

## SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of The Civic Amenities Committee held at the Guildhall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7:00pm

**PRESENT:-** Councillors D Holley (in the Chair), R Bickford, N Challen,  
P Clements, Mrs S Hooper MBE (for part of meeting), C Oakes,  
C Riches

**ALSO PRESENT:-** Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:-** Councillors G Ellison and D Yates

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#### **19/09/10      ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR MEETING**

In the absence of Councillor Ellison, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Holley takes the Chair for this meeting.

#### **20/09/10      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Clements declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 34/09/10(b) regarding Footpath 17 as he had applied for a Modification Order.

#### **21/09/10      CHRISTMAS EVENT**

Arrangements for the Christmas event will start to be discussed at the next meeting and Councillors were asked to think about entertainers.

It was **AGREED** that:-

- (i) the Clerk makes application for the same road closures as last year.
- (ii) the Elaine Davis Jazz Band are booked to lead the procession and play 30 minutes before.
- (iii) other people with an interest in the Christmas event are invited to the next meeting.

#### **22/09/10      CCTV**

The Clerk reported that the Caradon Community Fund money was to cover the move of the camera and extended arm.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that this work is now undertaken by Essa Securities and that a breakdown of the work undertaken at the Control Room is obtained.

#### **23/09/10      LIGHTING AT MURAL**

Councillor Ellison has someone to undertake the work.

**24/09/10**      **FORMER TOILETS AT ST STEPHENS**

Following an inspection of the toilets, Councillors felt that they cannot be used as a bus shelter as a ramp would not work and they do not give enough room for storage. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council do not take on the toilets, but if Cornwall Council cannot sell them, then they should come back to the Town Council again.

**25/09/10**      **ELWELL WOODS PROJECT**

Councillor Ellison has a meeting with someone from the proposed funders. Councillor Ellison would be interested to find parts of the missing cider press.

**26/09/10**      **SALTASH STATION**

Councillor Bickford reported that Cornwall Council has now discharged the plans for the station and he had written to Cornwall Council asking that Unitary Councillors now follow-up.

**(Councillor Mrs Hooper arrived)**

**27/09/10**      **BUS SHELTERS**

- (a) The Clerk reported that she had still to get prices from Cormac for the move of the shelter in Yellow Tor Road and it was **AGREED** that if it was too expensive, it might be cheaper to consider a new shelter.
- (b) A response from the bus company is awaited regarding passenger numbers at Carkeel. It was **AGREED** that Burraton Ward Councillors will look at organising a count at school times on successive days to obtain numbers using the stop

**28/09/10**      **BEATING OF THE BOUNDS 2009**

Councillor Clements reported that tickets for Beating the Bounds were slow to sell. It was **AGREED** that the Town Crier is asked to hand out leaflets this Saturday and that his fee is paid.

**29/09/10**      **ALLOTMENTS**

There are currently five private householders who wish to allow their gardens to be used as allotments. It was noted that a letter had been sent to the Herald regarding the lack of allotments. Two possible further sites were put forward as allotments – an area at Broad Walk and near the sub-station at Lollabury.

It was **AGREED** that:-

- (i) a response should be sent by the Clerk to the letter in the press
- (ii) Councillor Ellison is asked to look at the proposed sites

30/09/10

**PLANTERS IN FORE STREET – REQUEST FOR BROWNIES TO  
PLANT BULBS**

A letter was reported from the Brownies who asked permission to plant bulbs in the planters in Fore Street next year to celebrate 100 years of the Brownies. The Clerk had spoken to Hines Bros. who felt it was difficult to do this in with other planting, as the bulbs would hinder that work. It was **AGREED** to suggest that the Brownies consider taking on the boat in Alexandra Square or outside the Co-op car park.

**(Councillor Mrs Hooper declared a personal interest as a former member of Saltash Rotary, who had at one time looked after the boat outside the Co-op)**

31/09/10

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT**

A newsletter is now being received from Sustainable Communities and it was **AGREED** that this should be forwarded to Councillors and anyone wishing to discuss any aspect should contact the Clerk to add it to a future agenda.

32/09/10

**CORNWALL COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS STRATEGY**

Councillor Clements reported that he had read the document and would like to see all that it contains to be undertaken. The new Cornwall Councillors should be urged to see that the work is done.

33/09/10

**TINCOMBE NATURE RESERVE**

Councillor Holley stated that he had still to reply to the letters from the children at St Stephens School and when this is done he will arrange the site meeting with the Police, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, K2 and representatives of the School.

34/09/10

**FOOTPATHS**

- (a) An updated offer letter for trimming of footpaths had been received. It was **AGREED** that this is now accepted.
- (b) It was noted that Mr Couper's latest evidence had been sent to Mr Clements for comment. There was apparently a case which the Town Council had lost and had been required to pay a substantial amount of damages. If no further evidence is submitted the consultation stage will be finished.
- (c) The Secretary of State had responded that he could not direct Cornwall Council to make a decision on the Council's application for a Modification Order on the path from Waterside to Coombe Road, as it was being dealt with in accordance with their policy. Councillor Clements reported that the application is No. 42 on the County's list.

It was **AGREED** that those who had completed an evidence form should be advised of the situation.

- (d) It was noted that Cornwall Council were working in the area of the footway from St Stephens Road to the Swimming Pool and school and therefore the steps might be repaired.

**35/09/10      EUROPEAN MARKET**

A European market operator has enquired if we want them to visit Saltash. It was **AGREED** to see if this could be in conjunction with the Christmas event, the size of the market and fees etc.

**36/09/10      SEATS**

St Stephens and Pill Wards still had to have the review of seating completed.

**37/09/10      ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE**

It was **AGREED** that Councillor Mrs Hooper will call a meeting of the Environmental sub-committee to draw up plans for Phase 3 of the programme for the area of garden outside the former Learning Shop

**39/09/10      TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

The Clerk reported that the Cornwall Council is not able to approve the Tree Preservation Orders submitted unless the trees are in danger. It was **AGREED** to press for the black poplars to have a TPO and to follow up others once a reply is received.

**40/09/10      FORE STREET**

Cornwall Council was consulting on maintenance works proposed in Fore Street, which included the trees. It was **AGREED** that a site meeting is held tomorrow and that Mrs Flok de rejike-winter is also invited to attend.

**41/09/10      PLANNED EVENTS IN SALTASH**

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had consulted the Town Council on holding the following events in Saltash:-

- (a) Circus Starr – Longstone Park on 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May – it was **AGREED** that they should be asked to watch parking on Glebe Avenue, so as not to block buses
- (b) Picnic Day - Longstone Park 25<sup>th</sup> May - it was **AGREED** there is no objection provided normal use of Longstone Park is allowed.
- (c) The Wanderers Class Owners Association Dinghy Cruise on River Tamar from 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August – it was **AGREED** to approve in principle provided Mr Masters has no objection, that there is no damage, that they tidy up afterwards and that Saltash Waterfront Residents Association and the Yacht Club are advised of the event.

**42/09/10      PRESS RELEASES**

It was **AGREED** that press releases are issued regarding the allotments and Beating of the Bounds.

**43/09/10      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 at 7:00pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Dated:      21<sup>st</sup> May 2009