

## SHEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL

### **Notes from the Public Meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Crafhole, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 commencing at 6.30pm.**

Apologies were received from Councillor Nicholas, Councillor Medway, Jean and Robert Goslin, Laura Harris, David Smith, Barbara Snowling and Keith Waterfield.

Councillor Kennedy, Chair of Shevioc Parish Council opened the meeting and thanked all those in attendance. He presented the proposals, including a summary of the costs, for the Parish Council to take responsibility for managing the car park, the public toilets and the flower beds at Portwrinkle and the issuing of licences for the harbour. The floor was then given to the parishioners present to air their views.

**Car Park:** Devolution will put the Parish Council in charge of the car parking tariffs and will create an annual surplus to enable further initiatives within the Parish to be developed. The Enforcement people will operate as they do at present and at a cost to Cornwall Council. If there were persistent overstays then the community would be responsible for telephoning the enforcement officers who would then attend and issue notices. No overnight parking will be allowed and notices will be put up to this effect. The question of resident parking passes was raised, particularly for the winter months. The thinking at present is that the car park will be charged for between 9am-5pm during the summer so that residents can enjoy the facility early mornings and in the evenings free of charge. All options will be on the table for discussion in October. The Parish Council does not want the car park to become so big that Portwrinkle is overwhelmed and so the car park spaces will remain as they are now. Cornwall Council has failed to come up with the funding for a car park in Crafhole but, if enough surpluses were built up from the car park charges at Portwrinkle and this could be match funded, then there could be a possibility of chargeable car parking in Crafhole. This would help in the busy summer months.

**Flower Beds:** Concerns were raised about the upkeep of the flower beds. A representative for Mrs Laura Harris expressed her viewpoint of getting rid of the flower beds and spending the money saved on the public toilets.

There is a capital cost to getting rid of them. Residents have expressed an interest in helping with the upkeep and a promise of £500 has been secured that could be used towards flowers etc. Other possible streams of funding for the flower beds were discussed. There is an agreement with Highways to cover the flower bed maintenance and the Parish Council has operated a similar agreement for the last four years, for the amenity grass cutting, without any problems. There were some concerns over dogs fouling the flower beds. One idea put forward is to raise the flower beds so that they become a barrier to dogs automatically walking on to them. There would be a need for grant funding to enable this work to be carried out however.

**Public Toilets:** If the Parish Council takes on the public toilets this will ensure that they remain open. Cornwall Council does not have a duty to provide public toilets. It was the general consensus of opinion that it would not be reasonable to expect the hotel toilets to be available as public conveniences. Cornwall Council has recently upgraded the public toilets and so repairs and maintenance costs should be at a minimum for the first few years. However, a sum of £600 per annum will be put aside to cover any future costs.

The Parish Council would accept the devolution of the car park and the public toilets on a Lease Agreement from Cornwall Council for 99 years with a 12 month get out clause by either party. The proposed Lease Agreement and costs were on display for all to see.

No formal vote was taken but there was general assent for the Parish Council to take this forward.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.