

## **SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Thursday 19th March 2009 at 7.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs S Hooper MBE (in Chair for part of meeting),  
D Holley (in Chair for part of meeting), R Austin (for part of meeting),  
R Bickford, N Challen, P Clements, G Ellison (for part of meeting),  
M Gee (for part of meeting), Mrs F Knight, Mrs Merryn Killeya,  
B Reid, D Yates

**ALSO PRESENT** County Councillors Mrs J Mepsted  
Mr B Carter (Saltash Gateway CIC)  
PC S Fletcher  
Reverend N Slateford (Mayor's Chaplain)  
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors D Holley (Mayoral duty for part of meeting),  
P Stephens ISM, A Killeya, C Oakes, C Riches  
County Councillor B Preston  
Sergeant A Dunstan

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### **PRAYERS**

Prayers were offered by the Mayor's Chaplain.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Councillor Mrs S Hooper reported that as Deputy Mayor she had attended the Installation of the new Bishop of Truro, the Reverend Tim Thornton.

### **POLICE REPORT**

- (a) PC Fletcher reported that there had been 119 reported crimes compared to 96 for the same period last year. 8 had been vehicle crimes and there were 2 dwelling burglaries and 8 burglaries which were non dwelling and these were from unsecured out-buildings. PC Fletcher reminded residents of the importance of locking these premises.

Councillor Mrs Killeya reported a problem with anti-social behaviour at Lynher Court.

- (b) A letter was read from Mr B Brooking regarding traffic going through Taylor Road and asked if the Council could do something before an accident occurs. County Councillor Mrs Mepsted agreed to ask County Councillors to look into this and also to ask the Police that if they have any suggestions for improvements, to liaise with their County Councillors.

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

The report to the Town Council for March 2009 had been circulated. Mr Carter stated that the Fore Street Regeneration Steering Group had met with Scott Wilson to review proposals for options for development. As a result, the Steering Group has a plan of how they wish Scott Wilson to proceed including items they do not wish them to undertake. There is nothing new

to report on Broadmoor Farm but CIC is keeping a watching brief. The Health Strategy Group has presented its bid for the National NHS Integrated Care Pilot programme and a decision on this will be made in early April. CIC plan to expand active membership of CIC and they propose to issue a glossy flier by mid April. The Project Review Board is to meet monthly and carry out in-depth project reviews. The Transport Survey questionnaires are to be circulated to PL12 parish residents and target the over 60's and young people. The finance report to the 12<sup>th</sup> May was circulated and noted.

**(Councillor Gee arrived)**

Councillor Mrs Hooper stated that she had an e-mail from Peter Thistlethwaite saying that the Town Councillors will be invited to a meeting but no invitation has been received to date. Mr Carter felt that a meeting might not yet have been held but will make enquiries. Councillor Clements stated he had been invited to lead a walk to find the dock dung to be used in the Art Trail project and this will probably take place over the Easter weekend.

**COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

County Councillor Mrs Mepsted reported that the Committee has looked at the concessionary fare scheme for children and consultants have now set recommendations and a pilot scheme will be implemented to extend the scheme for children up to the age of 16.

A Joint Scrutiny Panel has asked questions about the readiness of Cornwall for Day 1 of the New Council. With the restructuring they are looking to appoint the fourth and fifth layer posts. The Community Grants Scheme funding has all been spent and Councillors Mrs Mepsted and Preston supported eleven groups in the Town. Councillor Mrs Mepsted stated that there is no funding available at the moment to implement any scheme regarding Taylor Road. Councillor Mrs Hooper asked if it would be pertinent to ask a senior officer to join Councillors at a site meeting and Councillor Mrs Mepsted said she would ask. Councillor Preston is chasing the notice for the boat park under the bridge at the Waterside.

Councillor Clements referred to orders to modify the definitive map and the length of time it is taking for decisions to be made. County Councillor Mrs Mepsted will make further enquiries. Councillor Yates thanked the County Council for the HGV notices which seem to be having an impact.

It was noted that there are still some pot holes at Homer Park and Councillor Mrs Mepsted will pass this on.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

There was no report but the last meeting of the District Council was being held this evening.

**QUESTIONS**

Mrs Keith stated that the drain outside 1 Jubilee Close has still not been fixed and Councillor Mrs Merryn Killea will follow this up. She also had a question on Digital TV and was advised to give the question to the Council and his will be followed up with Digital UK.

**(Councillors Austin and Ellison arrived)**

Mrs Keith asked Councillor Austin if he had any details regarding the buses to Babis Farm and he replied stating that he is still talking with First Bus and trying to arrange a meeting.

**254/08/09      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Gee, Bickford, Challen, Ellison and Mrs Hooper declared a personal interest in planning application number 09/00318/FUL relating to 77 Old Ferry Road as the applicant is known to them and supported them financially in the past relating to elections. Councillor Mrs Knight declared a personal interest in the same application as the applicant is known to her.

Councillor Mrs Hooper declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute number 192/08/09(a) of the Policy and Resources Minutes relating to application number 95 of Community Chest in respect of Saltash Girls Choir as she is the Chairman and will leave the meeting during discussion of this item.

**255/08/09      MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings held on 19<sup>h</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**256/08/09      MATTERS ARISING**

248/08/09(e) Councillor Austin stated that it would appear the error in the names for Burraton and St Stephens Wards will not be corrected for the forthcoming County elections. He has contacted Colin Breed MP to ask him to raise this with Mr Healey.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council write to Mr Healey also, stating their concern and annoyance that this has happened and a copy of the letter is given to Colin Breed MP.

Digital UK      The Clerk reported a response from Mr Farwig following the last meeting had been received stating that it should be possible for people who are facing the Plympton transmitter to receive good digital reception.

146/08/09(d) In the absence of Councillor Riches the Unlock Democracy feed back will be deferred.

191/08/09      Councillor Gee reported that sea level is rising and in 2007 the sea level was going to rise 1.7mm per year and 170mm(7inches) in the next century. Since then a Professor of Geophysics has stated that this will not affect Brunel Green and Old Ferry Road houses and therefore there is no need to consider the Shoreline Management Plan at the moment.

235/08/09(a) In the absence of Councillor Riches the annual minerals and waste monitoring report for 2007/8 will be deferred.

235/08/09(c) Councillor Killea had reported that the South Hams local development framework is not in full on the website and therefore he had been unable to review this.

235/08/09(e) The Cornwall Association of Local Councils has replied stating that a representative from Looe Town Council will attend the Cornwall Planning Forum.

235/08/09(f) The Clerk read a report from Councillor Killeya stating that the validation of planning applications is not a policy document and says nothing about what can and cannot be built. It is setting out the requirements of what has to be submitted with planning applications under One Cornwall and goes into great detail about the maps, statements and documents needed for each sort of application. The County will now be insisting on the inclusion of a sketch identifying all relevant trees in any application for works to trees with a Tree Preservation Order but acknowledge that they cannot insist on such information for prior notification work to trees in a Conservation Area. It was **RESOLVED** that the report is noted and no further action is taken.

240/08/09 Councillor Killeya had reported that he had written to the District Council's Planning Solicitor to enquire about a suggested policy on green spaces and he will report back when a reply is received.

## **257/08/09 SALTASH GATEWAY COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)**

The report was noted and there were no issues for discussion arising therefrom.

## **258/08/09 FINANCE**

(a) The following receipts in February 2009 were noted.

	£
Guildhall Hire	729.75
Allotment Hire	20.00
Burial Board	2406.00

(b) The following payments in February 2009 were noted.

	£	p	£	p	Remarks
	Gross		Excl VAT		
H3G	15.66		13.62		Mobile phone
Caradon District Council	635.00				Guildhall rates
M Bailey	45.00				Window cleaning: Guildhall
C Billing	138.00				Move Christmas lights
Heartwood Creations	300.00				Seat – Churchtown Farm
Info Commission Office	35.00				Data Protection
Grantham Piano Services	94.00				Piano tuning
Saltash Bowls Club	1000.00				Community Chest grant
Caradon Pilot Gig Club	1000.00				Community Chest grant
Deltor	28.75				Compliment slips set up
WPS	595.00				Health & Safety Report
Viking Direct	61.95		52.18		Ink & magnets
J&M Garden Machinery	27.17				Gas bottle
Post Office Ltd	296.06		200.98		Telephone bill

Savills – Antony Estates	1.00		Oyster beds
Consortium	162.40	141.21	Cleaning & stationery
Otis Ltd	390.83	339.86	Lift Maintenance
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saltash Scout Group	400.00		Town Messenger delivery
B Whipp	75.00		Town Crier - Showcase
Streamline Protect Ltd	457.17	397.53	Maint emergency lighting/alarm
Eclipse Internet	23.44	20.38	Broadband
Silvanus	399.50	340.00	Clearing trees at cemetery
Inland Revenue	1019.48		Tax & NI
Cornwall County Council	1611.80		Superannuation
Staff salaries	6041.72		Staff salaries

## 259/08/09 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. Councillor Austin abstained as he is a member of the Joint Interim Panel for planning.
- (b) Applications for consideration:

Date received	Application no.	Details of application
06.03.2009	06/01305/OUT	Downderry Construction Ltd - <b>Carkeel Landfill Site, Carkeel</b> - outline application for the construction of Hotel, restaurant and car parking area. Construction of new vehicular/pedestrian access to highway. <b>It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour and 2 abstentions (Councillors Austin and Mrs Hooper) to RECOMMEND REFUSAL subject as: (a) there is no safe pedestrian crossing of the A38 (b) proposal is on a green space therefore contrary to Local Plan. (c) no parking provided - people will drive there by the very reason that there is no safe crossing (d) concern about culvert on site</b>

**(Councillor Bickford left the meeting)**

12.03.2009	08/02266/FUL	Mr M Guest - <b>60 Callington Road</b> - construction of first floor extension to north elevation. <b>It RESOLVED by 10 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to no neighbour objection.</b>
12.03.2009	09/00318/FUL	Mr B Pedley - <b>77 Old Ferry Road</b> - alterations to existing rear tenement roof

to provide pitched roof. It was **RESOLVED** by 10 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** subject to no neighbour objection.

06.03.2009	09/00366/FUL	Mr Kitt - <b>Cumbletor Farm, Trevollard Lane</b> - change of use and extension of barn to provide holiday cottage. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> by 10 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to <b>RECOMMEND APPROVAL</b> subject to no neighbour objection and provided attention is paid to the materials used in this sensitive area.
11.03.2009	09/00369/FUL	Hemsley Fraser Training Group - <b>74 – 94 Fore Street (St James Court)</b> – siting of storage unit. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> by 10 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to <b>RECOMMEND APPROVAL</b> subject to no neighbour objection.
06.03.2009	09/00375/FUL	Mr and Mrs Brettell - <b>7 Chichester Crescent, St Stephens</b> - construction of conservatory to rear elevation. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> by 10 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to <b>RECOMMEND APPROVAL</b> subject to no neighbour objection.
11.03.2009	09/00379/FUL	Mr G Thomas - <b>28 Deer Park</b> - construction of single storey extension to front elevation. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> by 10 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to <b>RECOMMEND APPROVAL</b> subject to no neighbour objection.
12.03.2009	09/00412/FUL	Mr and Mrs M Follon – <b>17 Hessary View</b> - construction of detached garage and construction of new vehicular access. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> by 10 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor Mrs Hooper) to <b>RECOMMEND APPROVAL</b> subject to no neighbour objection.

- (c) Proposed Vodafone Base Station 74040 – Callington Road (adj. Lidl). It was **RESOLVED** that no comment is made at this stage and the applicant is told that the Town Council look forward to receiving their full application.

- (d) The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had recommended approval of application number 09/00010/FUL detached garage and new vehicular access at 17 Hessary View but it was refused by the District Council as the proposed flat roof garage would by reason of its design, appearance and removal of a section of the Cornish hedge, make an unsympathetic development out of keeping with the immediate street scene and wider character of the area.

**260/08/09      CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**(Councillor Holley arrived and took the Chair)**

**261/08/09      MERGER OF SALTASH CAB WITH CORNWALL CAB**

Councillor Clements reported that Saltash CAB is to merge with Cornwall CAB. Councillor Holley asked what affect this would have on the CAB operation in Saltash and Councillor Clements stated that there will be a CAB presence in the One Stop Shop.

**262/08/09      INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Industry, Commerce, Transportation and Tourism Committee held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to noting in Minute number 142/08/09 meeting with the Bus Company will be held next week not as stated and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

**263/08/09      POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

**(Councillor Mrs Hooper left the meeting during discussion of Community Chest applications having declared a personal and prejudicial interest.)**

**264/08/09      CIVIC AMENITIES**

Councillor Ellison stated that with reference to Minute number 409/08/09 regarding allotments, it was suggested that the Town Council print cards and if they should see an overgrown garden they could put a card through the door stating that Town Council is interested in using the land as allotments. It was **RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) Councillor Ellison puts together a card.
- (b) the Minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

(Councillors Ellison and Bickford declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting during discussion of Festival Application relating to the Regatta.)

**265/08/09      PRESS RELEASES**

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

**266/08/09      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: .....