

ST ERTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



MINUTES OF Committee Meeting Held at the Parish Church on Tuesday 8 July 2014

Present:

Derek Tilby (Chair), Sonia Lang (Treasurer), Julian Abram, Janet Kersey, Claire Casey (Membership Secretary), Gillian Potkins (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies for absence:

Paul Hawkins

1. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

2. Matters Arising from Minutes

Church Street Application

Concern was raised over the change to footpath access and consequent safety implications. These changes appear to have been implemented subsequent to planning approval. The Membership Secretary agreed to draft an email to the Parish Council and Jeremy Content, Cornwall Council to raise these concerns.

The Benches

The Chair and the Membership Secretary had met with a representative from the Environment Agency. Permission for two benches was granted, one sited opposite the diving pool and the other between the St Erth bridge and Green Lane bridge. The river bank towards the causeway was considered too overgrown to adequately assess safety and suitability so this potential site will be considered again in the autumn. The Chair will approach Darren Willoughby for an estimate of the cost of installing these two benches. The Membership Secretary will notify John Bryson). Commemoration plaques are to be considered and suggestions submitted to the Membership Secretary before the end of the summer.

Youth Shelter Picnic Area

Concern was raised about the issue of graffiti which should be raised with and dealt with by the Parish Council.

The Playing Fields

No soil tests appear to have been carried out. The possibility of SITA funding for a MUGA was discussed. It was agreed that the Chair would research the costs of a MUGA and attend the next Parish Council meeting to ascertain its views.

3. Treasurer's Report

The forms to change two of the three signatories on cheques have been obtained and process of adding the Chair and Vice Chair is in progress. The finances remain unchanged at £1,222.72 It

is hoped that SHREC will be transferring their remaining funds to SERA SERA's income is largely derived from the Farmers Market.

4. Planning Application for Station Footbridge

Janet Kersey refrained from commenting on this issue as a member of the Parish Council. English Heritage has not yet commented on the plans to demolish the existing footbridge although it was noted that a previous application was refused on the grounds of their objection. However, it appears that their position may have changed in the intervening period, and that the footbridge could be moved in isolation without imperilling the Grade II Listing. Julian Abram agreed to contact English Heritage to ascertain why its stance on the effect on the whole listed site with the removal of the listed bridge has apparently changed. According to survey results the majority of residents are opposed to the demolition of the existing footbridge. The Membership Secretary has been asked by several residents to contact the local and national press, MPs, Network Rail, David Cameron, Patrick McLoughlin (Transport Minister), Yvette Cooper, John Pollard (Head of Cornwall County Council), James Churchfield (Radio Cornwall) and The Prince of Wales seeking their support. The Membership Secretary has contacted The Cornwall Heritage Trust and has gained a letter of support from them to retain the existing footbridge. The Chair will register to speak at the Planning meeting and the Membership Secretary will provide the objections that were raised for the previous application. Concern was noted that consultations have not appeared to have had any impact on this current application.

5. Planning Appeal Chenhalls Road

It was agreed that the SERA would submit the original objections.

6. Any Other Business

Concern was again expressed about the condition of the river path beneath the Hayle bypass and railway bridges and the issue that the position of the muddy, impassable area was incorrectly attributed in the Parish Council minutes for 3 June 2014. The Chair will ensure that the error is brought to the attention of the Council at the next meeting.

The Membership Secretary raised the issue of a granite bench in memory of local resident, Zita Jacka, who tragically died taking part in the Race for Life. The money was raised for this by Debbie Barrett and the Membership Secretary sought permission from Cornwall Council, Moni and Brian, and the shop premises' freeholder to site the bench outside the shop. The Parish Council is to be approached if the bench can be installed under its auspices as it has the power to site the benches on the highway. It will be installed anyway.

The Parish Council want to install a map of the St Erth Family Activity Trail on a noticeboard in the village with an accompanying leaflet holder. Prices for the printing of the leaflet have been obtained and were discussed. It would seem economic to progress with an order of 1,500 further copies costing £397 + VAT. The Parish Council have to meet with the Communication and Engagement Committee to discuss funding and siting arrangements. It was proposed and agreed that SERA would fund 50% of the costs involved in printing the revised leaflets.

The removal of a dog bin from the Vicarage Gate area was discussed. It was agreed that more bins are needed in Fore Street and School Lane. The Membership Secretary will contact Cornwall Council about this.

7. Date of next meeting

The next Meeting will be held on Monday, 18 August 2014, (please note change of date) Vestry Room. Meeting closed 8.45 pm

Derek Tilby
Chairman

Dated