

Week St Mary Parish Council

Minutes – Wednesday, January 10

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on matters on the agenda only)
One member of the public spoke about planning application PA23/09577 – land west of Ashbury Grove. He said the application does take into account and mitigate the issues raised by residents previously. He felt the current plans are a welcome improvement. Two other members of the public in attendance concurred with the comments made. 24/1

2. **To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak’s report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak reported that a full council meeting will be held in the following week. On the agenda will be climate change and also a debate touching on violence against women and girls. She said a lot of parish councillors struggle with receiving verbal abuse from residents, and there will be a conversation on how they look after parish councillors in their own home.
She noted that the budget was out in the public domain. Cornwall Council have a £16 million overspend. The Police and Crime Panel haven’t decided what they are putting on the council tax, but it could possibly be double figures.
Locally, hedges have been trimmed. She has visited an issue in Back Lane. The new waste and recycling scheme is being rolled out. By the end of 2024 all residents should receive a wheelie bin if they are entitled to. If, for example, they do not have room, they will receive seagull-proof sacks. Smaller vehicles are being introduced to access smaller properties. It looks likely that it will be early 2025 that the scheme is rolled out in North Cornwall. 24/2

3. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs C Slade (chair); I Richardson (vice chair); S Peters; S Gubbin; T Hamlyn; L Stephens; R Bolt; M Johns and R Shipton. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak; S Cleave, clerk; and four members of the public. 24/3

4. **To receive apologies for absence with reasons**
Cllr S May – unwell. 24/4

5. **To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispensations**
Cllrs Slade and Johns – planning application PA23/09577 – land west of Ashbury Grove. 24/5

6. **To approve the minutes of:**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, December 7, 2023.
Proposed: M Johns Seconded: R Shipton Votes: Seven in favour, two abstentions 24/6

7. **To receive clerk’s report on matters arising**
The clerk’s report was noted. 24/7

8. **Planning**
Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

- 8a. **To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:**

PA23/09577 – Reserved matters application for 4no dwellings following Outline Consent PA22/07796 dated 07/11/2022. Land west of Ashbury Grove, Week St Mary.

(Cllrs Slade and Johns left the room, Cllr Richardson took the chair)

Councillors voted in favour of the application, with a recommendation that the requirements that were identified in the previously granted planning permission were covered off (with regards to drainage).

Proposed: I Richardson Seconded: S Gubbin

**Votes: Six in favour,
one abstention 24/8**

PA23/09900 – Construction of building to cover over an existing agricultural livestock yard. Higher Whiteleigh Farm, Whitstone.

Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

Proposed: R Bolt Seconded: S Peters

**Votes: Eight in favour,
one abstention 24/9**

8b. Decisions

The following decisions were noted:

PA23/08188 – Construction of building to cover over existing agricultural livestock yard. Higher Whiteleigh Farm, Whitstone. **APPROVED**

PA23/05272 – Proposed extension to dwelling. 1 The Square, Week St Mary.

APPROVED

PA23/08751 – Application for discharge of a planning obligation in respect of application E1/2000/1314 dated 05.04.2001.

S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps 24/10

8c. Planning - to note

None.

24/11

9. Portfolio Reports:

• Playground

No report. Cllr Shipton enquired about the anti-bac at the entrance to the playground. Cllr Johns will check with Jeremy.

24/12

• Highways, Footpaths & Greens

Cllr Hamlyn had met with Harley, who will take on the Back Lane clearance work. He has reported pot holes. He noted the Guscott hedge had been cut back. There was an incident with a tree coming down by the 30mph speed limit, and Cllr Hamlyn said some of the Cormac workers were getting stick for the length of the wood that was being cut. The salt bin had tipped over at the top of the hill. He will sort it so that it does not keep happening.

24/13

10. Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):

The following correspondence was noted: Community Area Partnership meeting information; Cornwall Council Resettlement Service message; Citizens Advice Cornwall winter newsletter.

24/14

11. Community Infrastructure Levy and Community Benefit Fund applications

* None (next round – April)

24/15

12. Agenda items

1. Community Area Partnership draft action plan
Councillors decided not to make any comment.

24/15

2. Back Lane
As reported above, Cllr Hamlyn had met with Harley. Cllr Slade to let the clerk know when the work needs doing, starting in March. 24/16
3. Week St Mary path project
Cllr Peters noted that the footpath questionnaire had been published in the parish magazine, and the clerk has received two replies, both positive. He has submitted a planning application (£146.40), which he will pay and claim back. Conversations will then begin again with the project manager. 24/17
4. Week Green
The clerk has been in touch with Mr Parker and Cornwall Council. It is now in the hands of Cornwall Council. 24/18
5. Defibrillator training
The clerk will book a session for February 7 in the Chapel, if still available. It will be advertised on Facebook, the magazine and the website. 24/19

13. Accounts

Balances January 4, 2024

- Current account £ 4,950.13
- Reserve account £28,820.00

13a. To approve accounts for payment including:

Suzanne Cochrane – Salary December	£ 371.30
HMRC (PAYE) December	£ 92.80
Cornwall Pension Fund (December)	£ 90.96
Suzanne Cochrane (mileage)	£ 32.40
Jamie Sachs – toilets December	£ 120.00
EDF Energy – toilets	£ 25.00
CALC – Introduction to Planning training (Cllr Shipton)	£ 36.00
S Cochrane – memory stick for council back-ups	£ 14.00

13b To note income

Reserve account interest	£ 32.78
Cornwall Council – Local Maintenance Partnership payment	£ 749.77

Councillors voted to approve the accounts and payments.

Proposed: R Shipton

Seconded: S Peters

Votes: Unanimous 24/20

14. Items for February meeting (Thursday, February 1)

Emergency plan update.

24/21

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.