

St. Teath Parish Council.
Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th August 2012.
Delabole Methodist Church Room.
The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. E. Jones, Chairman, G. Keat, A. Stacey (on call from work, left the meeting at 7.10pm), L. Rose, P. Hicks, P. Clark, S. Sandercock, J. Lugg.

Members of the public present: Mr. Robertson ref. Holmstead, Vell Lane.

Mr Hannis Snr., Mr P Hannis, Mr & Mrs Shannon, G. Genge, K. Edghill,
Mr & Mrs Irwan, D Joker ref. Delabole parking scheme.
Mr S Crooks and Mr G Burrell ref. Cricket Club.

The Chairman asked that all those wishing to speak should confine their comments to 3 minutes and not repeat each others points.

All those speaking with reference to the proposed extension of double yellow lines and alternative parking in High Street, Delabole, expressed their opposition to the plan. Issues raised: A perceived lack of public consultation, insufficient alternative parking, safety on the narrow pavements, doubts as to whether any improvement to traffic flow would be achieved, inconvenience to residents living along High Street should double yellow lines be extended, causing them to be obliged to park at some distance from their properties. The Chairman explained that public suggestions for improvements had been sought but very little feed back had been received, the proposal had been put together on advice from Cornwall Council Cabinet members and Highways Department, Parish Council had acted following complaints from residents about the danger encountered as drivers tried to navigate through this narrow area of highway and the difficulty experienced when trying to join High Street from side streets as their visibility was so severely impeded by the parked vehicles. The Chairman explained further that Councillor Lugg was the Ward Councillor, as well as a Parish Councillor, and for this reason his name would appear at the top of the proposal although, due to ill health, Cllr. Lugg had not been present at the meeting at which the proposal had been discussed by Parish Council.

Mr Robertson then explained that he was engaged by the trustees of the estate of the late Mrs Rowe to put together a planning application for 9 dwellings (4 to be affordable) on land at Holmstead, Vell Lane, Delabole. His concern was that CC Planning had led him to believe that Vell Lane was a highway when in fact it was a footpath, owned by CC but maintained by St Teath PC. The Parish Council's concern was potential damage which may be caused by heavy construction vehicles using this path and the increased weight of traffic which would use the path should 9 houses be built.

Mr S. Crooks wished to apply for some financial assistance, by way of a grant, from PC to further the activities within Delabole Cricket Club.

The public session now being concluded the meeting opened at 8.15pm

Ref		Action
2012-08-01	<p>Apologies: Cllrs. J. Tidd, G. Aston, A. Hopkins. Declarations of Interest: None at this time. Gifts in excess of £25: None. Minutes: Acceptance of the minutes dated 16th July 2012, proposed by Cllr. L. Rose and seconded by Cllr. P. Clark. Carried unanimously. Matters arising: None.</p> <p>Planning Applications: PA12/06914. Creation of earth banked slurry lagoon and cow track to the north east of the existing farm buildings. Middle Hendra Farm, St Teath. Council supported this application.</p>	

2012-08-02	<p>Decisions received: PA12/03021. Installation of 2X11kw Wind Turbines. Higher Suffenton Farm. PA12/04938. Construction of two storey extension to side elevation. 22 The Meadows, St Teath. PA12/05756. Construction of stable block. Lanagan Farm, St Teath. PA12/05817. Replacement of rear conservatory with single storey extension. Garden Cottage, St Teath. All of the above were approved by Cornwall Council.</p>	
2012-08-03	<p>Accounts: A total expenditure of £6101.82 was recorded for the month. The clerk reported a balance in all accounts of £21440.62. Noting the payment of £2340.00 to R. Clemens Ltd, Cllr S Sandercock was of the opinion that a written guarantee should be sought from the contractor who had carried out the wall building in the cemetery. It was reported that the audit commission was fully satisfied with the accounts presented by this Council and had returned same without any adverse comments. Councillors thanked the clerk for presenting such accurate and detailed figures.</p>	Clerk.
2012-08-04	<p>Cornwall Council Matters: Cllr. J. Lugg suggested that a grant to the cricket club could come from his Ward fund. Cllr Keat expressed her opinion that as the cricket club had no youth facility and was 'gender centric' it could be said that any funding would be used exclusively for the benefit of adult males and would not benefit the community as a whole but only the adult males within the club. Therefore it was suggested that a small grant be offered at this time with the recommendation that the club should look at widening its commitment to other age and gender groups. Cllr Lugg urged members to give some thought to the possibility that Cornwall Council might consider it prudent to sell off the playing field in St Teath under the present financial conditions. He felt this field was an asset that should be owned by the Parish Council and not sold off to a developer for further house building. The financing of such a purchase was not discussed. Cllr. Lugg brought to Councillor's attention the very real threat faced by the One Stop Shop in Camelford, namely its closure, unless it was better used by the local residents. It was felt that its very position, at the top of a very steep hill could be its downfall as it was inaccessible to a lot of people. A move into Camelford library was not a viable option as no private room could be provided in which to hold interviews of a confidential nature.</p>	Cllr. Lugg.
2012-08-05	<p>Police report: As no police officers were present there was no report at this time but it was reported by the clerk that the recently opened youth club in Delabole was in very real danger of closure unless volunteers could be found to assist in the running of the weekly sessions.</p>	
2012-08-06	<p>Delabole BMX Track: It was reported that Cllr. Clark was discussing with RTC Plant Hire Ltd to carry out the refurbishment needed on the track but work was being held up because of continuing bad weather. As soon as a spell of high pressure was forecast it was hoped the work could begin. The clerk was hopeful of receiving some grant money from a local charity. This would help with the cost of refurbishment.</p>	

2012-08-07	<p>Delabole Cemetery: The clerk told members that the new section of land would be weed treated in the Autumn followed by ploughing and levelling. It would be re seeded in early spring, after which time the memorial garden could be laid out.</p>	
2012-08-08	<p>Correspondence: None at this time by post but members were free to read e-mails, and replies sent by the clerk, in relation to the parking and double yellow line proposal in High Street, Delabole.</p>	
2012-08-09	<p>Meeting Attended: Cllr. Jones had attended a meeting at Camelford Leisure Centre. Discussions were still ongoing to secure the future of the complex.</p>	
2012-08-10	<p>Matters of Public Interest: It was resolved to write to Rob Trevaskis, Highways, CC asking him to abandon the proposal for additional parking and extension of double yellow lines in High Street. Further, it was felt the residents of 'the narrows' should form their own committee and formulate a plan with the help of CC which would be to the benefit of all and would meet with the approval of their neighbours. The Delabole cricket club was felt to benefit only a small section of the community, ie young males, and therefore only a small grant should be offered at this time, with the recommendation that a more inclusive regime be set up to embrace a youth team and, if a need was found, to make provision for a ladies/girls team in the future. Suggested a grant of £100. Agreed. It was proposed by Cllr. E. Jones that the poor state of the roads in and around St Teath Parish be brought to the attention of Cllr. Lugg and that he be asked to negotiate with CC for repairs to be carried out at the earliest possible opportunity. Agreed unanimously. Cllr. L. Rose questioned whether it had been appropriate for a member of CC staff to divulge details concerning public opinion, to another member of the public, before the public consultation period had ended, when this information was not yet in the public domain.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm. Next meeting: Monday September 17th. St Teath Community Centre. 7pm.</p>	<p>Clerk.</p> <p>Clerk.</p> <p>Clerk.</p>