

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Saltash Town Council held in The Guildhall on Tuesday 17th August 2010 at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs A Killeya (Chair), C Oakes (Vice Chair), R Austin, P Clements, M Gee, D Holley, M Killeya, R Phillips, C Riches, D Yates

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs D Ashton (Temporary Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Adams, R Bickford, J Ellison, Mrs S Hooper, B Reid, P Stephens
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143/10/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Austin, Clements, Holley and Riches declared a personal interest on planning application PA10/03787 as the applicant's agent was known to them.

Cllr Yates declared a personal interest on planning application PA10/04494 as the applicant lives opposite him.

144/10/11 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 Cornwall 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
02.08.2010	PA10/03459	Mr J Stamm - 38 Biscombe Gardens - construction of lean to conservatory. It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.
09.08.2010	PA10/03768	Mr V Jennings - Brunel, Trematon - replacement of flat roof with pitched roof and construction of entrance porch. It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.
09.08.2010	PA10/03787	Mr C Green - 4 Longview Road - variation of condition 2 of planning consent 10/00122/FUL to allow for substitution of brick with block and render. It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND REFUSAL as it would out of keeping with the remainder of that side of the street.

02.08.2010	PA10/04019	Mr RW Slack - 6 The Moorings, Babis Lane, St Stephens - construction of 'orangery style' extension to rear elevation. It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.
04.08.2010	PA10/04420	Mrs M Allen - 19 Howard Close - construction of UPVC porch on south elevation. It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.
05.08.2010	PA10/04494	Mr and Mrs B Hodge - Lower Castle Cottage, Castle Hill, Trematon - reconstruction of garage with hobbies room at first floor level. It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

- (c) Members **NOTED** confirmation of a Tree Preservation Order at The Old Cottage, Barkers Hill, St Stephens.

145/10/11 **CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO CAP PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS**

The Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) recently notified all parish and town councils in Cornwall of a consultation by the Department of Communities and Local Government on 'Local Referendums to Veto Excessive Council Tax Increases'. CALC has requested now for all Parish/Town councils to provide them with a response as soon as possible. The CALC Executive Committee will be meeting shortly to put together a county response to this consultation which they will then circulate to all members. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) will also be collating each county association response in order to put in a national response too. Although the Government's deadline is Sept 10th 2010, NALC has asked for all county associations input to be received by them by 27th August.

Members heard that this proposal would give a way to cap the level of precept applied for each year by parish and town councils – the precept being fundamental to pay for what this level of local government provides in the community. Members discussed at length the full implication of such local referendum being introduced.

Cllr A Killeya thought that the cost to the community associated with holding local referendums may end up being more expensive to each resident than any actual precept increase. He added that the budgets for Town and Parish councils, being smaller, are more likely to vary in percentage terms due to one or two additional items.

Cllr Clements said that Parish/Town councils are expected in the future to take on more services and so having to spend more but yet there is a possibility of capping the necessary funds to pay for it all.

Cllr Riches said he was opposed to this proposal as he felt that the Government are not in a position to understand exactly what local needs are whereas Parish/Town councils do. It would clamp down any future development of communities in villages and towns as it would prevent any local schemes from going ahead i.e. if there was a need to raise funds via the precept for an essential community project, such as the cemetery extension, projects would be blighted.

Cllr M Killeya expressed her opposition to this proposal and agreed with Cllr Riches. She added that the Government on one hand is dictating localism but inhibiting it at the same time with a scheme such as this.

Cllr Holley also expressed that he is very opposed to this. He felt that the actual precept sum raised via council tax from each resident is quite small and that this proposal is actually a political move to obtain good publicity.

Cllr A Killeya added that any increase in precept, in real terms, would actually only be a matter of pence for each resident.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Town Council send a letter to CALC with a copy to be sent to Sheryl Murray MP.

Members were asked to submit their comments to the Clerk by e-mail within the next week.

146/10/11 **URGENT MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIR**

None

147/10/11 **COMMON SEAL**

It was **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.

Rising at 7.32pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____ 2nd September 2010