



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016**

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 19 May 2016 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

### PRESENT

Councillor	N Farrar (Mayor)
Councillors	J Bennett, G Coad, D Cocks, J Coombe, R Lello, B Mims, J Ninnes, O Philp, J Pollard, A Rance and B Wills
Assistant Town Clerk	Karen Smith

### 7. 15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Andy Golay spoke regarding PA16/02651 and representing Mr & Mrs Perkins, the applicants. He said that it was a relatively minor application to create parking space on Penpol Road, where parking space was very limited, by removing part of the boundary wall to widen the existing gap between properties. He said that the alterations had been designed with sensitivity to the conservation area and to conserve the character of the street scene, and that letters of support had been received from three neighbours. He claimed that permitted development rights to alter the wall existed, as only those in an Article 4 Conservation Area would be suspended. He also said that 18 Penpol Road was the only house in the road that had such a gap to create parking space, so there would be only a slim chance of setting a precedent. Mr Perkins also spoke to agree with all that Mr Golay had said and both men thanked councillors for their time.

[7.18pm Cllr Lello joined the meeting.]

Councillors queried Mr Golay's claims regarding permitted development rights for this property, noting that the World Heritage Site office had objected to the application, and also the claim that there would be little chance of setting a precedent as there was space further down the road for such parking opportunities, especially if people parked longways as happened in Bodriggy Street.

Paul Pellegrinetti praised the condition of the newly repaired and refurbished Recreation Ground. He was concerned, however, that it would not stay that way unless protected and policed. He suggested that at least one CCTV camera be installed to provide peace of mind for parents and to deter vandalism, or identify culprits if vandalism takes place. Councillors thought that it could also be used to deter dog walkers who did not clear up after their dogs and Mr Pellegrinetti was informed that the installation of a camera had already been considered informally by the town council and that the issue could be added to the agenda for next full council meeting.

### 7.27PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

## **1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Councillor Farrar thanked members for electing him to the position of mayor and for giving him the opportunity to speak at the previous week's mayor choosing ceremony.

The mayor announced that he had met with the organisers of the Man Engine project and asked for volunteer stewards for the Man Engine's visit to Hayle on Thursday 4 August 2016 from 5pm for about four hours. It was estimated that 3,000 people would come to view the spectacle. Cllr Farrar also asked Cllr Pollard if he would do the announcing at the event, which would take place in Foundry Square, and Cllr Pollard said he would be delighted to do so. The event organisers were also looking for singers to attend a rehearsal with the Praze Male Choir on the evening of Tuesday 31 May.

## **2 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Capper, Lawrence and Polkinghorne. Councillor Polkinghorne was representing the town council at Penryn Town Council's mayor making ceremony.

Councillor Lello gave his apologies for not attending the Annual Council meeting the previous week and offered good wishes to Cllr Farrar for his future mayoral tenure and thanked Cllr Coad for his service as mayor.

## **3 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 8a (Minute 8a refers) and made the following statement: - 'In commenting on these applications I should make it clear that my comments are based on the information currently available and do not commit me to taking the same position if the matter is discussed at the Cornwall Council Planning Committee and full information is available.'

## **4 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 5 MAY 2016**

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting 5 May 2016 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

## **5 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 5 MAY 2016**

Paul Pellegrinetti informed the meeting that Tri-Service Officer Andy Hichens not yet contacted him and the graffiti had not been removed.

## **6 CONSULTATION**

- a) To consider and complete the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Coastal Town Councils' Survey

**It was resolved** to complete the survey (see Appendix B).

- b) To consider and comment upon the intended content of Cornwall Council's proposed Gypsy and Travelling Communities Site Allocations Development Plan Document

During the discussion of the DPD a range of comments and views were aired:

- There was no strong historical connection of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople with the West Penwith area; as there was no tradition of such communities in the area it would be wrong to allocate sites here;
- The biggest problem with the last consultation was that there had been no real involvement with the local community and this had caused upset and distress, especially for those who had been concerned about the value of their homes, most people's main asset, if a site were to be located nearby;
- The current consultation was gladly welcomed;
- It was important that the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities be consulted about their wants and needs regarding site locations;
- Choice of pitch sites should be made following proper consultation with the local community and with consideration of how settled and traveller communities would work and live together;
- Perhaps local caravan sites could have one or two pitches dedicated to Gypsies and Travellers;
- In the 1940s and 1950s there had been a community of Gypsies to the east of Marazion;
- There were no transit sites in Cornwall so when temporary stops were made people could only be moved on, not moved to a transit site;
- There was a Cornwall-wide moral and legal responsibility to find places for these groups, despite the reluctance of some housed communities to have sites nearby;
- Sites would also need access to local infrastructure such as schools and doctors;
- The local community would have a problem with the issue until they were compensated for the impact a nearby site would have.

**It was resolved** to respond to the consultation with the recommendation that the first sentence of paragraph 2.3.13 be amended to read: "The purpose of this DPD is therefore to identify suitable and deliverable sites **where there is a proven demand** for the development of residential, transit and travelling Showpeople as required in appropriate locations to meet Travellers' needs." (Amendment in bold font.)

**It was resolved** to comment further that Cornwall Council should consider how it compensates those impacted by the final decisions of the consultation.

**It was resolved** to request that the views of the gypsy and travelling communities be brought back to town and parish councils as part of the consultation process.

**It was resolved** to request that town and parish councils be involved in the selection of the sites.

## 7 HAYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

- a) To approve the additional expenditure for consultancy services from Paul Weston for the Neighbourhood Plan

It was reported that the current consultation would close at the end of May. The additional expenditure requested would be sufficient to enable Paul Weston to do the work necessary to finalise the Neighbourhood Plan and submit it to the Inspectors.

A Neighbourhood Plan budget and a report from the Finance Officer explaining that if the grant

applications were not successful there was money which could be vired from an alternative budget to ensure completion, were tabled (see Appendix C).

It was noted that Cornwall Council had received an offer for the Frank Johns Centre and it looked likely that it would be sold.

**It was resolved** to release funds to Paul Weston and to note the Finance Officer's report.

**It was resolved** to thank Councillor Bennett and his team for their excellent work.

## **8 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA16/02651; PA16/03491; PA16/02351; PA16/02590; PA16/03985; PA16/03329 and PA16/03404

**For the resolutions on individual planning applications see Appendix A attached.**

- b) To note the results of previous applications

There were none.

## **9 FOOTPATHS**

It was reported that the footbridge to Marks & Spencer was being stripped and would be re-concreted and tanked; the contractors were doing a brilliant job.

It was reported that Footpath 17 at Carnsew was in a critical condition and Cornwall Council was awaiting recommendations from Toby Low, an expert on footpaths. It was suggested that the footpath might be allowed to return to its natural state, but members were adamant that it was essential that the footpath remain a gold standard path and be cleared and maintained, especially as there was plenty of width available if brambles at the wall edge were removed. It was noted that the other edge of the path (on Corinthian Land Ltd land) was in danger of being overwhelmed by the sea.

It was noted that Cornwall Council was aware of the complaints regarding the blocking of footpath 27 and that this footpath was included in an order to change footpath routes.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 2 June 2016.

**Town Mayor**.....

**Date**.....