

# **ST ERTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**



## **MINUTES OF Committee Meeting Held at the Chair's House on Tuesday 24 February 2015**

Present:

Derek Tilby (Chair), Graham Turner (Vice Chair), Paul Hawkins, Claire Casey (Membership Secretary), Gillian Potkins (Minutes Secretary), Peter Rylett (Parish Council Clerk)

Apologies for absence:

Janet Kersey, Julian Abram, Sonia Lang (Treasurer)

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Agreed.

**2. Matters Arising from Minutes**

**Family Activity Trail Leaflets**

The Parish Council is continuing to wait for feedback from the Communication and Engagement Committee regarding the possibility of a map for a Parish notice board and reprint of the St Erth Family Activity Trail leaflet. The Clerk will contact the Membership Secretary when progress has been made.

**Plaques on Benches**

The Chair is working on the plaques.

**Bench on Northern Riverbank**

Janet Kersey will meet up with Luke Jones, Environment Agency to see if the proposed site is suitable now the full width of the river bank is visible as the summer growth has been cut back. A simple plank and posts bench is envisaged. The Vice Chair has offered to donate the plank.

**Methodist Higher Vestry**

Chris MacDonald has informed the Vice Chair that he would get involved in the restoration once the Methodist Church started the process. The Vice Chair has put forward a request for £500 to the Cornwall Community Cashback vote in the Cornishman (voting closes on 25 February). He has discussed with the Youth Club organisers the possibility of young people learning practical skills in the space.

**Christmas Tree Festival**

This was very successful and well attended.

### **3. Parish Council Clerk's Report**

The Parish Council has commissioned a Tree Inspection Report on the churchyard and two cemeteries for the purpose of risk management. Cornwall Council will produce a report annually from now on as part of a service agreement. After four contractors were approached, Apex Tree Service was selected to carry out the necessary work which will commence at the beginning of April.

Changes have been made to the way that Cornwall Council is to be contacted. Details will be on the Parish Council's website. Issues will no longer be directed through the Community Network Manager, online reporting is now encouraged. Cornwall Council wishes to promote this method of communication amongst communities. A discussion followed on the implications for residents who are not on the internet and the idea that the Post Office might become a reporting point, possibly with an open access PC terminal for that purpose. A flyer should be produced to publicise this new online reporting.

Meetings will take place on 25 and 28 February to launch the community engagement element of the St Erth Neighbourhood Plan. The plan will be an important tool in the future to prevent inappropriate planning developments. The Steering Group will be set up in April. Lucy Davis has been appointed by the Parish Council to assist in the process, she has previously managed the Neighbourhood Plan in St Ives.

### **4. Planning Matters**

#### **Station parking**

The land to the north of the station (currently a scrapyard) has been identified as suitable for industrial units. It is currently for sale for £250,000. This site would be eminently suitable for extending and enhancing the car parking facilities at the station, and would obviate the huge costs involved in siting an additional car park on the south side of the station. After discussion it was agreed that the Chair and Membership Secretary would write to Councillor John Pollard, Councillor Lionel Pascoe, Rick Clayton from Cornwall Highways and Luke Jones from the Environment Agency to stress the case for car parking on the north side of St Erth station along with the retention of the St Ives Park & Ride at Lelant. They will also notify the Cornishman and Radio Cornwall. The Parish Council would like to see the letter before 3 March.

#### **Church Street**

A revised plan has been submitted, dated November 2014, with a large sewage pumping station added outside the original planning application curtilage and close to an existing residence. In addition to this, there is concern that work has been carried out on land contaminated with asbestos, ignoring advice that asbestos and contamination should be removed in line with Health and Safety requirements. The Chair and Membership Secretary will outline objections to what is proposed and attempt to ascertain whether planning agreements have been reached.

### **5. MUGA**

The Parish Council Clerk suggested that the case for a MUGA could be included in Objective 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan. This would gather further evidence of the local desire for such a facility. The question of where to site the MUGA was discussed. The Membership Secretary will contact Luke Jones, Environment Agency to discuss the environmental and drainage issues involved in siting it at the Playing Fields.

### **6. Treasurer's Report**

The Farmers Market refreshments raised £50.50, the resulting balance is £699.87 with £75 petty cash. SHREC has still not transferred their remaining funds to SERA and the Treasurer continues to try to pursue this matter.

### **7. Any other business**

A request was received via Julian Abram from Moni and Brian to look into the issue of young people using the granite bench outside the Post Office as a skateboarding prop causing damage and nuisance. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to PCSO Fiona Gamble.

The Vice Chair reported continual damage to the Cornish hedge around his property from large vehicles. The Membership Secretary will write to Cornwall Highways to request a width restriction road sign.

The Vice Chair also noted significant sinking in two areas of road in the village as well as several potholes. He agreed to report these matters to Cornwall Council via the new online system. There was a brief discussion about what to do about litter and the old road sign at the junction of Treloweth and Tredrea Lanes which needs some restoration and reinstating. The Vice Chair and Paul Hawkins agreed to look at the sign.

**8. Date of next meeting**

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15 April 2015 at the Chair's house. The AGM will take place on 20 May 2015. Meeting closed 9.50 pm.

Derek Tilby  
Chairman

Dated