

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Thursday 18th September 2008 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors D Holley (Chairman), R Bickford, N Challen,
P Clements, G Ellison, Mrs S Hooper MBE, A Killea,
Mrs F Knight, C Riches, P Stephens ISM

ALSO PRESENT County Councillor Mrs J Mepsted
Sergeant Dunstan
Mr S Tait (Saltash Gateway Community Interest Company)
Reverend N Slateford (Mayor's Chaplain)
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Austin (holiday), M Gee, Mrs S Lennox-Boyd, C Oakes
(holiday), B Reid (holiday), D Yates (holiday)
County Councillor B Preston

PRAYERS

The Mayor welcomed the Reverend Nicky Slateford, the new Minister at the Wesley Church, as his new Chaplain.

Prayers were offered by the Mayor's Chaplain.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Holley reported a very busy month, during which he had attended the Library Open Evening, Rotary, Pillmere Fun Day, Dehwelans Festival, Gorsedd Ceremony, Blind Golf Competition, the opening of Lidl, the opening of the Forder Community Hall, Rugby, Camera Club and the District Council Civic Service.

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Dunstan reported that there had been 104 recorded crimes this month, as compared to 92 for the same period last year. There have been 7 thefts from motor vehicles and 1 burglary dwelling. Football moves back to Saltmill this Friday. The Police are also looking at a Shadow Boxing Scheme to be run at K2.

Councillor Riches referred to commercial vehicle parking and asked if there was any progress with this. Sergeant Dunstan reported that he had spoken with the garage concerned and asked them to park elsewhere but Councillor Riches reported that this is still occurring. Sergeant Dunstan agreed to speak to the garage again.

Councillor Ellison reported that the Pillmere Residents Association had reported that the top playground in Pillmere seems to be the centre of preference for youths from all over the Town and enquired if any reports had been made to the Police. Sergeant Dunstan stated that he was not aware of a problem but he will visit the playground behind Paddock Close. Councillor Mrs Knight said it was also reported that a group of young children are playing 'chicken' with cars on the estate. Councillor Holley asked the reason why the proposed Designated Places Order has been extended to include Parksway and Sergeant Dunstan replied that it would be isolated, if it was not included and therefore it made sense for boundary purposes. Councillor

Bickford enquired if any figures are included from the British Transport Police relating to the area around the Station, as it was felt that this area should be included in the Order. Sergeant Dunstan said he will look into this.

SALTASH GATEWAY COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)

A brief for the month of September was circulated. Mr Tait stated that the CIC Directors noted the observations on a number of points recorded in the Minutes of the Director's meeting of 10th April. The Directors have therefore agreed that CIC will ensure that, as far as possible, that the Minutes are not open to mis-interpretation. A contract has been awarded to Scot Wilson to undertake the Fore Street re-generation study. Mr Berry had confirmed to CIC that the money agreed for the study was secure.

The bank balance at the 10th September 2008 was £3078.29 in the current account and £30,831.28 in the business saver account.

Councillor Tait reported that the Directors are going through a review of the Community Strategic Action Plan to update the project list. As the Town Council plays a key role within the plan, the CIC will be asking the Town Council to look at the review for any comments they wish to make on some of the changes. Councillor Tait also stated that the CIC had already made 'soundings' to the District Council to take over 18 Belle Vue Road before they knew that the Town Council was also interested. Therefore, the CIC would like a discussion with the Town Council on the way forward. Councillor Holley stated that the Town Council is seeking more financial information and Councillor Clements is researching the use of the building. There will most certainly be an invitation to meet with the Town Council and the Citizen Advice Bureau regarding the future of the building.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

County Councillor Mrs Mepsted reported that the Unitary Authority arrangements are progressing, with interviews for Chief Executive Officer next week and for Directors, in November. The Children and Young Persons Director will continue in post and Community Network Managers will also be appointed shortly. The new Council will take advantage of the Governments funded scheme to give free swimming lessons for the over 60s for two years. They will also consider the implications of including the under 16s but this will not be an easy decision as Council's are unable to limit this to residents within Cornwall and therefore will include tourists. It is virtually certain that the Boundary Review will not be completed in time for implementation in May or June. The only way the new Council could start with 123 members is to delay the election until the autumn. However, this would require a Statutory Order from the Secretary of State. The Implementation Executive feels that it is better to postpone rather than start the new Council with 82 members and is seeking cross party and cross Cornwall support. The Cornwall Children and Young Peoples Partnership is setting up Seminars in October to research and find information to support sustainable communities and the poverty agenda. Post Watch Cornwall held its final meeting on 11th September. The Regional Chair will remain to oversee the final closure programme. Councillor Holley thanked Councillor Mrs Mepsted for her work with Post Watch and asked to be kept informed of how the new community focus will work. Councillor Mrs Hooper stated that in the meantime any concerns regarding Post Offices could be addressed through the MP. It was confirmed that the Town Council would like to see the wording of "Priority Parking Bays for Boats and Trailers" for the area under the bridge.

Councillor Ellison reported on an e-mail from the leader of Caradon District Council, which referred to the Essex model relating to Post Offices and asked if the County Council is

considering something similar. County Councillor Mrs Mepsted replied that it was almost like giving a grant to start up a Post Office and she would like to think that the County would consider something along this line. Councillor Ellison asked for an update on the adoption of roads and pavements at Pillmere, in particular Grassmere Avenue. County Councillor Mrs Mepsted stated that she had been trying to chase up this today. The Officer has been in touch with Coftons who will be building the last section very soon. Coftons want to complete in two months. Once this is completed the County Council usually wait for twelve months before adoption of the roads. Councillor Ellison asked if Ward Councillors could be invited to the meeting with Coftons. Councillor Mrs Mepsted said it was possible to refer any issues to the County Councillor to deal with.

Councillor Bickford asked if there was any news on the Community Network areas for South East Cornwall and County Councillor Mrs Mepsted said she was waiting to hear but this was still being discussed.

Councillor Mrs Hooper enquired if the placing of telephones had been discussed in the meeting with the Samaritans. County Councillor Mrs Mepsted confirmed that it had but it was decided that these were not necessary, in view of the many mobile phones now available.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Killeya reported that the District Council had voted to register Warfelton as a Town Green. The District Council has also agreed that Parish Grants should be re-instated but this now has to be agreed by the Implementation Executive. The Sainsbury application was not considered on the 17th September, as not all reports were signed off by the Officer. Although the Officer is leaving the District Council, he will be brought back to finish the processing of this application which is likely to go to the Committee on 15th October. Councillor Killeya reported that the District Council had considered its response to the Regional Spatial Strategy – Secretary of State proposed changes. The point regarding the possible transfer of housing from other areas of the District to Saltash and Torpoint had been deleted from the response. Further to the response from Councillor Chamberlain regarding community network areas, Councillor Killeya understood that there will be meetings convened with the five Town Mayors as there is no consensus of opinion. He also reported that the One Cornwall Team had agreed to look further into the proposal that District Councillors are no longer consulted on planning when the recommendation from the Town or Parish Council is different to that of the Officers.

Councillor Ellison pointed out that the playing field application for Carkeel will be on the same agenda as the Sainsbury application.

Councillor Stephens reported that the Task Group of which he is Chairman looking at aligning IT services with the County Council, is working hard to ensure that the services are aligned. The Scrutiny Panel has been looking at the decisions taken regarding the Forder trees and this is ongoing. In addition, it will also consider the circumstances of the second TPO papers which have been issued. Councillor Stephens reported that he has resigned from the District Council's Planning Committee because he feels he is not getting support and consultation from the Planning Department. He will continue to serve his constituents as he is able to attend Planning Meetings when Ward issues are being discussed. Councillor Holley thanked Councillor Stephens on behalf of the Town Council for the work he has put in on the Planning Committee in the past.

Councillor Mrs Hooper enquired if the meetings regarding the Sainsbury application had been open to the public. Councillors Killeya and Ellison stated that these meetings had been to

update Councillors only. In answer to a question regarding Boundary Stones, Councillor Holley stated that together with Councillor Clements he had met a representative of Enterprise Mouchell and it would appear that it will be possible to put a new Boundary Stone into the wall of the bridge at Notter.

QUESTIONS

- (a) Mrs Keith referred to the grass cutting near pavements which is leaving them slippery. It was **RESOLVED** to write to the District Council concerning this.
- (b) Mrs Keith referred to Tobruk Road (opposite side of the football field) where the hedge is coming out, so that it is not possible to walk on the pavement. Councillor Riches stated that Mr Tait is putting together a list of roads where hedges need cutting and he will ask him to add this to the list

124/08/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Killeya, Mrs Knight, Riches and Stephens declared a personal interest in Planning Application 08/01298/FUL for a conservatory at 168 Callington Road as the objector Mrs Sue Perry, is acquainted with the Liberal Democrats.

125/08/09 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings held on the 21st August, 28th August and 16th September 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the following additions:

In the Minutes of the 21st August District Council report second paragraph, delete the first two sentences and replace with “Councillor Killeya also reported that Looe is not happy being placed with Torpoint in a Community Network Area. There may be a possibility that Torpoint will be put back with Saltash and Looe has asked that they be with Liskeard.” In the Minutes of 16th September Minute No. 122/08/09(a) third line, insert after Holley “with help from Councillor Killeya”

126/08/09 MATTERS ARISING

Questions Councillor Riches reported that he had arranged for Lollabury Lane to be cut back.

Questions Councillor Holley reported that he had spoken with the District Council who advised that advertisements for Fairs fall under a different set of regulations and it is legal for Fair notices to be put up, providing they do not distract drivers and they do not obstruct road signs.

115/08/09 The Town Council considered the list of schemes to be put forward for additional funding from the District Council.

It was **RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) the three schemes to go forward will be:

- (i) £5000 for repair of existing boundary stones and production of a new boundary stone at Notter Bridge
- (ii) £3000 for additional CCTV camera for the top of Fore Street
- (iii) £5500 for re-vamp of existing finger signs/new signs/re-launch of heritage trail
- (b) the three items are now considered by the appropriate Committees to consider part funding by the Town Council.
- (c) delegated authority is given to the Committees to submit the applications when Town Council funding has been considered.

The Council offered congratulations to Councillors Ellison and Bickford on obtaining additional monies for Saltash on various projects.

127/08/09 FINANCE

- (a) The following receipts in August 2008 were confirmed.

	£
Burial Board	675.00
Guildhall Hire	1283.40

- (b) The following payments in August 2008 were noted.

	£ p	£ p	
	Gross	Excl VAT	Remarks
Caradon District Council	42.76		Garage rent
H3G	15.00	12.77	Mobile phone
Caradon District Council	635.00		Guildhall rates
Caradon District Council	11729.81		Replacement cheque CCTV
Information Commissioner	35.00		Data protection
SW Media Group Ltd	193.88	165.00	Advert – Secretary
Otis Ltd	399.33	339.86	Lift maintenance
Consortium	88.36	72.50	Stationery/cleaning materials
Hine Brothers	1205.00		Watering/maintenance
Saltash Regatta Fund	100.00		Storage in shed
Post Office Ltd	241.94	207.25	Telephone bill
Eclipse Internet	23.95	21.77	Broadband
Petty Cash	250.00		Petty cash
Cornwall County Council	1299.74		Superannuation
Inland Revenue	1464.01		Tax & NI
Staff salaries	5795.36		Staff salaries

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PLANNING

- (a) It was noted that District Councillors voted upon the information before them at this meeting but in the light of subsequent information received at the District Council, Councillors may vote differently at that meeting.
- (b) Applications for consideration:

Date received	Application no.	Details of application
12.09.2008	08/01064/FUL	Balabrook Ltd - building rear of 23 – 29 Fore Street - construction of nine flats with two shops at ground level (demolition of existing redundant building). It was unanimously RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL and also to point out to the officer, that this could be a suitable development to negotiate some form of 106 agreement.
12.09.2008	08/01298/FUL	Miss K Symons - 168 Callington Road - construction of new conservatory to rear elevation. One letter of objection was reported. It was unanimously RESOLVED to RECOMMEND REFUSAL as the conservatory will be overbearing and cause loss of light to the amenity area and living room of the neighbouring property.

- (c) The Town Clerk reported that there were no decisions taken by the District Council where the decisions reached were contrary to the recommendations made at the Town Council meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) The District Council advised that Clean Cornwall Week was from 20th to 28th September. It was noted that the Wesley Church had arranged a litter pick of the Pillmere area three weeks ago. It was **RESOLVED** to look at doing something later in the year.
- (b) It was noted that the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority Liaison Meeting was to take place at The Guildhall on Monday 22nd September at 7.30 pm
- (c) A letter was received from Groundwork stating that they are creating a new organisation – Groundwork South West. Councillors urged that whilst there might be some changes to Board Members, it was hoped that some local influence is maintained.
- (d) It was noted that Network Rail has plans for a nationwide railway communications system across the rail network. They are currently

discussing with the District Council, plans to site a mast to maintain safe operation of the railway.

130/08/09 INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Industry, Commerce, Transportation and Tourism Committee held on the 1st September 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

131/08/09 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 2nd September 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to adding to Minute No. 121/08/09 “that the Committee review the criteria and the maximum grant for Community Chest applications at some future point” and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

132//08/09 CIVIC AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Councillor Ellison reported that the meeting of the Brunel Sub-Committee did not take place and will be arranged. Councillor Holley stated that Councillor Riches and himself were planning to meet with Plymouth City Council regarding the possibility of the cycle race next week.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee held on the 3rd September 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

133/08/09 ST BARNABAS HOSPITAL

Councillor Holley reported that together with Council Reid, he had been making enquiries regarding the future of St Barnabas Hospital to put markers down that the Town should still enjoy the presence of a hospital. To this end he had met with Mr Bill Gall and Mrs Trish Cooper, Area Manager, to talk generally about the future of the hospital. Whilst there are on-going problems with the structure of the building, quotations are being obtained for doing several bits of work, like extending the car park, additional out-patient facilities and possibly making a new entrance. They were encouraged to hear that there are no moves to close St Barnabas.

The Primary Care Trust has a meeting at The Guildhall on the 22nd October and on the 21st October there is a Health Fair open to the public. Councillors were urged to attend the events if possible.

134/08/09 GATEWAY COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

There were no issues to be raised. Councillor Holley reported that CIC has asked Mr Peter Noakes to join the Fore Street Steering Group following his presentation. Arrangements will be made to ask Mr Noakes to give a presentation to full Council and invitations to be sent to the Chamber of Commerce, District and County Councillors.

135/08/09 PRESS RELEASES

It was **RESOLVED** that press releases are issued, as follows:-

- (a) the Town Council welcomes the decision by the District Council to register Warfelton as a Town Green.
- (b) Councillor Ellison to write a press release regarding the awards received

136/08/09 COMMON SEAL

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to all Deeds and Documents necessary to give effect to the foregoing Acts and Proceedings.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: