

SHEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL

The notes of the Special Parish Public meeting held on Wednesday the 28th of March in the Methodist chapel schoolroom, Crafhole at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillors C K Kennedy Chairman, Councillors: Mr P Nicholas, Mrs D. Mathias, Mr P Harrison, There were 16 members of the public present plus the Parish Clerk.

The Chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting at 7pm. He stated that as this was a Special Parish meeting each registered elector had an equal vote. Also that the Parish Council were not bound by any decisions made but would take all comments and final decision voted at this meeting into account. It was a single agenda item to discuss the devolution of responsibilities from Cornwall Council to the Parish Council to take control of the car park, public toilets and management of the flower beds at Portwrinkle and the issuing of mooring licences for the Harbour and subject to the response from the public at this meeting decide whether to go forward into the final stages of discussions with Cornwall Council. There would be time for questions and discussions following a presentation of the proposals.

- 1. Presentation of the Proposals,** Councillor Kennedy gave a power point presentation. *Please see notes from the presentation accompanying the minutes.*

- 2. Public Participation and response to public participation.**

Following the presentation, Councillor Kennedy opened up the floor firstly to the Parish Councillors and then to public discussion asking: Do you think the Parish Council should do it and do you have any queries or comments in relation to the proposal discussed.

- Councillor Harrison commented that Cornwall Council were very keen to ensure that this pilot scheme works and are not interested in micromanagement.
- It was asked to confirm the forecast profit that could be made for parish funds.
- Councillor Kennedy pointed out the figure of £1092 and noted that, in addition to this, each year would accumulate/be allocated £750 towards repairs to the car park and £500 towards repairs to the toilet
- It was asked if the harbour licensing included taking on maintenance to the harbour itself,
- Councillor Kennedy replied stating that the Parish Council would only be taking on the management of issuing/processing money for the boat licences and would not be taking on the Harbour running/maintenance. He also confirmed that the Parish Council would not be taking on the flowerbeds just the management of them.
- It was asked if there was a contingency for the resurfacing of the car park. It was also mentioned that the run off from the springs in the hillside could damage the road surface.
- Councillor Kennedy responded that each year £750 would be accumulated as a reserve for repairs to the car park. He had examined the surface with a Cornwall engineer and did not think it would need replacing for 20/30 years so the money could be allocated from this.
- It was asked how the devolution proposal started and was it originally suggested by Cornwall Council or the Parish Council
- Councillor Kennedy stated that the Parish Council had originally discussed the option of taking on the Toilet during the time in which they were under threat of possible closure. But it was not appropriate as they would have to be subsidised from the precept. Cornwall Council responded by asking if there was anything else that could be taken on i.e. harbour licence, sign cleaning. So it became an amalgam but the original idea was from the Parish Council.
- It was reported that the toilet windows were permanently left open for ventilation and had corroded so would need replacing before taking on.
- Councillor Kennedy stated that the pans and cisterns were all to be replaced prior to taking them on however he would take the request forward and the request for alternative ventilation to prevent corrosion in the future.
- It was asked if there were other Parish Councils with similar ambitions
- Councillor Kennedy stated that Millbrook were in discussions to take on their public toilets and car park, which was useful as it could be proposed to reciprocate the use of the services of the toilet cleaner to offset the risk of the cleaner(s) being

unavailable. This would increase the cost slightly due to transport but would provide a backup.

- It was asked if the Parish Council would be enforcing the proper use of the billet licences as it currently requires better policing. It was reported that people are being told by the harbour master to use another billet/mooring if theirs is occupied by another boat
- Councillor Kennedy stated that it was only the management of issuing the licence that was being transferred to the Parish Council and that the enforcement would rest with the harbour master. It was agreed that the issue would be raised with Cornwall Council and that the Parish Council would publish and display a list of names and their allocated billet/mooring number.
- It was reported that the bollard post above the path leading to the billets was padlocked and that it was difficult to obtain a key to take a bigger boat up or down the path to the Harbour. Are Parish Council going to ensure that all billet owners have a key?
- Councillor Kennedy stated that one possibility would be for the Parish Council to look into taking possession of a back up key. But for those with licences to still request a key via normal procedures.
- Councillor Nicholas responded stating that the Parish Council had only proposed to take on the issuing of the licences to relieve the long delay some people face but not the enforcement.
- Concerns were raised by a number of parishioners that this could mean that once devolution takes place Cornwall Council will not want to know if there is a problem and refer them back to the Parish Council who do not have the enforcement power.
- It was stated that the car park is misused and abused by people not storing their own vehicles in their garage namely a camper van that was permanently parked and sprung an oil leak which was not cleared up by the owner.
- Councillor Kennedy stated that the Parish Council would be able to set their own charging period and prices so it could put procedures in place so that the enforcement people are willing to come. (Enforcement would remain with the current enforcement agency who keep all money from enforcements made)
- It was asked if the flower beds could be decreased to increase the parking space available before the new white lines painted.
- Councillor Kennedy stated that this could be an option for the future but it would need a lot of funding and that the Parish Council would prefer to get the first year under their belts regarding the operation of a public car park and toilet.
- It was asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to liaise with harbour masters.
- It was asked if the parish Council can issue licences can they revoke them?
- It was stated that in some instances the boats had been too big for their allocated billet and could the dimensions be issued with the licence.
- Councillor Nicholas stated that the parish Council could request that Cornwall repaint billet numbers /lines so they are clearly marked.
- Councillor Kennedy stated that if devolved the Parish Council would have a better link to try and influence the harbour masters, it could request a back up key and put procedures in place to gain access to the key. It would raise the point of including dimensions on the billet licence and it would publish and display a list of licence holders and their allocated billet numbers.
- It was commented that the proposal had been well thought out.
- It was asked if the management of the flower beds would include the walkway and the brambles on top of the seawall.
- Councillor Kennedy replied that the costing allowed for approximately 5 visits of 3 hours per year so this could be included. And that it was proposed to make the beds more manageable. The brambles would be included on the work schedule.
- Councillor Nicholas stated that despite this it was the responsibility of the person who owns the foreshore to maintain it.
- It was asked if the Parish Council were confident to take this on without risk
- It was also asked what would happen if a different Parish council were to be elected and not be prepared to run it well.
- Councillor Kennedy replied that there would be a 12 month get out clause and Cornwall council could also withdraw if it found the Parish Council to be performing

unsatisfactorily. Should there be a complete change of councillors continuity would remain via the clerk.

- It was noted that there had been an earlier public meeting in February to which all Portwrinkle residents were targeted to see if they would be on board. A show of 26 hands indicated support of the proposals with 2 abstentions

Councillor Kennedy Councillor asked people to raise their hands if they wished the Parish Council to continue in its detailed discussions with Cornwall Council to move forward with the proposals.

A show of all 21 hands indicated support of the proposals with no abstentions.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:45.

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