

## PLANNING MEETING held on November 10<sup>h</sup> 2020.

**This virtual Meeting held during the Coronavirus COVID 19 restrictions was conducted via Zoom.**

Present : Councillors –Mrs A Roberts (Chairman), L Allen, L Bazeley, Mrs J Burnhill, P Highland, G Hooper, M Luke Mrs M Rance-Matthews, Mrs S-A Saunders, Miss K Sturtridge Mrs A Wills and the Parish Clerk D Stevens.

Apologies – Councillor M Shand.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was confirmed the Cllr D. Hooper had decided to resign from the Council but had indicated he would continue working on the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that a letter of thanks for his work be sent to Cllr Hooper.

Minutes of the meeting held on October 27<sup>th</sup> had been circulated and accepted and will be formally signed at the next appropriate public meeting after the Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown.

It was confirmed that there were no declarations of interests.

### **Planning applications for consideration**

**PA20/07776 Mr Paul Scott** – Construction of a three bedroom detached bungalow on land West of 20a Rosevear Road, Bugle, St Austell. *The Clerk remarked on the details of the virtual meeting that he and Cllr Mrs S-A Saunders had with the Planning Officer on October 21<sup>st</sup> and that consultations with SW Water re the position and proximity of a sewer, with Highways re the access, an update on the survey from the tree officer and with the land agent re landscaping, retaining walls and space standards of rooms subject to Government standards would take place. Sadly little progress had been made and the most recent correspondence from the Planning Officer advised that the Council should record their thoughts to the Planning Portal.***Object The Council continues to maintain it's consistent objections to this site dating back to the original application PA17/09784. Whilst accepting that there is outline planning permission granted for this site, the issue of reserved matters has been bypassed hence this application and it's revised design is in no way comparable to the original. From the response of neighbouring properties there are major concerns and impact about the location of the proposed dwelling. Boundary encroachment, the distinct variation of land levels questions the suitability of a retaining wall to protect the earth banking and gardens of properties on Fore Street, flood risk from surface water reference Condition 7 original application, (proposed soakaway unsuitable) and the layout is still close to an existing sewer line, failure to adhere to Condition 5 re protection of mature deciduous trees ( 8 have been removed – stumps are clearly visble from site visit plus 3 others marked with an X earmarked for removal), privacy and overlooking neighbouring properties, obvious lack of amenity space, insufficient parking and turning space provided, major concerns of the limited of the single track lane which accesses onto the busy 3374 with poor visual splay.**

**PA20/08677 Rockhill Developments** – Alterations to existing industrial building to include reduction of roof level and provision of additional mezzanine floor space at Rockhill Business Park, Higher Bugle, St Austell. *The Clerk advised that as facilities at Rockhill are used by the Parish Council it would be inappropriate to comment on this application save as to state that the Parish Council is very supportive of the way the industrial estate is being run.* Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Wills , seconded by Cllr Mrs A Roberts. All in favour.

**PA20/08888 Mrs Kerrie Vickery** – Application for variation of Condition 2 of Decision Notice PA14/07050 dated 22.09.14 to permit short – term holiday let at The White House, Hallaze Road, Penwithick, St Austell. *The Clerk again referred Councillors to the Planning Officer’s report on the original planning application PA14/07050 Mr N Crocker dated September 22 2014 and clarified Condition2.* **Object Condition 2 already covers the reason for this application.** Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Wills, seconded by Cllr M Luke. All in favour.

### Planning applications correspondence

In the recent weekly reports from the Planning Department showed there was notification of only one recent application.

Approved – PA20/07021 Meneer Developments Ltd, 12 Rockhill , Higher Bugle, St Austell. Construction of a garage. (Parish Council decision Support 29.09.20).

Applications to be considered at next meeting:

PA20/09347 Mr R Budkris – Change of use of existing clay dry to 4 residential units (decision PA18/07505) with variation of Condition 1 at Former Trethowel Clay Dry, Bodmin Road, Trethowel, St Austell.

PA20/07150 O’Mahoney Construction – Revised plans for the proposed erection of 3 detached dwellings and the formation of new vehicular access on land SE of 8 Wesley Terrace, Bugle, St Austell.

PA20/09513 Cornwall Executive Homes – Proposed extension to existing B1/B8 Industrial warehouse building and formation of rear vehicle access and parking area to rear of 75 Treverbyn Road, St Austell.

Correspondence was read from Planning Officer expressing his comments re the Parish Council’s decision to object to his planning application PA20/06707 at 10 The Sidings, Bugle, St Austell and under 5 day protocol was recommending approval. After some discussion on this application it was agreed that whilst a principle had been set by approval of the neighbouring property, which similarly the Parish Council was against, councillors recommended that their objections remained, and vehemently agreed to disagree and that the Planning Officer visited the site before finalising his decision.

Details of a proposed planning application from Mr P Dunn for a dwelling house at Silvertrees, Rescorla, St Austell had been forwarded to members of the Planning Sub-Committee to give an indication of their thoughts. The Clerk advised councillors that it was inappropriate to express any thoughts until the planning application is on the agenda.

## Emergency Items

A copy of the recent meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee had been circulated to all councilors prior to this planning meeting and the Chairman stated that some matters and recommendations needed to be discussed as a matter of urgency:

Parish Office Rental - The Chairman gave details of the annual cost of rental inclusive of VAT at the Community Hall and a recent meeting with Mr David Philp at Rockhill Business Park. Before discussing this item the Clerk read correspondence received earlier in the day from Sara Marsh, Treverbyn Community Hall. A lengthy discussion followed culminating in a proposal from Cllr Mrs A Wills, seconded by Cllr Mrs M Rance-Matthews that the office facilities be moved to Rockhill Business Park. A vote was taken with 9 for the proposal and 2 against.

Equipment – It was acknowledged that Cllr Mrs A Wills would do an inspection of the Parish salt-bins and equipment and report back to the next meeting. Cllr P Highland reported the vandalism and damage to the ramp at the Bugle Skateboard Park. Cllr Mrs S-A Saunders stated that anti-social behaviour was an issue at the Park and had been reported to Helen Toms, Anti- Social Team Leader, Cornwall Council and the situation was being monitored. The Clerk advised that there was a short-term Health & Safety issue to be addressed with the ramp and Cllrs L Bazeley and P Highland agreed to make the necessary arrangements.

The Clerk read correspondence from Richard White (SouthWest Knotweed) re the work completed at Hallaze Road and agreed that the invoice should be paid.

Section 137 Grants- Councillors confirmed the recommendation from the F&GP committee that in this exceptional year grant applications could be accepted at anytime during the year. The Clerk stated that he had recently received an application from Bugle School for a Xmas tree to be erected on an annual basis at the school for the benefit of the community. It was proposed by Cllr M Luke, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Wills that a grant of £150 be forwarded. All in favour. **Cheque no 03367.**

Devolution – Very little had been forthcoming from Cornwall Council since the last meeting re Trethewel Playing Fields except an inspection report on the play equipment. The Clerk count.had however received a list of the assets in excess of 30 currently under the ownership of Cornwall Council within our Parish.

Reserve Account – it was confirmed that the Clerk would be seeking an alternative that would accrue a better interest for the capital invested in the Business Reserve Account.

Clerk's Salary and Telephone Expenses. – The Chairman explained the current salary and 2 year contract that expires in April. The Committee were awaiting new pay scales from NALC before making a recommendation. It was however agreed that the telephone account (£76.47) accrued by the Clerk whilst working from home during the months of April – August ( an itemised and detailed breakdown of

figures had been provided) be settled. Proposed by Cllr M Luke, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Wills. All in favour. **Cheque no 03370**

Precept – Following discussions it was agreed to accept the F&GP recommendation that the Precept be increased by 15% to £76330. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A Roberts, seconded by Cllr P Highland. All in favour.

Other items

The Chairman everyone involved in the Remembrance Service the previous Saturday. It was a short but very poignant service and she suggested that the musical, Lea Teague was exceptional and it would be nice to recognise her contribution to the proceedings. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Wills, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Burnhill to purchase a voucher to the value of £50. All in favour. **Cheque no 003368**

Cllr L Allen reported issue of litter being removed from the bin in Trethewel Playing Field and being strewn all over the open space. It was probably being done by an animal (fox or badger) as claw marks were visible inside the bin. It was agreed that the Clerk and County Councillor Mrs S-A Saunders would report the matter to Biffa.

He also expressed his concerns of excavating works and land clearance being done on the land behind the Contec buildings and near the old Trethewel Dry. Again it was agreed that the Clerk and County Councillor Mrs S-A Saunders would report this to the Enforcement Department. Issues of road safety namely mud on the B3274 Drummers Hill junction had been reported by the Clerk to Highways (Ref W2050914).

The Clerk read correspondence from Cllr M Shand praising a local resident Mr Jason Rowe and his daughter who were regularly doing litter picks and collecting rubbish around the Treverbryn area.

Notice that Parish Footpath 18 (Bugle Chapel- Lower Molinnis Moor) would remain closed overnight from November 16<sup>th</sup> – November 18<sup>th</sup> between (22.30- 06.00).

Recent correspondence from Mr Malcolm Roberts, a resident of Trethurgy identifying the lack of communication being produced by the Parish Council and local County Councillors on websites and social media during the lockdown period

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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