



HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2016

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held at the Hayle Community Centre, Hayle on Thursday 17 November 2016 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

PRESENT

Councillor C Polkinghorne (Deputy Mayor) and N Farrar (Mayor)
Councillors J Bennett, B Capper, D Cocks, J Coombe, I Lawrence, R Lello, B Mims,
J Ninnes, O Philp, J Pollard and B Wills

Clerk Eleanor Giggall

7.15PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Trevor Millett, 84, introduced himself as a lifelong Hayle man, who had been a member of the council for 10 years and deputy mayor. He opposed the proposed further closure/s of King George V Memorial Walk (KGVMW) because of its importance as a highway for anyone living on the north side of the estuary. He also asked councillors to consider installing double yellow lines on the road on North Quay to reduce problems for residents of Clifton Terrace whose access was restricted by parked vehicles. Mr Millett also asked for traffic lights to be installed at the end of Jubilee Bridge as it was difficult to turn right onto the main road through Hayle and was an accident zone.

It was confirmed that cabling had been installed and was ready to be used for traffic lights.

Trevor Maxfield, a resident of Clifton Terrace, spoke on behalf of his neighbours regarding the proposed KGVMW closures. He said they were happy with the current Sunday and special occasion closures, but listed his reasons for objection to any further closures. These included secondary access to homes on Clifton Terrace in case of obstruction of the primary access road; lack of accidents between vehicles and pedestrians, partially due to the generous width of the footpath (which could be improved by tarmacking to eliminate puddles and mud and enforcing a dogs on leads rule); and access for the less mobile, who could be driven slowly along the Walk to enjoy the flora and fauna.

He also asked if Hayle Town Council had the same plans for restricting second homes as St Ives. The housing proposed for North Quay was excessive, and would be expensive and not for local people and he also said that Riviere Farm was being sold off in parcels.

It was clarified that the KGVMW proposed closure/s survey had been an informal Survey Monkey survey, which had been advertised in the Hayle Pump and on posters around the town and initiated by Councillor Bennett at the request of other residents. Subsequently, the survey had been promoted and shared on Facebook by other town councillors and members of the public. One option in the survey had been for no more closures.

It was clarified that the draft Hayle Neighbourhood Plan agreed that Riviere Farm should not be developed. North Quay had been given up to make the harbour viable and so there was extreme reluctance to give up the Farm to development. The issue of second homes had been discussed by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG), which had decided a restriction on second homes was not appropriate or necessary for Hayle and until this meeting no such suggestion had been put to the group by anyone outside it. It was agreed that although it might make sense in St Ives it did not in Hayle and might have unintended consequences.

There was a discussion amongst councillors regarding the areas that made up ‘Riviere Farm’ – Hilltop, Riviere Fields and Riviere Farm – and it was confirmed that no plans had been seen for the Farm itself, although it was thought that the harbour owners did see it as an area for development and that they were being disingenuous.

Members of the public urged councillors to oppose the development as proposed at the public presentation and any future similar proposals in the Riviere Farm area. It was noted that there was a protection order on trees that might be at risk in the area and that outline planning permission was already in place for housing on North Quay.

Robin Millett objected to any further closure of the KGVMW for the same reasons as earlier objectors and also asked for a rule for dogs on leads to be introduced but he was informed that no such rule could be applied to a public highway.

Councillors made members of the public aware that the council regularly fought for more affordable housing and was also in favour of more social housing. It was also noted that it was Cornish owners who had been responsible for selling houses to second home owners in the first place. Out of an informal headcount taken only 4 of the 10 members of the public present were in favour of a second homes policy like that of St Ives.

A recorded vote on the KGVMW issue was requested by Mr Millett (senior) and the clerk informed him that that would be up to councillors, who were now aware of his request.

It was also noted that as councillors had now discussed all of the issues raised, none would be added to the next full council agenda.

7.45PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

129 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

In the mayor’s absence the deputy mayor chaired the meeting. There were no chairman’s announcements.

130 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Rance. Councillor Farrar had given his apologies that he would be late to the meeting as he was representing the council at Hayle Community School.

131 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Coombe and Pollard declared an interest in agenda item 9a (minute 137a 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.'

Councillor Mims declared an interest in PA16/09954 (agenda item 9a, minute 137a refers).

132 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING 3 NOVEMBER 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of the full council meeting 3 November 2016 be taken as a true and accurate record, the Mayor signing each page before placing them in the record book.

133 TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 3 NOVEMBER 2016

All matters had been dealt with on the night.

134 TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR BENNETT'S PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL CLOSURES FOR THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL WALK

The survey questions were outlined and it was reported that 255 responses had been received.

The results were as follows:

Closure on Bank Holidays:	82% weighted support
Closure on Saturdays:	72% weighted support
Full time closure:	58% weighted support

Costs of implementation of a non-contentious Road Traffic Order of around £4,800 plus £500 for four signs were highlighted.

It was resolved to hold a recorded vote.

There was some support for closure on Bank Holidays and possibly Saturdays, but it was also pointed out that the issue should not be decided on a majority vote from a survey, but that the impact on those directly affected by the closure should also be considered. Cost, further closure potentially leading to conflict, how the closure would be policed and repairs to the current footpath were all discussed.

It was clarified that the King George V Memorial Walk had been adopted by Highways.

A proposal to ask Cornwall Council (CC) to implement a Road Traffic Order for Bank Holidays and Saturdays, reverting to Bank Holidays only if the results of CC's survey for Saturdays were not strongly in favour, was voted upon. The results of the vote were as follows:

For: Councillors Bennett, Lello and Pollard

Against: Councillors Polkinghorne, Capper, Philp, Wills, Nannes, Coombe, Cocks, Lawrence and Mims.

Therefore the proposal was defeated.

It was resolved to hold a recorded vote for the proposal to refer the repair of the footpath to the Resource Committee.

It was resolved unanimously to refer the repair of the footpath to the Resource Committee.

135 CONSULTATION: TO CONSIDER CORNWALL COUNCIL'S CORNWALL MINERALS SAFEGUARDING DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD) PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION (NOVEMBER 2016) (REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION) AND TO COMPLETE THE RELATED REPRESENTATION FORM

It was resolved to move next business as this document did not affect Hayle.

136 HAYLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Councillor Bennett apologised for the inconsistency regarding extensions and plots in the draft planning policy for Riviere Towans. He reported that following discussion with the management at the Riviere Towans Chalet site the policy had been amended to state a plot size limit, with chalets being in keeping with the traditional character of the site and only for non-permanent, holiday accommodation. Proposals for new chalets would not be supported, but relocations/replacements would be considered.

[8.13pm Councillor Farrar joined the meeting.]

There followed a short discussion regarding the chalet management's rules and whether or not they were acceptable to the town council.

In an informal vote councillors agreed that they were for no new chalets but that relocations/replacements would be allowed. They were not minded to remove the restriction on numbers.

[8.20pm Councillor Farrar assumed the chair.]

Councillor Farrar declared an interest in planning application PA16/09954 (agenda item 9a, minute 137a refers).

137 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider Planning Applications: PA16/09949; PA16/09950; PA16/09371; PA16/10014; PA16/06558; PA16/09824; PA16/09992; PA16/10155; PA16/09954 and PA16/07945

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

Councillor Bennett asked for his abstention regarding PA16/06558 to be recorded.

During the discussion and resolution regarding PA16/07945 Councillors Farrar and Mims left the room and Councillor Polkinghorne assumed the chair during Councillor Farrar's absence.

- b) To note the results of previous applications

It was resolved to note the results.

- c) To discuss the letter from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) regarding the Cornwall Local Councils Pre-Application Planning Protocol proposed by the Cornwall Planning Partnership and Cornwall Council and to consider signing up to it

The Cornwall Local Councils Pre-Application Protocol was discussed and councillors expressed a strong desire to receive all pre-application advice given to the applicant by CC officers, unless it was confidential.

It was resolved to adopt the Cornwall Local Councils Pre-Application Protocol and the related documents, and to inform Cornwall Council's Planning Department that Hayle Town Council requests that all pre-application advice be supplied as a matter of course.

138 FOOTPATHS

- a) To consider Cornwall Council's letter regarding Service Level Agreement (SLA) Reviews with Town and Parish Councils and to complete the related Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) questionnaire

Advice on completing the questionnaire was sought from the clerk and it was completed (see Appendix B)

It was agreed that the town council did not wish to take on the grass maintenance of the closed churchyard at St Felicitas, Phillack.

The clerk reminded councillors that there had been an earlier resolution to obtain a quotation for cutting the grass in the closed churchyard to ascertain if Hayle Town Council would assist. She agreed to follow up on obtaining the quotation so that the costs could be included in the precept if required.

- b) Maintenance Update

It was reported that the working party had answered the questions from CC regarding the LMP footpath additions and removals for the 2017 schedule.

In answer to a question regarding the footpath behind the Penmare, the clerk advised that CC would not do any more work to the surface.

Councillor Bennett was advised by Councillor Pollard that he should contact Tim Bird, CC Countryside Officer, regarding the cutting of the coastal footpath by the chalets.

With regard to the blocking of footpath 25 by vehicles, councillors were advised to report the registration numbers of the offending vehicles to the police. It was reported that the closure

put in place by CC to allow repair of the culvert would be removed when the repairs were finished.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record, at its meeting 1 December 2016

Town Mayor

Date