are issued as previously suggested so that they may be given to private land owners who have overgrown gardens to see if they would be willing to allow the gardens to be used as allotments.
- (c) A further notice is included in the Town Messenger asking residents to contact the Council if they wish to discuss use of their land as an allotment.
- (d) write to the Cornwall Wildlife Trust to ask if they would consider allowing the land in St Stephens Hill to be used as organic allotments.

11/09/10 WATERING OF PLANTS

Costs of hiring a bowser for the summer season were reported. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council hire a bowser together with hand pump from Morris Leslie at a cost of £30 per week and that the position is considered again when preparing the precept.

12/09/10 CORNWALL COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS STRATEGY

It was **AGREED** that:-

- (i) Councillor Clements will report back to a future meeting on the Cornwall Countryside Access Strategy document.
- (ii) Councillor Clements should apply for a position on the Access Forum.

13/09/10 ST STEPHENS SCHOOL LETTERS RE TINCOMBE NATURE RESERVE

Thirty letters from some of the pupils at St Stephens School were reported stating their concerns at the state of the Tincombe Nature Reserve. It was **AGREED** that:-

- (i) a site meeting is arranged with Cornwall Wildlife Trust and that some of the children, the Head Teacher, the Police and a representative from K2 are invited.
- (ii) the Mayor responds individually to each pupil.

(Councillor Bickford declared a personal interest as his daughter attends the School)

14/09/10 FOOTPATHS

- (a) Councillor Austin drew the Council's attention to recent Minutes regarding the Public Right of Way from Forder to Antony Passage and the lack of clarity in which way the Council wished to proceed. It was **AGREED** that in view of this, the matter is deferred and because of the six month ruling to re-discuss the issue, it is raised again at the September meeting of the Committee.

It was noted that Forder Community Association is not willing to support a Modification Order as they consider that it will interfere with their Village Green application.

- (b) It was **AGREED** that Footpath 17 is raised with Linda Holloway at the next meeting with her.

(Councillor Clements took no part in the discussion having declared a prejudicial interest)

- (c) The Clerk was awaiting a response regarding the Modification Order from Waterside to Coombe Road.
- (d) The step on the path from St Stephens road to the Swimming Pool and the school is waiting for repair.
- (e) The Clerk reported an offer letter from the County Council for the trimming of footpaths. The total eligible is £432.73p. The total cost of trimming last year was £3,205 and the Council received £637.60p It was **AGREED** to enquire why there was a reduction on last year's costs before accepting the offer letter.

15/09/10 SEATS

It was **AGREED** that consideration is deferred for a further month to allow the survey to be completed.

16/09/10 TOWN MESSENGER

It was **AGREED** that a Town Messenger should be sent out before the end of May. Councillor Austin will prepare an article on Tincombe.

17/09/10 PRESS RELEASES

It was **AGREED** that Councillor Ellison puts out a press release on Beating of the Bounds.

18/09/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th May 2009 at 7:00pm

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: