

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Thursday 20th August 2009 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors A Killeya (Deputy Mayor, in the Chair) R Austin, P Clements, J Ellison, D Holley, Mrs M Killeya, Mrs F Knight, B Reid, P Stephens and D Yates

ALSO PRESENT PC S Fletcher
Mr S Swale (Community Network Manager)
Mrs M Small (Clerk to the Town Council)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs S Hooper MBE, (holiday) R Bickford (holiday), C Riches (sickness), N Challen (working), M Gee (sickness) C Oakes (sickness) Rev A Butler (Mayor's Chaplain) Cornwall Councillor B Preston (holiday)

PRAYERS

Prayers were offered by Councillor Holley.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended the re-launch of Loopy Looks, the eighteenth Birthday of St Anne's Home, the Churchtown Farm action day where he had "opened the seat" and there had been an excellent display of falconry. He thanked Councillor Austin for his efforts in arranging the day.

Councillors A Killeya, Mrs S Hooper, M Gee and the Town Clerk had met with the Football Club concerning their outstanding loan.

Councillor Killeya congratulated the Saltash.net Community School on the A Level results, which again had been very good this year and he had sent best wishes to all students. Councillor Killeya reported that there would be no report from the Gateway Community Interest Company as they had not met during August.

POLICE REPORT

Firstly, PC Fletcher thanked the Mayor for her attendance at the 40th Anniversary of Sue Deeble working in the Police. He reported that there had been 103 crimes in the last month, compared to 131 for the same period last year. These had included 16 vehicle crimes, 6 items stolen from vehicles and two dwelling burglaries.

With reference to issues raised at the last meeting regarding the area around the Spar Shop in St Stephens Road, PC Fletcher reported that with the combined effort of various agencies the tenants of the flat have moved on and the issues have been resolved. Councillor Mrs Knight referred to parking problems at Lander Road and PC Fletcher will pass on this information. Councillor Ellison reported that an artist is working to install a ceramic on the walls in Silver Street and asked the Police if they could give this area attention whilst the work is being undertaken.

Councillor Holley asked if the Police would continue to keep an eye on the speed of cars in Glebe Avenue as buses seem to be going down the hill with excessive speed. There have been a spate of wing mirrors broken and graffiti, east of the Rodney Public House and Councillor Holley asked that the Police also keep an eye on this.

Councillor Austin congratulated the Police on their work in solving issues around the Spar Shop. PC Fletcher explained that there are new powers which the Police can use if there is a Landlord.

CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Austin reported that it has been quiet as far as meetings are concerned but training has continued in Planning and Committee work. Councillor Holley stated that there has been a development with the Community Network Areas as some Councillors have not been happy with the possible Panels and the number of community representatives. The Panels will now start work in the Spring, but Community Network Areas may meet informally in the meantime and this is what will be happening in the Saltash/Torpoint area regarding the cheese and wine. Mr Swale stated that the development of the Community Network Programme will lay out the aspirations for the area and future proposals and will replace the Parish Planning Process.

QUESTIONS

Mrs Christie referred to the delivery hours to Lidl. She stated that the hours of delivery, approved in the Planning Application are 9:30 to 4:30 Monday to Friday and 10:00 until 1:00 Saturdays and Sundays. Since they have been open, delivery has been anything from 1:00am, 2:00am, 6:00am on a regular basis. She handed a letter to the Chairman. It was **AGREED** that the Council look at the Planning conditions and then pass this to the Industry Commerce Transportation and Tourism Committee.

89/09/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Stephens declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application No. 09/01195/FUL for 54 Killigrew Avenue as he knows the applicants and can see the application site from his house and Councillor Austin declared a personal interest in the same application as the applicant is known to him.

Councillor Reid declared a personal interest in Planning Application No. 09/01142/FUL Land at 17 Essa Road, as the applicant is known to him and Councillor Yates declared a personal interest in the same application as a near neighbour to the applicant is known to him. Councillor Killea declared a personal interest in that he had recently met with Mr Bennetts which was not related to the Planning Application.

Councillor Ellison declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 77/09/10 of the Civic Amenities Committee relating to Elwell Woods as he is Vice-Chairman of the Saltash Waterfront Residents Association which is leading on this project. Councillor Clements declared a personal interest in the same Minute No. as he is a member of the project committee.

90/09/10 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meetings held on 14th and 16th July and 11th August 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to an

additional sentence on page 2173 in the penultimate paragraph of the Community Network Area Report “He agreed to put this forward” and in Planning Application No. 09/00995/FUL delete “refusal” and insert “against”.

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MATTERS ARISING

Questions Councillor Austin reported that he had taken photographs of the car park area in Jubilee Close which needs repair and will send them to Cornwall Council. However, he feels that it is very unlikely that they will react to this as there is no money and this will be considered a minor repair.

75/09/10(a) Councillor Killeya reported that he had read the Plymouth City Council Locality Working Survey document which is equivalent to the Local Development Framework. There is no direct impact on Saltash and it is more about the delivery of services. It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council make no comment on this document.

75/09/10(e) Councillor Holley reported back on the meeting regarding Morley Tamblyn Lodge which himself and Councillor Mrs Merryn Killeya attended. There were about 30 people from the Saltash area who have used this facility and therefore it impacts on families within Saltash. Government Policy is now to treat people close to their homes as opposed to travelling to big centres. It is proposed therefore to replace the centre with satellite centres and one is to be at Saltash, but families want the centre to stay open.

Councillor Mrs Merryn Killeya stated that although the proposed date to close the centre has now been removed, Councillor Holley and herself will continue to monitor the position. Councillor Ellison asked what will happen to the centre when it is closed. Councillor Holley replied that it belongs to the National Health Service and it may be used by them or put to housing. Councillor Holley confirmed that it has been asked that the centre should not be closed until there is something new in Saltash.

82/09/10 The Clerk reported that she had no further information regarding Land and Property.

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FINANCE

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

	£	p
Guildhall	1431.08	
Burial Board	500.00	

(b) The following payments in July 2009 were noted:

	£	p	£	p	
	Gross		Excl VAT		Remarks
Cornwall Council	285.20		248.00		Refuse sacks
Alan Packer	50.00		45.00		Council photo
Viking Direct	251.53		215.76		Ink
South West Water	6.31				Fairmead Road allotments
Bodmin Town Council	207.00		180.00		Customer care course
C Oakes	22.99				Ink
Cornwall Council	667.00				Guildhall rates
Eclipse Internet	35.97		31.28		Broadband
B Reid	52.00				Travel CALC Camborne
Simon Shaw	645.00				New water heater
Atlas Graphics	42.84		37.25		St George's Day flag
Post Office Ltd	176.11				Water – Guildhall
Viking Direct	37.94		32.99		Ink – Councillor
EDF Energy Ltd	23.10				Street Light
Crown Copiers	108.35		94.22		Copier
Morris Leslie Ltd	89.70		78.00		Bowser hire
Post Office Ltd	10.26				Water
Silvanus Services	667.00		580.00		Trees at cemetery
Stubbi & Co Ltd	69.00		60.00		Pouches
J&M Garden Machin	175.27		152.40		Tool, tractor repair, line
Saltash Cine Gp	00.00				Community Chest
Lynher Allot Assoc	350.00				Community Chest Grant
SEA	750.00				Community Chest Grant
Royal British Legion	663.00				Festival Fund Grant
Post Office Ltd	678.18		597.55		Guildhall electric
Mrs J Angear	22.00				Travel to course
Hine Brothers	4775.00				FP, Grounds Maint.
Viking Direct	94.95		82.57		Business cards
Mr Sticker	1380.00		1200.00		Finger signs (Caradon fund)
Mr S Dalley	45.00				Window clean
Mrs S Hooper	2320.00				Mayor's allowance
Mrs S Hooper	7.60				Travel
Inland Revenue	2805.97				Tax & NI
Cornwall Council	1629.32				Superannuation
Staff salaries	6208.47				Staff salaries

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PLANNING

- (a) It was noted that Cornwall 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 A Killeya did not vote on any planning applications.

(b) Applications for consideration:

Date received	Application no.	Details of application
12.08.2009	09/01045/FUL	Mr G Olver - 3 Forsythia Drive, Latchbrook retention of conservatory. It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor A Killeya) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL
06.08.2009	09/01072/FUL	Mr P Brown – 7 Greenfinch Crescent - construction of conservatory to rear elevation.- It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor A Killeya) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL
03.08.2009	09/01130/FUL	Mr and Mrs J Whyte - Lynher, Trehan - construction of new pitched roof to provide additional living accommodation It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor A Killeya) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to adequate screening with trees within the plot so that owners cannot overlook the property below. Councillors do not feel it will impact upon the ANOB
12.08.2009	09/01141/FUL	Mr J Mayer - 37 Grassmere Way, Pillmere - retention of double driveway gates and pedestrian gateway across driveway It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour and 1 abstention (Councillor A Killeya) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL
03.08.2009	09/01142/FUL	Mr and Mrs D Bennets – Land at 17 Essa Road - construction of two detached dwellings with garages and new vehicular/pedestrian access to highway. 11 letters of objection, one of which was signed by an additional 8 signatories. It was RESOLVED by 8 in favour of the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention (Councillor A Killeya) to RECOMMEND REFUSAL(a) the density is over-development in relation to the rest of the street and not in keeping with the street scene. (b) road safety

issues - access is dangerously close to a blind corner with a very restricted view.

03.08.2009 09/01159/FUL Mr T Woodcock - **Hillcrest, Forder** - construction of entrance lobby. **It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour with 1 abstention (Councillor A Killeya) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

06.08.2009 09/01175/FUL Mr & Mrs D Stansbury - **39 Culver Road** - construction of new boundary walls & other associated works to include landscaping & hard paving of garden. **It was RESOLVED by 9 in favour with 1 abstention (Councillor A Killeya) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

It was FURTHER RESOLVED that Councillor Holley takes up with Planning, the poor quality of the plans on the computer.

07.08.2009 09/01195/FUL Mr & Mrs Wadhams – **54 Killigrew Avenue, St Stephens** - retention of two storey side extension and porch to front elevation. **(Regularisation of application No. 06/01610/FUL APPROVED 30/01/07). It was RESOLVED by 8 in favour with 1 abstention (Councillor A Killeya) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

(Councillor Stephens left the meeting during discussion of this application having previously declared a prejudicial interest)

(c) The Town Clerk reported on decisions taken by Cornwall Council with the decisions reached which were contrary to the recommendations made at the Town Council Meeting:-

- (i) Application Number: 09/00528/FUL for construction of two storey, four person care unit and revision to already approved unit, Boisdale House, 78 North Road. The Town Council recommended refusal but it was approved by Cornwall Council, subject to conditions.
- (ii) Application Number 09/00246/FUL construction of two storey extension with basement level parking and storage at 37 Maybrook Drive, St Stephens. The Town Council recommended refusal but it was approved by Cornwall Council with conditions.
- (iii) Application Number 09/00791/FUL construction of two storey extension to provide garage, utility room etc. 3 Lyndon Court,

Pillmere. The Town Council recommended refusal but it was approved by the Cornwall Council with conditions.

- (iv) Application Number 09/00895/LUCE –Certificate of Lawfulness Keramenez, Antony Passage, Saltash. The evidence submitted demonstrates that on the balance of probability that the building has been occupied as a dwelling house for a continuous period in excess of 4 years preceding the date of this application.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) An email was reported from Helen Couch the Parish and Town Council Liaison Officer giving information contained in the Saltash and Torpoint Community Network Area Link and asking if there is anything else which the Council will find useful on this page.

It was **RESOLVED** that there was one correction which was on the first page that it is not within the “Bude” Community Network Area, but Councillors, generally, found information on the Community Network Profile interesting but advise that the website states chairperson and not Mayor, there is no link to the CIC on the links page, on the Town Council page town plan just takes to the Town Council website, housing surgery at the Guildhall is not mentioned in Out and About Service details.

- (b) The National Association of Local Councils Annual Conference and Exhibition is to be held in London on the 4th and 5th September. It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council is not represented.
- (c) The National Association of Local Councils was consulting on “strengthening local democracy”. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors submit their responses to the Clerk who will liaise with Councillor A Killea and delegated authority is given to Policy and Resources Committee to respond.
- (d) A request was received from Looe Town Council to ask if the Town Council would support a letter to Mr Lavery, the Chief Executive of Cornwall Council, registering dissatisfaction with the poor quality of street parking enforcement that has taken place on the streets of Cornwall since enforcement was taken over by Cornwall Council in May 2008.

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft letter is approved, subject to the addition of “in February 2010 parking systems are coming together. The Town Council would like to see any measures that can be taken implemented so that Off-street Officers can enforce On-street parking as well”.

- (e) Cornwall County Training Partnership has organised a planning training session at Bodmin on the 5th and 19th October. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Clements represents the Council and reports back.

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INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

As the meeting of the Committee had not been in quorate it was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the meeting are confirmed and endorsed at the September Council meeting.

96/09/10 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 4th August 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

97/09/10 CIVIC AMENITIES COMMITTEE

(Councillor Ellison declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 77/09/10 as Vice-Chairman of Saltash Waterfront Residents Association and left the meeting during discussion of this Minute)

With reference to Minute No. 81/09/10 relating to the delivery of the Town Messenger by the Scouts, Councillor Austin reported that the Scouts wished to continue to deliver the Messenger, even if this meant keeping the charge the same.

It was **RESOLVED:-**

- (a) by 9 in favour with 1 abstention (Councillor A Killeya) that the September payment to the Scouts is reduced to £400
- (b) that the Minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee held on the 5th August 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record and that the recommendations contained therein be endorsed.

98/09/10 MEET THE PEOPLE

- (a) Councillors went through the issues that have been raised at the June and July meet the people days and made updates to the list.
- (b) Arrangements for the next meeting of the people on Saturday 22nd August 2009 were confirmed.

99/09/10 INCREASE IN BRIDGE TOLLS

Councillor Ellison reported that there will now be a six week consultation process on proposed increases in the Tamar Bridge Tolls. It was **RESOLVED** that this is placed on the next Town Council Meeting for discussion.

Councillor Holley urged Councillors to look on the web site and read the finance issues relating to the Bridge prior to the discussion.

100/09/10 PRESS RELEASES

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor A Killeya issues a press release on parking enforcement and the proposed increases in the Tamar Bridge tolls.

101/09/10 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.