

**MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of ST AUSTELL BAY PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 29 October 2020 at 5.00pm** (the meeting was held virtually)

The Chairman informed those present that the meeting was being recorded.

**Present:** Cllrs Bill Leach (Chairman), Sue Leach, Richard Hallows, Trudy Reynolds, Sue Osbrink, Malcolm Neill, Peter Tombs, Nick Foster, Nigel Chatterjee.

**In attendance:** Julie Larter, Clerk; 5 members of the Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Group (apologies were received from the remaining member), 3 members of the public, 1 member of the press.

**(19/291) Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**(19/292) Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 October 2020**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 15 October 2020 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

The Clerk was asked to forward the parish council's letter to Steve Double MP regarding the Planning for the Future white paper to Sarah Mason at CALC and also to Cllrs Malcolm Brown and Tom French.

**(19/293) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**

- (a) There were no declarations of pecuniary interest
- (b) There were no declarations of non-registerable interest
- (c) There were no requests for dispensations.
- (d) There were no declarations of gifts and hospitality.

**(19/294) Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman thanked members of the Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Group and others throughout the parish who have contributed to the Neighbourhood Plan. He passed on his thanks and congratulations to the team for producing a very significant document and informed the meeting that the evidence base was several times bigger again reflecting just how much work had gone into the plan.

**(19,295) Public Participation**

A member of the public asked the parish council to consider replacing all the benches in Charlestown. The Chairman said that the matter would be put on the next agenda.

**(19/296) Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman thanked councillors who have previously made comments. Cllr Sue Leach, Chair of the Strategic Group thanked Mr Wright for putting together the Consultation Statement. Cllr Neill expressed his admiration for the Plan, which he felt compared very

favourably with other plans he had seen, and thanked all those involved for the huge amount of hard work which had gone into its production.

It was **RESOLVED to approve the draft St Austell Bay Neighbourhood Plan subject to the following minor amendments**

**p19 table 2 - addition to be corrected.**

**Consultation Statement – some email addresses may not have been fully redacted.**

**This is to be investigated and corrected.**

In addition, some policy boxes will be shaded after examination to improve the user-friendliness of the document. Cornwall Council will also ensure the Plan complies with accessibility requirements.

CLLr Sue Leach explained that the next step will be to submit the Plan to Cornwall Council. A consultation period will run for 10 weeks instead of the usual 6 due to Covid-19 restrictions. The document will then go to the independent examiner who will undertake a site visit and may request some changes. Once it has been passed it will go to referendum on 6 May 2021. Cornwall Council is responsible for organising and funding the referendum. Residents will be sent a copy of the plan prior to the referendum.

The Chairman thanked CLLr Osbrink for typing up the document and uploading all the information onto the website.

#### **(19/297) Meetings Attended**

On 20 October the Chairman and Clerk met with Rolf Munding, and Colette Pearce from Charlestown Harbour and Sir Tim Smith from the Shipwreck Treasure Centre.

Sir Tim is very unhappy about the parish council's application to have the Cask Banks listed with Historic England and both he and Mr Munding have asked the parish council to request that the application be withdrawn. The Chairman apologised to Sir Tim for not informing him of the application beforehand but at the time the council didn't realise that the Cask Bank adjacent to the Shipwreck Centre belonged to Sir Tim. The matter will be discussed at the next parish council meeting, but in the meantime the Clerk will find out from Historic England whether it is possible to withdraw the application or put it on hold.

Mr Munding is exploring the possibility of setting up an Ocean Surface Centre in the old repair shed. The proposal is for a world leading plankton exhibition/centre of excellence for research. Mr Munding is seeking a letter of support from the parish council in order to pursue funding.

Councillors were felt that they did not have sufficient information to fully support Mr Munding's request and it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to Mr Munding's request stating that the parish council would welcome the opportunity to discuss further the concept of a world class exhibition as outlined located in Charlestown.**

#### **(19/298) Dates of future Parish Council Meetings**

19 November, 17 December 2020

Future meetings will be held virtually until Government advice changes.

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm

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Chairman

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