

# **ST ERTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**



## **MINUTES OF Committee Meeting Held at the Chair's House on Wednesday 9 September 2014**

Present:

Derek Tilby (Chair), Graham Turner (Vice Chair), Janet Kersey, Claire Casey (Membership Secretary), Gillian Potkins (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies for absence:

Paul Hawkins, Julian Abram, Sonia Lang (Treasurer)

### **1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Agreed.

### **2. Matters Arising from Minutes**

#### **Church Street Application**

The Membership Secretary had made an enquiry over the change to footpath access and it is now apparent that the southern footpath is no longer included in the plan. It was noted that a sycamore tree in the hedge has been illegally felled on the instruction of Devon and Cornwall Housing Association. An illegal road closure has also been noted. Surveyors have been to assess the sewer in the vicinity of the site indicating that adequate surveys were not carried out prior to planning approval. The Vice Chair will prepare a summary of the situation and pass this to the Chair who will present it to the Parish Council.

#### **The Benches**

The two benches have been installed by Cherry Trees.

#### **Youth Shelter Picnic Area**

Concern was again raised about graffiti. The Parish Council have agreed to resolve this matter.

#### **The Playing Fields**

The Chair has discussed the possibility of a MUGA with Pete Rylett (Parish Council Clerk). The Membership Secretary has researched costs. A MUGA (from HAGS-SMP, which has installed one in Exmouth) costs from £12,500 for a basic one to £42,500 for their highest range. The site for the MUGA was discussed, and the suitability of Vicarage Gate versus the Playing Fields. The Playing Fields currently provide for younger children, while Vicarage Gate might be more suitable for older children. The Membership Secretary will research costs further and try to locate MUGAs in the South West which can be visited.

### **Planning Application for Station Footbridge**

A great deal of awareness raising work was carried out by the Chair and Membership Secretary contacting numerous members of the local and national press, MPs, English heritage, Cornwall Council and local radio stations. Several positive responses were received. Councillor Lionel Pascoe did a brilliant job representing the views of the residents of St Erth, and was a powerful ally insisting on a vote for refusal. The planning application was refused. The lack of maintenance of the footbridge was discussed and the implications of this. Cornwall Council must be challenged to ensure that Network Rail maintain the bridge to comply with Grade II listing. Alternatives to a new bridge were discussed. SERA must continue its objections to future inappropriate station developments.

### **Planning Appeal Chenhalls Road**

The Membership Secretary re-submitted the original objections, but nothing has been decided.

### **River Path**

Nothing has happened regarding the condition of the river path beneath the Hayle bypass and railway bridges which has now been correctly identified by the Parish Council. The Chair will again raise this issue at the next Parish Council meeting, and will also raise the issue of bank erosion further up the river, and what the Environment Agency will do to remedy this.

### **Granite Bench**

Permissions have been granted for a granite bench to be installed outside the Post Office, in memory of local resident, Zita Jacka. The Parish Council will take responsibility for insuring this once installed. Debbie Barrett is pursuing the manufacture of the bench.

### **Family Activity Trail Leaflets**

The Parish council is still waiting for the Communication and Engagement Committee to discuss 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.

### **Dog Fouling**

The Membership Secretary contacted Cornwall Council about the removal of and the reinstating of a dog bin in the Vicarage Gate/Fore Street area and the relocation, closer to the school, of the existing bin in School Lane. The Council cited economic reasons why these matters could not be resolved. Janet Kersey agreed to pursue this with the Community Network Manager, James Hardy.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

The installation of the benches has been paid for. The recent Farmers Market refreshments raised £51. SHREC has still not transferred their remaining funds to SERA. The Chair will pursue this matter.

### **4. Wording for Plaques on Benches**

The Membership Secretary received only one suggestion and after various considerations it was agreed to inscribe "Given by St Erth Residents Association".

### **5. Future Projects**

The MUGA is an ongoing project.

### **6. Any Other Business**

The issue of parking and passing bays on Fore Street was discussed. Solutions to the problem were considered but implementation and enforcement is a barrier.

It was suggested that a card should be sent to Sheila Furneaux to thank her for all her past service to SERA

### **7. Date of next meeting**

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11 November 2014 at the Chair's house. Meeting closed 9.00 pm