

## SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Thursday 15th January 2009 at 7.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors D Holley (Chairman), R Austin, R Bickford, N Challen, P Clements, G Ellison, Mrs S Hooper MBE, A Killeya, Mrs Merryn Killeya, B Reid, P Stephens ISM, D Yates

**ALSO PRESENT** PC S Fletcher  
Reverend N Slateford (Mayor's Chaplain)  
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors M Gee (illness), Mrs F Knight (illness) C Oakes,  
C Riches (Planning at Caradon)  
County Councillors Preston, Mrs Mepsted  
Sergeant A Dunstan

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### **PRAYERS**

Prayers were offered by the Mayor's Chaplain.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Councillor Holley reported that the highlights of the month had been visiting all the Nursing Homes and listening to the many stories about Saltash and its people. With Councillor Bickford, he had visited Ivybridge in connection with 125 Railway services. He had attended lunches with many of the groups during December and he had visited over the Christmas period, the toll booths on the bridge, the Police, the Ambulance service and St Barnabas Hospital. He had also attended a meeting of U3A at which the many groups they have showed what they had done during the year.

Councillor Mrs Hooper reported that as Deputy Mayor she had attended the CATS award ceremony and Saltash young people had received many awards of which Saltash should be proud.

Mrs Marianne Beale from Saltash Environmental Action Group (SEA) returned the loan which had been given to the group to purchase bags in an attempt to 'Say No' to plastic bags in Saltash. Nearly all the bags are sold and she returned a cheque for £1600. The Mayor thanked them for their work and stated that he was pleased that they will continue to look at environmental issues relating to Saltash in the future.

### **POLICE REPORT**

PC Simon Fletcher reported that there had been 53 recorded crimes during the month as compared to 67 for the same period last year. There have been 7 thefts from vehicles, 6 damage to vehicles and 4 dwelling burglaries.

At the Anti Social meeting group, the Police had reported on the PACT cards they had issued and in the responses one of the main issues raised had been speed of traffic. The Police have responded to this and have been checking speeds in Callington Road. Councillor Killeya asked if it was possible to have a report overall for last year on vehicles speeding.

PC Fletcher stated that where there had been a report of car mirrors being smashed in Beatrice Avenue and confirmed that the Police continue to investigate this. Councillor Stephens reported that residents are still complaining of wing mirrors being broken. Some time ago there was a report of young people running on the roofs at Sunningdale. He reported that the Police had removed an offending den and it was hoped that this had improved the situation. Councillor Austin reported that the District Council is now to erect a fence in the hope of stopping this re-occurring. Councillor Mrs Hooper enquired about the results on the speed visor at Carkeel and PC Fletcher will check on the results.

Councillor Holley asked PC Fletcher about an assault on a young person in Pillmere just before Christmas which he had been asked to raise by Councillor Riches. PC Fletcher did not know about this and therefore Councillor Riches will be advised to contact the Police direct.

Councillor Holley reported that at the Road Safety Committee over the last year there had been concerns regarding Beatrice Avenue and speeding above 20mph. Signs are high up on the posts and close to the junction and therefore a motorist is on top of the speed reduction very quickly. He asked if the Police could give their opinion as to whether the signs should be moved further back.

### **SALTASH GATEWAY COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)**

Councillor Austin was reporting back to CIC from Council. He was asked to speak to Mr Thistlethwaite and ask him to notify Councillors Mrs Hooper and Mrs Knight of the date of future meetings. The report for the period January 2009 was noted.

Councillor Ellison stated that the issue of Broadmoor Farm had been discussed. The County Council has now put a new Saltash.net Community School from 2<sup>nd</sup> in the list to 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> and therefore there is no realistic prospect of the education campus at Broadmoor Farm being provided in our life time. It was noted that Colin Breed MP has written a very strong letter to the County objecting to this decision. It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should push for the upgrade of the existing facilities as this had not been included in County budgets because of the proposal to rebuild the school.

Councillor Holley asked if the education campus is not going to happen, what is there left on the scoping document. Councillor Ellison stated that the landowners will put in for unlimited housing and we should be wary as that was the course they wanted to take but it is the last thing that the Town Council wish. The agents are keen for mass housing and mass retail to be provided. Councillor Mrs Merryn Killeya stated her concern that if there was a lot of retail without infrastructure, the impact this would have on Fore Street. Councillor Bickford stated that if housing was provided then key infrastructure should also be provided such as Primary School, Doctor's surgery, public transport links to Saltash Town Centre. Councillor Yates stated that another commuter belt was not needed but the creation of a mini village which is semi self sustaining could be considered. Councillor Stephens stated that there was talk in the past of providing a Warner type village where it will not detract from the retail of Fore Street. Eleven hectares of land is scheduled for industrial development and the District Council is keen to proceed with this.

**(Councillors Killeya and Yates declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting as Councillor Killeya is a teacher at the Community School and Councillor Yates is a member of the Governing Body)**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council write to the department that made the decision expressing the Town Council's dismay that this has gone against what was going to happen. The County Council should now ensure that money is available to undertake refurbishment.

**(Councillors Killeya and Yates returned to the meeting.)**

### **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

There was no report.

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

Councillor Killeya reported that the Town Council's request for some funding towards the extension to the Cemetery had been put to the Cabinet, who had referred it to the Asset Management Group. Councillor Austin attended this meeting which was reported in Confidential Part II and the Council's request has now been returned to the cabinet for consideration.

Councillor Austin reported that the planning application for the extension is still going through the District Council but there is a problem as Highways are concerned about the width of the lane and the tarmac and at the moment they will not pay for tarmac to be laid. There is a meeting with Highways taking place next week. The District Council also want a full ecological report as it is close to the Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve. Therefore, the planning application has been withdrawn to allow these two items to be sorted.

### **QUESTIONS**

Mrs Keith had taken the DVD produced by the Fire Service on Christmas safety and Councillor Holley asked if she would produce some notes which could be used next year.

Mrs Keith also asked who she should contact regarding a hole in the tarmac, which is sinking outside number 1 Jubilee Close. Councillor Mrs Merryn Killeya offered to follow up this issue.

### **210/08/09      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Stephens and Mrs Merryn Killeya declared a personal interest in Minute No. 214(b) regarding the payment to the Mayfair Committee as Councillor Stephens is Chairman and Councillor Mrs Merryn Killeya is a member of the Mayfair Committee.

Councillors Bickford, Austin and Ellison declared a personal interest in the Gateway Community Interest Company report as Directors of the CIC.

Councillor Bickford declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application no. 08/02315/FUL at 39 Culver Road as he is a neighbour and will leave the meeting during discussion of this item.

Councillor Yates declared a personal interest in planning application no. 08/02194/FUL as one of the objectors, Mrs Greaves, is a personal friend.

**211/08/09**      **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008 and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009, be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the correct spelling of 'Killeya' in the list of those present in the Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> December and in the Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> January Minute No. 204/08/09 declarations of interest, in the interest by Councillor Yates, delete 'of the applicant' and insert 'of the nearest neighbour to the applicant.'

**212/08/09**      **MATTERS ARISING**

Questions      The Town Clerk reported that she had spoken with the Officer at the County Council dealing with the Town Green application for Warfelton. The District Council's application will be considered in order and will not be moved up the list although it will be an easier application to deal with. The Officer had suggested that the Town Council's application for Warfelton, which is currently being considered, should be withdrawn. The current position was that the Town Council had been asked to provide a different map and this was now with the Town Clerk and she had asked whether the application would remain current if the information was not provided and would allow other applications to be considered whilst waiting for the information.

It was **RESOLVED** that:-

- (a)      the County Officer is asked to confirm in writing whether this would be the case.
- (b)      further consideration of the application is considered by the Committee.

146/08/09(d) The Unlock Democracy letter will be considered when Councillor Riches is in attendance.

154/08/09      A response was still awaited from the County Council regarding the road opposite the Police Station.

173/08/09(e) Confirmation was to be sought from the Highway Agency regarding the review of the Saltash Tunnel Multi Agency Plan but this has not yet been followed up.

191/08/09(a) Councillor Gee was reviewing the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Shoreline Management Plan.

192/08/09      The Clerk reported that Digital UK had agreed to attend a Council meeting and a date was awaited.

**213/08/09**      **SALTASH GATEWAY COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)**

There were no issues to be raised.

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**FINANCE**

(a) The following receipts in December 2008 were noted:-

	£
Guildhall Hire	945.40
Burial Board	1100.00

(b) The following payments in December 2008 were noted:-

	£	p	£	p	Remarks
	Gross		Excl VAT		
H3G	16.30		13.87		Mobile phone
Caradon District Council	635.00				Guildhall rates
Mr B Whipp	50.00				Town Crier Christmas
TV Licensing	139.50				TV Licence
Saltash May Fair	22.00				Refund over-charge on booking
M Bailey	130.00				Cleaning windows/bus shelters
Petty Cash	250.00				Petty Cash
Royal British Legion	100.00				Poppy wreath
J Roissetter	150.00				Christmas – HiJack
Eclipse Internet	23.95		20.38		Broadband
Maurice Huggins Room	30.00				Hire
Saltash Air Cadet Force	100.00				Donation – Christmas event
Eclipse Internet	23.44		20.38		Broadband
ICOM(SW)Ltd	86.25		75.00		Telephone repairs
Consortium	205.14		176.00		Stationery & cleaning materials
Otis Ltd	390.83		339.86		Lift maintenance
Post Office Ltd	429.23		366.65		BT
Westcountry Bldg	3737.50		3250.00		Painting 15 Lower Fore Street
Tartendown Nursery	1089.30		965.00		Grounds Maintenance
Post Office Ltd	1457.89		209.94		Gas & electric
Staff salaries	6134.22				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
09.01.2009	08/02194/FUL	<b>C &amp; M &amp; C Greet – land Pt OS 5200 Trehan Farm, St Stephens - conversion of redundant agricultural building into dwelling. 4 letters of objection reported. It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL but draw attention to the following:- 1) independent advice to be sought by District Council to critically examine and take account of the barn owl study</b>

**and photographic evidence undertaken by one resident, highlighting that the slits and doors were blocked up about a year ago and thus stopping the owls gaining access. 2) Caradon District Council to check if it is actually a redundant barn, as on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009 it was still being used by cattle. 3) Is there another commercial use for the building before it is turned into residential accommodation, ie. light business use?**

**(Councillor Yates declared a personal interest as one of the objectors, Mrs Greaves is a personal friend).**

09.01.2009      08/02315/FUL      Mr and Mrs D Stansbury - **39 Culver Road** - construction of detached garage. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to no neighbour objection.**

**(Councillor Bickford left the meeting having previously declared a prejudicial interest)**

- (c) The Town Clerk reported on two applications determined by the District Council where were different to that recommended by the Town Council:-
- (i) prior notification for the replacement of an existing monopole at Saltash.net Community School where the Town Council had asked for a map of transition levels to check that it does not increase overall levels. The District Council had approved the siting as it complies with Policy 2 of the Cornwall Structure Plan 2004.
  - (ii) planning application no. 08/01064/FUL construction of 9 flats and 2 shops rear of 23-29 Fore Street was recommended for approval by the Town Council but refused by the District Council as it will result in the loss of a significant site to a residential use therefore not contributing to or retaining existing employment/industrial uses. By nature of the fenestration pattern and openings to the rear elevation will cause overlooking and a loss of privacy to the amenity area to the north and the numerous forms and styles of windows will represent a fussy and visually discordant feature. .
  - (iii) Councillor Killeya reported that slightly amended plans had been submitted for the Waterside pub and this had not been approved by the District Council.

**216/08/09**      **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was reported from the County Council regarding re-organisation of the Highway service. It was **RESOLVED** to write to state that:-

- (i)      the Town Council feel that it should have been notified in advance of the change taking place and to query that, as the Town is now one of nine areas, does it mean that South East Cornwall will be a lower priority.
- (ii)     invite the new Area Highway Manager Rebecca Dickson to a meeting of the full Council plus representatives of the Road Safety Committee

**217/08/09**      **BURIAL BOARD**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Burial Board Committee held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

**218/08/09**      **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record, and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

**219/08/09**      **ONE CORNWALL**

- (a)      A draft letter to Mrs Mary Cooper at One Cornwall was considered regarding Community Network Areas and it was **RESOLVED** by 12 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor Killeya) that the letter be sent with copies to all members of the Joint Implementation Executive, Rob Andrew, Martin Eddy and SE Cornwall Town Mayors.
- (b)      A report was given on the meeting held last night to discuss proposed boundary changes. It had been suggested that certain roads be moved from Burraton into Pill Ward and Councillor Killeya had requested the County Council to provide numbers for this. The Clerk stated that the District Council was also asking for comments on the proposed response by the District Council. It may be that the response from the County Council will not be received in time to include in the District Council response and therefore it was **RESOLVED** to advise Caradon that Town Council discussions are on-going.

At the meeting, there was also a suggestion that the current Ward Names were no longer appropriate for the proposed new Ward boundaries and therefore different names were proposed. A proposal was put for names to be Saltash Burraton and Pillmere, Saltash East and Tamar, Saltash South and Saltash West and Lynher. An amendment was put to use just the compass points, ie Saltash north, south, east and west.

On the amendment being put to the vote, there were 6 votes in favour and 6 against and therefore the Chairman used his casting vote in

favour, making it 7 in favour and 6 against. This was then put as a substantive motion and there were again 6 votes in favour and 6 against and therefore the Chairman used his casting vote in favour and the motion was carried by 7 in favour and 6 against to name the Wards Saltash north, south, east and west.

**220/08/09**      **MEETING THE PUBLIC**

Councillor Holley stated that he would be in Fore Street this Saturday to meet the public and asked for support from Councillors. It was **RESOLVED** that a list is circulated of future meeting dates and requesting Councillors to attend on rota.

**221/08/09**      **PRESS RELEASES**

It was **RESOLVED** that no press releases were required.

**222/08/09**      **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.