

Week St Mary Parish Council

Draft minutes – Thursday, July 6, 2023

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this)
Rob Isherwood attended to speak about the Causey application (PA23/01661). He said it is in a Conservation area and in a very significant part of the village. He had also listed his comments on the Cornwall Council planning portal. He said the importance had been recognised by national agencies such as Historic England, and said it was disappointing that Cornwall Council and the village doesn't realise how important it is – Bronze Age, Iron Age, Medieval, Norman castle. He said the aerial views show the burgage plots, which are rare. He said it would be a terrible shame if they were lost. Once it's lost, it's gone. He said although the application is to do with the field entrance, the application literature talks about the expansion for housing.
Lynnette Hutchinson – the chair of Warbstow Parish Council said she wanted to hear the council's views on the solar farm application (PA23/04306).
Jeremy Ward said with regards to the Causey application (PA23/01661), there were quite a few inaccuracies in the associated papers. He also said the Regent House application (PA23/04872) said it was smack in the middle of the Conservation Area. He said it forms part of the burgage plots on the eastern side of the village, and seems quite away from the curtilage of the main house.
Darryl Colwill said he was in support of the solar farm development. He said it was green energy, and diversifying away from farming. 23/167
2. **To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
No report. 23/168
3. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs S May (chair), C Slade (vice chair), M Johns, R Shipton, S Gubbin, T Hamlyn, S Peters, I Richardson, L Stephens and R Bolt. Also in attendance, S Cleave, clerk, and six members of the public. 23/169
4. **To receive apologies for absence with reasons**
None. 23/170
5. **To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispensations**
Cllr Bolt – Causey and Regent House planning applications; Cllr Slade – Causey and Regent House planning applications; Cllr Gubbin – Bowdah barn planning application. 23/171
6. **To approve the minutes of:**
Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, June 1, 2023.
Proposed: S Gubbin Seconded: R Shipton Votes: Unanimous 23/172
7. **To receive clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted. 23/173
8. **Planning**
Any late applications received will be discussed under this section
- 8a. **To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:**
PA23/01661 – Construction of a new field entrance. Land at Causey, Week St Mary. It was proposed to object to the application, citing the reasons given for the council's objection last time. Nothing put forward by the applicant has mitigated the council's

concerns. In addition, the bank that is going to be destroyed is a historic feature and is covered by the historic status of the village.

Proposed: I Richardson Seconded: S Peters Votes: Unanimous 23/174

PA23/04350 – Proposed replacement porch and erection of store building. Whits End, Marhamchurch.

Councillors proposed to make no comment on the plans.

Proposed: S Gubbin Seconded: S May Votes: Unanimous 23/175

PA23/04488 – Change of use, conversion and extension of disused agricultural barn to 1 x dwelling. Bowdah Barn, Week St Mary.

Councillors proposed to make no comment on the plans.

Proposed: R Bolt Seconded: I Richardson Votes: Unanimous 23/176

PA23/04872 – New build garage for four cars with adjoining ground floor tool shed with first floor games room over and an adjoining greenhouse. Regent House, Week St Mary.

Councillors felt that it was a large development. As the heritage issue was raised in the public participation section of the meeting, it was felt that the parish council needs evidence that the proposed building does not affect anything. Councillors proposed to object to the application, as they had not seen enough evidence of the heritage impact.

Proposed: S Peters Seconded: T Hamlyn Votes: Unanimous 23/177

PA23/04306 – Development comprising the delivery of a ground mounted solar farm alongside associated infrastructure including distribution substation upgrades with the capacity to deliver approximately 42MW of renewable energy. Land north of Canworthy Water.

Cllr May said the council needs more information, and needs to speak to the other neighbouring parishes. He said although it will not directly affect Week St Mary, it would be wrong to say 'not in our back yard.' Cllr Hamlyn asked if it would be possible for the villages to meet with the company. Lynette Hutchinson from Warbstow Parish Council said an emergency meeting was to be held on July 11, and she would let the parish council know how it goes. It was proposed for Week St Mary Parish Council to make no comment at this point, but to ask for an extension to the consultee period. The clerk to get in touch with Nicky Chopak on the matter, to keep everyone in the loop.

Proposed: S May Seconded: C Slade Votes: Unanimous 23/178

8b. Decisions

The following decisions were noted: PA23/01680 – Change of use from restricted dwelling to unrestricted dwelling. Bowdah Bungalow, Week St Mary **Approved**

PA23/00727 – Siting of No.4 timber shepherds huts for holiday accommodation, No.4 timber shelters and associated works. Land west of Higher Whiteleigh Farm, Whitstone **Withdrawn 23/179**

8c. Planning - to note

None.

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9. Portfolio Reports:

- **Playground**

Cllr Slade said she was not happy with the play area inspection, carried out recently. Cllr Hamlyn said it didn't cover the council sufficiently. The clerk to go back to the company to ask for a more detailed report. To be placed on the August agenda.

Cllr Hamlyn said the report showed the skate ramp was under stress. He gave a quote of £181.40 for materials to rectify the issue. Councillors were in agreement to Cllr Hamlyn carrying out the work.

Proposed: S Gubbin Seconded: S May Votes: Unanimous 23/181

- **Highways, Footpaths & Greens**

Cllr Hamlyn has treated the wooden play equipment. He also reported a burst water man that was repaired the same day. He said South West Water thanked the council for using What.Three.Words. He had received a phone call complaining about the strimming of Back Lane. Cllr Hamlyn also reported an uneven road surface outside the sewerage works, and also a damaged gully by West Week Close.

Cllr Slade extended thanks to Cllr Hamlyn for sorting Back Lane voluntarily for a while.

Cllr Shipton said there had been some concerns by people in the village about low water pressure. She said the more people complain and log the problem with South West Water, the better. 23/182

10. Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):

The following correspondence was noted: Letter from Claire Hirst; letter from Nicky May; Bude Go Cornwall Roadshow details; Bude & Camelford CAP meeting action notes. 23/183

11. CIL and CBF applications

None received. 23/184

12. Agenda items

1. Footpaths

To discuss footpaths in the parish
Already discussed. 23/185

2. Asset register

To discuss the council's asset register
Defer until the August meeting. 23/186

13. Any other business

Any business to be discussed since the publishing of the agenda.

Thanks were extended to Jamie Sachs for putting up the solar lights at the toilets.

Cllr Richardson said he attended the inaugural Community Area Partnership meeting. He has emailed councillors and the clerk a report. The CAP will meet every three months, and he asked for councillors to get back to him if there is anything extra they would like added to the issues/action list.

Cllr Peters reported that he had put in an application for a grant towards the footpaths project, and has spoken to the project manager. 23/187

14. Accounts

Balances June 29, 2023

- Current account £ 2,320.29
- Reserve account £27,704.94

14a. To approve accounts for payment including:

Suzanne Cochrane – Salary June	£ 364.00
HMRC (PAYE) June	£ 91.00
Cornwall Pension Fund (June)	£ 89.18
Suzanne Cochrane (mileage)	£ 32.40

Gallagher insurance	£ 983.94
Jamie Sachs (toilets June)	£ 120.00
Jamie Sachs (spraying 1 of 2)	£ 500.00
Jamie Sachs (greens June)	£ 150.00
EDF Energy – toilets	£ 12.00

14b To note income

Football club	£ 16.29
Reserve account interest	£ 27.53

Councillors approved the accounts and the monthly payments.

Proposed: S Gubbin Seconded: S May Votes: Unanimous 23/188

15. Items for August 3 meeting

Asset register; Standing Orders; CAP issues; play area inspection. 23/189

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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