

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th April 2010 at 7.30 pm

Present Cllrs Roberts, Bonney, Christophers, Hughes, Richards and Turner.

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Mrs S Vincent
4 members of the public.

09/169 Apologies Mrs Verna Roberts. Cllr Haley. Cornwall Cllr Bain. PC Lea

09/170 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 1st April 2009

The Clerk read the minutes and it was proposed by Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Bonney and RESOLVED that they be approved and signed by the Chairman.

09/171 Matters Arising

Cllr Richards was in the process of arranging for the placement of granites on the grass verge outside Thomas Bullock Close to prevent inappropriate parking. Ed Veerman agreed to install the Lanlivery sign at the site in conjunction with the placement of the stones.

09/172 To receive the Chairmans Report – full report appendix 1

Cllr Roberts welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked the Councillors for their commitment to the parish council over the previous 12 months. He was delighted to report that the parish council was in the process of completing on the purchase of the land adjacent to the playing field and also expressed delight that the new 'Welcome to Lanlivery' sign had been installed. Cllr Roberts continued by stating that he had been saddened that planning permission had been granted on appeal for a shed in Sandyway Woods to be officially classified as a dwelling house when many deserving local residents were unable to find a home in the village. It appeared that Restormel Borough Council had failed in its duty to initiate timely enforcement action in spite of being notified of irregularities by the parish council. Cllr Roberts concluded by thanking the Parish Clerk for keeping them all on the 'straight and narrow' and for working for the parish for many more hours than she was paid for.

09/173 To receive the report of the Cornwall Councillor – full report appendix 2

The Parish Clerk read a report submitted by Cllr Bain. Cllr Bain had recently stepped down from her role as Cabinet Member for Children's Services and would be concentrating her time on dealing with issues in the Fowey Division.

09/174 To receive the Police Report – full report appendix 3

The Parish Clerk read a report submitted by PC Lea. There had been no reported crime in the parish during the previous month but the police were asking for anybody with information about a road traffic accident near SweetsHouse on 16th March to contact them quoting log number 490 16/03/10.

09/175 Land Adjacent to the Playing Field

The Chairman explained that the parish council was anxious to hear parishioners' views about the future use of this land when the purchase had been completed. He explained the current position and confirmed that the school wished to have access to the area for use as a 'Forest School.' However, he emphasised that the Parish Council had made the purchase on behalf of the community and that it was important that everybody was asked for an opinion before the council debated any future use. Ed Veerman queried if allotments had been considered; Cllr Hughes confirmed that she had been approached by 2 people living in the centre of the village about that possibility. Lee Hemmings, whilst stating her full support for the school, considered that the land must be available for all to use and enjoy. After further discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should place an article in the Granite Towers inviting parishioners views.

09/176 Public Questions

John Sinkins stated that he was very concerned about the unsatisfactory outcome of the Appeal at Sandyway Woods and asked the parish council to follow the matter up. He submitted that:

1. It was a matter of record that the Parish Council had correctly and in a timely fashion notified Restormel about the illegal use of the shed. It was also a matter of record that a Restormel Council officer had visited the site and reported back that that the usage of the shed was illegal. Why had Restormel failed to act on this information and taken timely enforcement action?
2. If Cornwall Council could come up with an acceptable answer to this question then some sort of internal investigation must be instigated and procedures must be changed.
3. The appeal officer appeared to have changed the description and had said that the shed was 'not a dwelling house' but had accepted that it had 'lawful use as a dwelling.' What did this mean? Some sort of restrictions had presumably been put on it but what exactly were they?
4. If the shed now had 'lawful use as a dwelling' because there had been no change of use – it had been built as a dwelling - would Cornwall Council be collecting the 4-years of unpaid Council Tax due from the owners?

The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Council and request answers to the points raised by Mr Sinkins

Cllr Roberts thanked everybody for attending and issued an invitation for all to join him for a buffet supper before going home. All present accepted with pleasure and thanked Cllr Roberts for his generosity.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm