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St Ive Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the St Ive Parish Council held at 7.30pm on the 8th June 2015 at Millennium House

Present: Cllrs Corney, Moss, Neal, Frith

160. Apologies: Cllr Dipper.

161. Public Participation:

Council had previously decided to make available a substantial proportion of the meeting for a public discussion of the proposed change of use of the Butchers Arms. The application appears as item 165 on the Agenda and was brought forward. Many residents of St Ive were present as was the planning applicant Mr Johnston. From the public discussion it was apparent that the residents of St Ive were strongly opposed to the change of use from a public house to a bed & breakfast establishment. Council advised that objections must be based on planning considerations. It was finally proposed by Cllr. Moss and Seconded by Cllr. Neal and Agreed that Council would object to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. That the application did not accord with the wishes of the community as outlined in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Where it is stated that a majority of responders wished to retain the public house at St Ive.
2. That the change of use of this historic building and business would have a detrimental effect on the character of the village and the importance of the public house as a social amenity.
3. There was insufficient evidence for the commercial viability of a B&B and the adjoining shop and PO. Existing B&Bs in the village were finding the present economic climate difficult and a shop in St Ive had been tried before with limited success. There was already a travelling post office located in the village hall. It was considered that the failure of the public house in the past had been the result of poor management, not trading conditions.

At this point Mr Johnston offered to lease the property at a viable rent to anyone willing to take it on.

There was a brief discussion about the Ocean Housing development in on the St Ive Road and potential this has to create further traffic problems. It also appears that speed cushions in Higher Road may shortly be removed and reinstated. It was suggested that Highways be invited to discuss these aspects with the council at a public meeting. There was some concern that planning objections by consultees are not always discussed and minuted by County.

162. Declarations of Interest: None

163. Minutes:

Parish Council Minutes of the 11th May 2015 and EGM of the 4th June 2015
Proposed by Cllr Moss Seconded by Cllr Neal Agreed as true copy.

164. Matters Arising:

1. The Clerk reported that he had requested a date from 1st Office for the expiry of our contract for the photocopiers. It is understood that we will be responsible for packing and shipping the copiers when they are returned, this is a condition of the lease with Paribas.
2. The insurance policy with Zurich Insurance has been renewed with effect from the 1st June 2015
3. The Pensilva Recreation Ground Charity and the Unknown Donor Charity Accounts to be split and a new Co-operative Bank account opened to accommodate this.

165. Planning Applications:

PA15/02306 Butchers Arms St Ive. Change of Use from PH to B &B establishment with outbuildings converted to shop and PO. Mr Johnston. Opposed see Public Participation above.

166. Authorisation of Payments May 2015.

The salaries payment of £6258.83 and creditors totalling £17,948.62 were authorised for payment
Proposed by Cllr. Neal Seconded by Cllr Moss -Agreed.

Cllr. Neal queried the £500 bill submitted by Vernon Anderson. Cllr. Neal thought we had agreed to pay £250 half yearly. The accountant to investigate.

167. Business:

1. The Annual Return and Auditors Report were discussed at an EGM on the 4th June 2015, the Minutes of which have been circulated. A response to the Internal Auditors Report is being prepared and will be sent to Vernon Anderson together with the Annual Return which the Internal Auditor must sign and return to us. The Clerk advised that the report gives cause for concern.
2. A letter received from the Pensions Regulator reminds us that we now have a duty of Automatic enrolment for staff. Further information is to follow from the Regulator. We must nominate a contact point by the 30th June 2015 for future communications from the Regulator.
3. The Acting clerk reported that there had been 5 applications for the post of Parish Clerk and we should shortlist these and conduct interviews after the closing date of the 9th June 2015.

168. Correspondence:

None

169. Reports AND Recommendations from Committees:

1. Finance and Administration Committee: Minutes for the meeting of the 23rd June 2015 attached.
2. **Neighbourhood Development Plan:** Ongoing
3. **Youth Projects:** Ongoing
4. **Internet Steering Group:** Ongoing
5. **Millennium House Forum:** See Minutes of the EGM as below in closed session.

170. Urgent Business Requiring Immediate attention:

None

171. Date of next Meeting 13th July 2015

172. Closed Session:

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