

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Civic Amenities Committee held in The Guildhall on Wednesday 8th September 2010 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: C Oakes (Chair), R Bickford, P Clements, A Killeya, R Phillips, C Riches, P Stephens ISM

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor: D Holley
Mr R Lane (Town Clerk)
One member of the press.

APOLOGIES: Councillors: R Austin, G Ellison, M Gee

96/10/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Stephens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in matters referred to in minute **103/10/11**.

Cllr Bickford declared a personnel interest as a member of SWRA in the matters referred to in minute **109/10/11**.

Cllr A Killeya declared a personal interest as Chairman of Saltash Environmental Action and Saltash in Transition interest in matters referred to in minute **97/10/11 e**).

97/10/11 FOOTPATHS

- (a) Cllr Clements gave a verbal update report on the current status of footpath work repairs conducted and outstanding to date by Cornwall Council.
- (b) Cllr Riches reported that the issue had now been resolved subject to the installation of the bridges between Berry Park and Pillmere. No further reports to follow.
- (c) Cllr Riches reported that the position regarding the locked gate between Gilston Road and Badgers Walk had now been satisfactorily resolved. No further report to follow.
- (d) Cllr Clements reported that no response had been received following the meeting with Linda Holloway reference Yellow Tor Lane. Contact to be re-established to action progress.
- (e) Cllr Clements distributed documentation relating to the 'Walkers are Welcome' scheme and requested the Committee consider recommending to Full Council that Saltash be registered in the scheme.
Members considered the registration criteria and discussed the requirements in detail.
It was **RESOLVED** that:
 - 1. Cllr Clements to pursue further information on established schemes.
 - 2. Cllrs Killeya and Riches to investigate the availability of voluntary groups to assist in the works required to meet the registration criteria.

3. The item and reports listed above to be considered at the next meeting of this committee.

98/10/11 BUS SHELTERS

- (a) The Chairman reported that arrangements with Ferndale were ongoing and further information would be available in due course.
It was **RESOLVED** that:
1. Ferndale be commissioned to establish shelter at Carkeel inbound.
 2. A press release be issued to supplement the consultation process with regard to the location of the new shelters.
- (b) The Chairman reported that bus operators and Cornwall Council had been consulted with regard to moving the bus stop in North Road and some responses were still outstanding.

99/10/11 CHRISTMAS EVENT

- (a) It was **AGREED** the Town Clerk obtain the street collection permit as soon as possible.
- (b) It was **NOTED** the road closure is now in place.
- (c) The Chairman gave an update on the Working Group meeting. Members considered and **NOTED** the report.

100/10/11 ELWELL WOODS INCLUDING ANY FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pursuant to minute 159/10/11 of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd September 2010. "It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council not to spend beyond the match funding left until the matter is discussed further at the next Civic Amenities Committee meeting, for a recommendation regarding the future funding of the project to be fully considered and decided upon at the next Full Council meeting. Further for the Clerk to investigate, by next Full Council, the possibility of the Town Council loaning funds for the project to continue until such time the lottery grant fund is released which can pay back the loan to the Town Council."

Members considered the issue in relation to the Full Council minute and that a meeting of the Project Team, which the Chairman and Clerk will be attending, is taking place on 9th September 2010.

It was **RESOLVED** that a report following the outcome of the Working Group meeting be made to the next Full Council meeting.

101/10/11 GROUPS MAINTENANCE

- (a) No report - deferred to next meeting.

102/10/11 ALLOTMENTS

- (a) **Grenfell Avenue**
Cllr A Killeya reported that a 10 year lease had been agreed and 2 quotes had been received to prepare the land for allotment use.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. A quote for works to the value of £460.00 be approved, based on the original quote from Hine Brothers, but for land clearance only.
2. Delegated authority be made for the Mayor, Chairman and Clerk to determine the number of plots to be introduced onto the site.
3. An opening ceremony be determined at a future meeting.

(b) **Hatt**

The Chairman reported that he had been made aware that problems had occurred with the site and the scheme was in doubt.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Town Clerk contact Bonds' and report back on the status of the scheme to the next meeting.

103/10/11 STREET LIGHTING

(a) Footpath between Longmeadow Road and Hillside Road.

No report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to progress and report to next meeting.

Prior to the next item Cllr Stephens declared a personal and prejudicial interest.

(b) Cllr Stephens reported on the lack of any street lighting in Moorlands Place which was having an adverse effect on the safety and quality of life of the residents. He requested that the Council consider the provision of lighting.

Cllr Stephens left the meeting and took no further part in item.

Members discussed the issue in detail.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Housing and Cornwall Highways to raise the issue, indicating that the Town Council will contribute towards the cost of provision of street lighting to illuminate the parking and housing on safety grounds.

Cllr Stephens re-entered the meeting having taken no part in the debate or voting.

104/10/11 SEATS

- (a) No report from Trevor Jones regarding seats with broken slats in fore Street. Report to next meeting.
- (b) No report from the Burial Board about the condition of the seats at the cemetery. Report to next meeting.
- (c) The Chairman reported that materials had been sourced for the painting of the seats in Huntley Gardens however, adverse weather conditions had prevented staff from completing the task to date.

105/10/11 PARKS AT PILLMERE

Cllr Riches reported that an issue had arisen with regard to the lack of maintenance at Pillmere village green due to the developers going into administration. It is understood Deloit's are acting as the administrators. Cllr Riches also informed members that he was aware that the Duchy College may have the resources to conduct the necessary works subject to appropriate insurance being in place and permission being granted for access to work the land.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. The Clerk contact Deloit's to ascertain their view on the Council facilitating the work on a no precedent basis.
2. The Clerk obtain costings for providing the necessary insurance if needed to enable the Duchy College to conduct the works.
3. Recommendation in principle for the Council to facilitate the works be made to the next Full Council subject to a report on 1 and 2 above.

106/10/11 HIGHWAYS AGENCY

- (a) Cllr Killea reported that the payment was expected and that its receipt would be reported to committee.
- (b) Town Clerk to contact Lord Boyd and set up a meeting with the Working Party to seek the transfer of ownership of the land to the Council.

107/10/11 UPDATE ON NOTICE BOARDS

The Chairman reported on the notice board at Pillmere, and it was clarified that it is not in the ownership of the Council. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would make staff aware of its existence, and the key holder details, so that they could pass this information on to members of the public submitting notices for Council noticeboards.

108/10/11 OVERHANGING PLANT GROWTH

Works completed to date, however further cases were cited by members which they will notify to the Chairman who will write a letter to the property owners requesting maintenance works be carried out.

109/10/11 SWRA BOARD WALK

Cllr Bickford gave a verbal report on revised proposals for the introduction of a walking link between the Union Inn and Live Wire.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted and that future reports be submitted to the ICTT Committee.

110/10/11 CCTV

Members considered a letter received from Cornwall Council (copy on file)

regarding CCTV's place within Cornwall Council and a reduction in monitoring hours.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk liaise with Cllr Austin to determine current contract details, to enable a report to be prepared for consideration at the next meeting, in relation to precept/funding requirements, in order that Full Council may consider future funding.

111/10/11 INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF PRECEPT FOR 2011/12

The Chairman drew Members' attention to the Committees second draft estimates for the 2011/2012 precept.

Cllr Killeya informed members that a precept working party would be considered by P&R, probably consisting of Chairmen of Committees.

112/10/11 ONGOING REPORTS FOR NOTING

- (a) Blue Collar Worker - No report.
- (b) Offer of Seats - No report.
- (c) Grounds Maintenance Phase V - Clerk to review Phase 1V and report back.
- (d) Update on dog fouling - No report.
- (e) Blue Plaque Scheme - Cllr Killeya reported no funding had been awarded from the Big Lottery Fund and that other funding sources would be sought.

113/10/11 PRESS RELEASES

- 1. Christmas Switch On Poster competition.
- 2. Overhanging plant growth from gardens onto pavements.

114/10/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13th October 2010.

Rising at 9.25 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: 7th October 2010