



January Reports 2011

Agenda Item 7.1

***Devon & Cornwall***

*Constabulary*

**STITHIANS COUNCIL MEETING POLICE REPORT**

**TUESDAY 18th JANUARY 2011**

PC Dave Cook and PCSO Andy Huddleston regret that they are unable to attend this evening's meeting as they are on rest days but wish everyone a belated Happy New Year.

For the two month period since your last meeting on the 16th November there have been nine crimes reported in the parish, as follows;

On the A394 at Longdowns, a vehicle was stopped and the driver given a Fixed Penalty for possession of cannabis.

A car was scratched in Collins Parc.

A Public house was broken into and money from a gaming machine stolen.

A farmer's fence was damaged, possibly by walkers.

There was an Affray in the village, for which the Offender is to be reprimanded.

There was a road rage incident at Longdowns that resulted in two assaults. The Offender is to be Charged with Assault and Driving without Due Care.

There was a public order incident in the village for which the Offender has been Cautioned.

A number of silage bales away from the village had their coverings slashed.

We are pleased to report that the Festive period passed relatively peacefully, with no incidents of antisocial behaviour being reported, and progress is continuing with the Youth Shelter application.

PCSO 30143 Andy Huddleston.

Agenda Item 7.2

**Cornwall Councillor Plummer**

Cllr Plummer sent me the following information on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

Dear John,

Would you please report the following to the Council?

Besides any emails I have sent you I have been involved with the following:

- 1 Patching works mostly everywhere and inform the council of works due on the 19-20<sup>th</sup> January at Trewithen Moor requiring road closure.(particularly bad at Treweek).
- 2 Enforcement issues with Jackie McGowan.
- 3 Andy Bartle regarding my Local Member Scheme Priority for the Division-----  
Tregolls/Tretheague Flooding issues from Church way Fields. The drains were rodded and assessment made of connections to the river. This will be reported in the future when a scheme has been produced.
- 4 I have now also been elected as a substitute on the Western Area Planning Committee besides confirmed as Strategic Planning Member.

- 5 My Grants of £1,000 to St. Stythians Cricket Club have been paid.
- 6 The Grant of £1,500 is being processed to be made to the Village Institute.
- 7 Salting issues throughout the cold spell by my request for call outs to the roads in St. Stythians. (No change in policy except that a Cornwall Councillor's request for special visits in the rural area usually receives a positive response. It was in my case at Tubbon Hill and Rame Cross.)

Finally if there is any issue you wish me to follow let me know.

Neil

**JV Calvert**  
**Clerk**  
**18<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Agenda Item 10**

**Stithians Structure Plan Meeting held on Tuesday 11 Jan 2011**

**Decisions required:**

1. To approve and adopt the revised questionnaire.
2. To approve expenditure of £30 to obtain a list of addresses from Cornwall Council.

**Report:**

1. Further to the circulation of the questionnaire and comments made and suggestions made by members of the PC the structure group went through the questionnaire again in detail and made some changes to the circulated copy. The secretary intends to make the changes, send it to all members of the group to check that the changes made were those agreed and hopefully get the revised version to PC members before the meeting.

*Clerk's Note:*

*The suggestions mentioned above were my initial thoughts and some from SOME Members, but not all. It was not meant to be a comprehensive list of suggested amendments. The whole idea of presenting it to this meeting is so that if Members wish it to be amended in any way, those suggestions can be put to the committee. As soon as I receive the revised version, I shall circulate it.*

2. It had been agreed at the previous meeting that, due to cost, most of the questionnaires would be delivered by hand and only those in difficult and very outlying areas would be posted but that all would still be collected by hand. Some time was spent on the wording of the label to go on the envelope to explain this and it was also agreed that this information would be included at the end of the questionnaire.
3. The Council tax department were contacted and (as we only need addresses and not names) will let us have a mail merge file of all 800+ addresses for an admin cost of £30. Sharon Richards is to contact J Calvert to arrange for payment to be made and will then send us the file. Once we have the file then a meeting will be arranged to sort out delivery and identify any that will need to be posted.

**Cllr V Kavanagh**  
**13.1.11**

**Clerk's Report for Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Summary of Decisions Required (Details in report):**

1. To note the Parish Council's current financial position.
2. To note information provided on the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund.
3. To decide whether or not to make a donation of £500 towards repairs at the Institute.
4. To note the information provided on maintenance contracts.
5. To agree that the Members' Handbook, once updated, will be issued and updated, when necessary, electronically.

**Report:**

**11.1 Council's Current Financial Position:**

Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to this Report show the Council's financial position as at 11<sup>th</sup> January. If Members have any queries on the accounts, I shall, of course, be pleased to address them at the meeting.

**11.2 Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund:**

As Members are aware, I am in receipt of the £5,000 which Members have agreed to use towards the provision of a Youth Shelter which is the subject of a separate report elsewhere on the agenda. For Members' information, I have received a letter from Cornwall Council dated 7<sup>th</sup> January stating that, as a consequence of the Government's Spending Review, the ALSF will be discontinued with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. This is therefore the last ALSF money we are likely to receive.

**11.3 Application for Repairs to the Institute:**

Councillor Vincent has prepared a report on this matter and it appears as Appendix 4 to this report.

**11.4 Maintenance Contracts:**

Notices have been posted on Notice Boards and on the website inviting tenders for the Playing Field Caretaker, Lower Churchyard Grass Cutting, Playing Field Grass Cutting and Playing Field Hedge Trimming. Tenders are due to be returned by 4<sup>th</sup> February and will be reported to your February meeting. Contracts will be for three years from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**11.5 Members' Handbook:**

Most Members have a copy of the "Blue Book", which is in need of updating in several respects. Once that is done, it is my intention to issue it electronically – I hope Members will agree.

**JV Calvert,  
Clerk  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 2010 - 2011**

**INCOME**

	<u>Financial Position as at 11th January 2011</u>	
	Budget	Income to Date
Cornwall Council Precept	54,000.00	54,000.00
CCC Footpath Maintenance	1,700.00	0.00
Rugby Club - Use of Field	485.00	482.29
Tennis Court Fees	440.00	330.00
Bowling Club	60.00	100.00
Pigeon Racing Club	40.00	40.00
Wayleaves	19.30	23.45
Other	0.00	6,174.43
Refund from MVRG	0.00	500.00
Refund of VAT	0.00	831.61
Dividend from War Stock	85.00	85.88
Bank Interest	500.00	503.02
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>57,329.30</b>	<b>63,070.68</b>

		Total Interest (War Stock + Bank Int) = 588.90						
<u>Individual Breakdown:</u>		85.88	503.02	330.00	0.00	831.61	6,174.43	500.00
Totals:		War Stock	Bank Int.	Tennis	CCC F'tpath	VAT Refund	Other	From MVRG
War Stock Interest	6-Apr	2.58						
Bank Interest	1-Apr		55.55					
Bank Interest	9-Apr		0.83					
From Bowling Club re LAP Invoice	21-Apr						277.57	
VAT Refund	22-Apr					148.12		
Bank Interest	1-May		53.82					
Bank Interest	10-May		0.83					
Tennis Fees	20-May			120.00				

Cornwall Council - NNDR Refund	24-May				394.71
War Stock Dividend	1-Jun	37.78			
Bank Interest	1-Jun		55.66		
Bank Interest	10-Jun		0.81		
PCC for Lower Churchyard	16-Jun				350.00
Stithians Fayre - Parish Plan	16-Jun				3.16
Bank Interest	1-Jul		53.92		
War Stock Interest	5-Jul	2.58			
Bank Interest	9-Jul		0.81		
Bank Interest	1-Aug		55.78		
Bank Interest	9-Aug		0.83		
Bank Interest	1-Sep		55.83		
Bank Interest	9-Sep		0.83		
Tennis Fees	23-Sep			168.00	
War Stock Interest	5-Oct	2.58			
Cornwall Council - NNDR Refund	11-Oct		0.86		148.99
Bank Interest	1-Oct		54.08		
CC(ALSF)/interet/Tennis Fees	12-Nov		0.78	42.00	5,000.00
Bank Interest	1-Nov		55.94		
War Stock Dividend/Bank Interest	1-Dec	37.78	54.19		
Towards Parish Plan	3-Dec				500.00
VAT Refund	4-Dec			683.49	
Bank Interest	9-Dec		0.81		
War Stock Interest	5-Jan	2.58			
Bank Interest	10-Jan		0.86		

**Report for Meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Request for Grant from the Institute.**

**Decision Required: That this report be accepted.**

**Recommendation: That a Grant be approved.**

**Report:**

A request has been received from Mr. Ben Buckingham, on behalf of the Institute, for a grant of £500.00 to meet partial costs of renovating and repairing the building in New Road, Stithians.

Membership of the Snooker Club using the Institute has increased to approximately 30 in number, of whom some 75% are young people. Already considerable improvements have been carried out using existing funds, including replacing the windows and internal decoration. The request for funds is being made so that the toilet facilities can be put in order and the ceiling repaired in that area.

A new committee has been formed to run the Institute and I understand that Mr. Robert Buckingham has been appointed Treasurer. The extensive work carried out so far is the result of better management and commitment. A revised system of membership and usage fees are in place to cover running costs.

It is essential that the toilets be operational for the building to be in full use and, in view of the number of young people now wishing to use the facilities, I consider the request to be worthy of consideration. In fact it could go a long way to alleviate the lack of recreational interests for the youth of the community.

Despite the current financial climate and the decision not to increase the precept, I am of the opinion that the Council should support the Institute as far as it is able.

**E.C. Vincent  
08.01.2011**

**STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JANUARY MEETING**

<b><u>Application No. and Applicant(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Proposal</u></b>	<b><u>Date Received from Cornwall Council</u></b>	<b><u>Date Passed to Planning Portfolio Holder</u></b>	<b><u>Stithians Parish Council Recommendation</u></b>	<b><u>Date Returned to Cornwall Council</u></b>	<b><u>Date Notification Received from Cornwall Council</u></b>	<b><u>Decision of Cornwall Council</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Cornwall Council's Decision</u></b>
PA08/01819/T PO Mr N Wilson-Holt	Kennall House Ghost Hill Ponsanooth	Proposed works to various trees	05/11/08	05/11/08	Support with Conditions	19/11/08			
PA10/05556 Mr & Mrs Gilbert	The Bungalow Trevaes Farm	Construction of Extension to north east Elevation	16/09/10	16/09/10	Support with Conditions	23/09/10	17/12/10	Approved with Conditions	16/12/10
PA10/06588 Mr B Watkins	1 The Old Vicarage	Felling of Cherry Tree, lopping of Monterey Pine and Removal of 2 Beech Trees	23/10/10	23/10/10	Support	17/11/10	01/12/10	Approved with conditions	30/11/10
PA10/08249 Mr R Cooper	Blue Hayes Pelean Cross	Construction of Two Storey Extension	14/12/10	14/12/10					

**AGENDA ITEM 12.3(a)**

**PA10/08249 – 'Blue Hayes' – 2 Storey Extension**

**Decision Required:**

To support or oppose.

**Recommendation:**

Support

**REPORT:**

Councillor Kavanagh and I visited this site on 9<sup>th</sup> January and met the applicant, Mr Cooper.

The application is for the construction of a 2 storey extension to Blue Hayes. Blue Hayes is a small detached bungalow sitting some 70m back from the main A393 adjacent to Pelean Cross. The bungalow sits in an extensive garden (circa 1 acre) and is shielded by trees so is barely visible from the road or neighbouring properties.

The application is for a 2 storey extension to the rear of the bungalow which aims to provide a new kitchen and utility room on the ground floor with an on-suite bedroom above. By necessity the bedroom will have its own staircase as the adjoining section of building is only single storey. Although it's 2 storey the roofline of the extension would appear to be slightly higher than that of the existing bungalow. The exterior finish of the extension is designed to match that of the existing building i.e. pebble dash wall and fibre composite tiles.

Although we did not enter the bungalow it is obvious that interior is very small and hence the proposed extension would greatly improve the living conditions, in addition the extension will not be clearly visible to the general public therefore I recommend we support the application.

NB. Prior to our site visit we were a little concerned as the information supplied by CC, via the internet, was a number of poor quality, small scale plan drawings which made it difficult to determine the actual scale and layout of the proposed extension.

**Cllr R Nicholls**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM 12.4(a)**

**PA11/00071 – 'Kennall House, Ponsanooth – Tree Works**

**Decision Required:**

To support or oppose.

**Recommendation:**

Support

**REPORT:**

Jim Lyle and I visited this site on 14<sup>th</sup> January; unfortunately the owner of the trees, Dr Wilson-Holt, was unable to meet us, however we were met by his gardener who was able to identify the trees and specify the work in question.

The application is to carry out tree surgery with respect to the following:

- To fell – 1 X large beech – The tree has been affected by recent gales and is currently at an angle of 10° with evidence of root disturbance. The owner is concerned that should it fall it would fall on his house.

- To fell – 3 X ash trees – The upper crowns of all these trees have deadwood as a result of dieback.
- Raising of the crown – 1 X large/mature horse chestnut – This is a specimen of good amenity value and a feature tree of the property however there is a degree of unbalance and excessive shading to the underlying border.

It was our opinion that this was a fair request in an effort to both generate and support tree growth in a fine garden therefore I recommend we support the application.

**Cllr R Nicholls**  
14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011

**AGENDA ITEM 12.5**

**Clerk's Report for Meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**ENFORCEMENT**

**Decision Required:**

1. That this report be accepted and its content noted.
2. To take whatever further action Members consider necessary in the light of the content of the report.

**Report:**

Progress, or lack of it, is reported below.

**The Paddocks, Penhalvean (EH/EN09/00218):**

From e-mails I have seen, it would seem that David Chough, Principal Planning Officer (West) at Cornwall Council is gradually getting to grips with this case. He is due to meet Mr Ken Hobbs of Higher Trelusback on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January in order for Mr Hobbs to inform him of the situation as he sees it. I hope to be able to report further to the February meeting.

**Higher Nanpean Farm (CS/JH/EN08/00069):**

At the time of writing this report I had had no response to my request on 9<sup>th</sup> November for an update other than that "Jackie McGowan was familiarising herself with the files prior to visiting the site to consider possible action." Yet another officer dealing with the case - it seems that things are once again stagnating, despite Cllr Plummer being involved. I again requested an update on 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**Carncrees Farm (CS/EN08/00396):**

This matter remains as reported to the May meeting:

Although this particular matter is closed, as I have previously stated, I shall leave it in the report as Cornwall Council are, they say, informally monitoring the situation. Indeed, as I reported to the April meeting, they have visited the site and the caravan remains but with no evidence of occupancy. CC wish to be informed if this changes. I reported verbally to your July meeting that, should the LPA become aware of any breach of planning control then the matter will be investigated in accordance with the prevailing procedures.

**Static Caravan on Land opposite Tremenhere Farm (KAS/EN0900402):**

As I reported to the September meeting and every one since, the owner now wishes to use this caravan as holiday accommodation. I am informed that Development Management do not feel planning permission would be granted for this caravan to be used as a holiday unit, but the owner still wishes to make an application. The Case Officer has provided him with forms and afforded him until 12<sup>th</sup> November to submit an application. She will update me when and if this comes in. She has reiterated to him that enforcement has been authorised, support is unlikely for the use and that his application is expected in the by 12<sup>th</sup> November. Having heard nothing I asked on 12<sup>th</sup> January for an update.

Kennall Mill (GR/EN10/03560):

I am informed that officers from Conservation and Enforcement were due to visit on 11<sup>th</sup> January. I do not realistically expect to hear anything on this in time for your meeting but I certainly hope that there will be some information for the February meeting.

Four Acres, Carn - Mr J Burton (KAS/EN10/00097):

I have had no further information on Mr Burton's use of these premises. On the assumption that the neighbours are therefore happy with the situation, I intend to remove it from future reports

Longdowns Service Station (KAS/EN10/03606):

I am informed that this case has been closed as it is not expedient to pursue enforcement action.

Penhalveor – Change of use of Garage to Living Accommodation (KAS/EN10/03400):

I am informed that this file has been closed on the basis that there was no breach of planning control.

Trevales – Widening of access (GR/EN10/03779):

CC inform me that the access was widened to allow delivery of the caravan and the land has been restored. The caravan is included in PA10/05556 (now approved) and is classed as permitted development. The file is therefore closed.

Penhalvean Pottery (GR/EN10/04107):

The use of the caravan site is permitted development. The use of the buildings, however, is subject to further investigation. Having heard nothing, I requested an update on 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Café – Struthal Farm, Herniss (KAS/EN10/04332):

The fact that this café now appears to be operating without planning consent was brought to Members' attention at the October meeting. Consent was granted on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 for a period of three years after which time a condition stated that the building must be demolished and the ground returned to its original state. I am unaware of any application to extend this period and therefore reported the matter to the Enforcement Section on 26<sup>th</sup> October. I received a reply the same day stating that they would check in the first instance whether a renewal application had been submitted. If not, they will register the matter as a new complaint, investigate and advise me of the position in due course. As a result of information presented to the November meeting, I informed CC that a building had also been erected. Having heard nothing further, I requested an update on 12<sup>th</sup> January.

The Old Coach House, Longdowns:

Acting upon information received on 12<sup>th</sup> January from a resident of Longdowns, I informed CC of the fact that a large wooden building was being erected within the curtilage of this property, seemingly without planning consent

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Any further information received after the publication of this report will be reported verbally to your meeting.

**JV Calvert,  
Clerk  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM 12.6**

**Clerk's Report for Meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Decision Required:**

That this report be accepted and its content noted.

Report:

**12.6 LICENSING:**

Having checked Cornwall Council's website, there are no current applications affecting Stithians. For Members' information, the link is:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=21173](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=21173)

**12.6.1. Stithians Showground:**

The situation remains as previously reported. It is my intention to contact Yvonne Toms soon after your meeting with a view to reporting further to the February meeting

**JV Calvert,  
Clerk**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM 13**

**CLERK'S REPORT FOR MEETING TO BE HELD ON  
18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**

**PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL CEMETERY SPACE**

**DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

- 1. To note and approve the content of this report.**
- 2. To make any further decisions in the light of information presented in the report and at the meeting.**

**REPORT:**

Included as Appendix 1 to this report are my notes of the meeting with residents held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January which I suggest Members read before reading this report. Also appended is a copy of the plan used at that meeting and subsequently amended following the meeting.

I would bring to Members' attention the following matters ensuing from the meeting.

**Car Parking:**

A suggestion was made that a turning circle be provided rather than a car park. I do not recommend this course of action, but the decision lies with Members. I feel that to omit a car park it not in the best interests of the users of the cemetery and that, as the space is there, a car park should be provided. I have contacted Mark Broomhead in Cornwall Council's Planning Department and he hopes to be able to respond in time for your meeting but he has stated that it will be only just before. I shall report on his reply at the meeting. I suggest that the car park be relocated approximately as indicated on the plan.

**Mrs Hill, 3 Old Vicarage Close:**

I have been expecting a call from Mrs Hill but at the time of writing had not had one. I shall report further on this at the meeting but I hope that the suggestion of moving the car park will find favour with her.

**Landscape Strip:**

Not having spoken to Mrs Hill I do not know whether this is acceptable to her or whether she still wishes to purchase some land. I hope she will agree to the landscaping as this would provide a bigger "buffer" than I would recommend be sold to her so as not to put a "kink" in the boundary. I shall endeavour to contact her before the meeting. I do not think she will appreciate the suggestion of tall evergreen trees in this area and would not recommend them in any case.

Pedestrian Access from Existing Cemetery:

Mrs Durkin expressed concerns over this but I see it as necessary and can see little that can be done to alleviate her concerns other than to ensure a secure boundary with her property.

Existing Gate in boundary between Access Track and Old Vicarage Close:

It was suggested that this be stopped up and I recommend that, as long as the cost can be covered, it be done. If it can't be done within the present available finance, it could be deferred until finance is available.

Further Meeting:

Members will note that the residents have requested a further meeting once proposals are "firmed up" with a CC Planning Officer present.

Other Matters:

Mrs Durkin has informed me that, once she has consulted the others present at the meeting, she intends to send me an e-mail. Hopefully that will materialise before your meeting at which I shall report its content.

Survey of the site – I have approached four companies, three of whom have submitted quotation ranging from £240 to £575. The fourth one has twice promised a quotation but I'm still waiting. I need to evaluate these tenders – I am not convinced that the lowest will be suitable – and will hopefully be able to report further at your meeting.

**JV Calvert,  
Clerk  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM 13(1)**

**PROPOSED CEMETERY**

**Notes of Site Meeting held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 10am**

Residents Present:

Ms S Harris	Carvean, 1 Old Vicarage Close
Mrs Y Hannah	Marashmel House, 4 Old Vicarage Close
Mr & Mrs Durkin	3 The Old Vicarage

Residents' Apologies:

Mrs K Hill, Chidlow, 3 Old Vicarage Close

Members Present:

Cllr P Tisdale, Chairman  
Cllr Mrs A Kippax  
Cllr R Nicholls  
Cllr D Nightingale  
Cllr Miss J Tisdale

Members' Apologies:

Cllr J Biscoe  
Cllr N Kippax

Cllr N Potter

Those present introduced themselves.

It was assumed, although not confirmed, that Cllrs Mrs Kavanagh and Vincent did not attend because of their previously declared personal interests.

Mike Rodwell, Secretary of the Cricket Club had indicated to the Clerk that the Cricket Club would be represented but this was not the case.

The Clerk outlined the Parish Council's proposals, referring to the plan appended to these notes, which has been amended since the meeting, following comments made at the meeting. He pointed out the area proposed for the actual cemetery and that for the car park. He stated that it was intended that the access track would run alongside the existing footpath and be fenced to form a continuous boundary from Hendra Road to the northern boundary of the site. The security gate for the cemetery would be at the Hendra Road end of the track, where, as a condition of any planning approval, the sight line towards Hendra would have to be improved, thus benefitting the residents of Old Vicarage Close. He pointed out that the Glebe Committee had agreed to a pedestrian link from the existing cemetery to the new as shown on the plan. It was not intended to divert any footpaths and as far as possible existing stiles would be retained. Where footpaths crossed new fence-lines, new stiles or kissing gates would be installed. He went on to say that detailed proposals for the site could not be formulated until such time as a detailed survey of the site had been undertaken to provide an accurate plan on which to base the proposals. One aspect of the proposal which was under consideration was to plant trees along the western boundary of the cemetery as a supply of whips had become available.

The purpose of this meeting was, he said, to receive comments and feedback from those affected by the proposals so as to inform the design of the scheme.

He stated that he was aware that Mrs Hill, who was unable to attend the meeting because of a family bereavement, was concerned at the proximity of the car park to, not just her property, but her actual house. She had made enquiries about buying a strip of land, but the Clerk's suggestion was to reserve a strip of land in the car park, as shown on the plan, a minimum of 3 metres wide at the western end with a maximum of 5 metres at the closest point to Mrs Hill's property. This would then be landscaped and preserved as a "Buffer Zone." He had been in contact with Mrs Hill and was expecting to speak to her further on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. He had assured her that no proposals would be put forward without consulting her first as she is the person most affected.

The Chairman then invited comments from those present.

Mr Durkin asked why the site had been selected and the Clerk, Chairman and Cllr Nightingale went to considerable lengths to explain why it was the only site being made available by the Glebe Committee.

Mrs Hannah stated that she didn't wish to look at either a car park or a cemetery and that she would resist any planning application. The Chairman explained that the loss of view was not a material planning consideration and that any action she took ought to be against Cornwall Council, assuming that they granted permission. She advocated tall evergreen trees in the landscaped area but others were conscious of the effect that they would have on Mrs Hill's property.

Although the residents present were not in favour of a cemetery on the site, if they had to have one their main concern was over the location of the car park. Mr Durkin suggested that a turning circle be provided in the location sketched on the plan, his rationale being that, if there is nowhere to park, drivers will drop people off, park the car in the playing field car park (marked with a cross) and walk through the existing cemetery (shown by an arrow). This also found favour with other residents present. Councillors were not so sure!

Mrs Durkin was concerned at the proximity of the proposed footpath link to her property.

Ms Harris asked what precautions would be taken as regards contamination and was informed by the Clerk that discussion had already taken place with the Environment Agency who were happy with the proposals. She was informed that it would most likely be a condition of any planning consent that they be consulted.

The fact that flooding to Mrs Hill's property had occurred in the past was referred to and Councillors thought that the landscaped strip would go some way to alleviating this.

Ms Harris was concerned about the gate in the boundary between the access track and Old Vicarage Close – she felt that it should be blocked up to maintain privacy from people going to the cemetery.

Mr Durkin asked what timescale was envisaged for the submission of a planning application. The Clerk advised that the next step would be to organise a survey of the site to produce an accurate drawing to use to prepare a planning application. He was hopeful that a planning application could be submitted by the end of March.

The Clerk stated that he intended to consult Cornwall Council Planning over the provision of parking before drawing up any proposals.

Mr Durkin requested a further meeting, with a CC Planning Officer present, before any planning application was submitted.

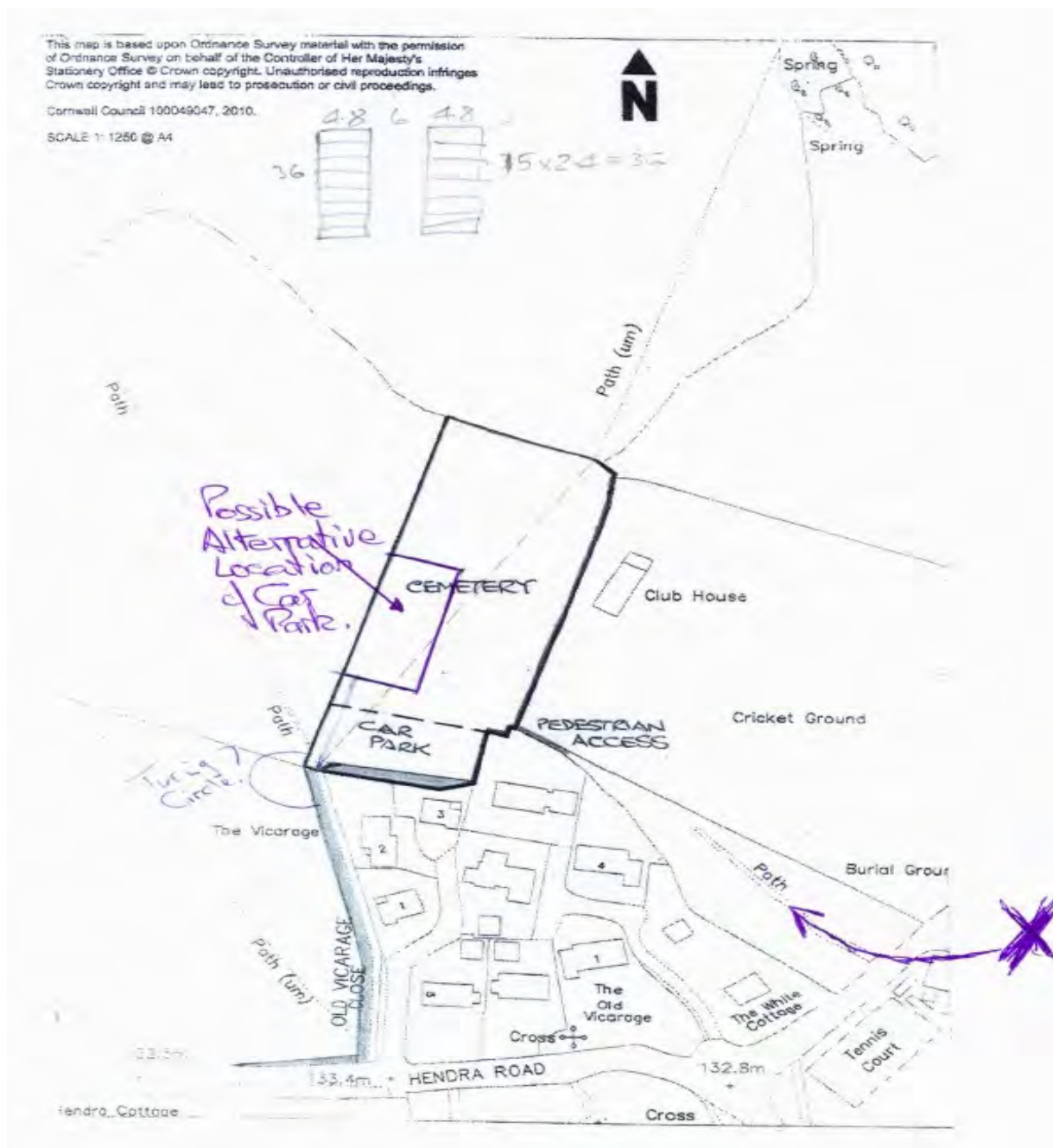
The meeting closed at 10.45.

**JV Calvert**

**Clerk**

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM 13(1)(A)**



**Footpaths, Highways & Environment Report  
To the January 2011 Meeting of the Council.**

**Decision:**

**To accept the report and pursue problems with Councillor Plummer.**

For your information I append the Cornwall Council policy on winter gritting, to which the Area Highways Manager has suggested that we pursue the matter of gritting the bus routes through Stithians with Councillor Plummer. It would seem that the policy under which I worked has been thrown out with the bathwater. From the winter of 1963 until I left the County in 1989, it was set out that primary gritting should be along all trunk and A class roads, with secondary routes to include B class roads, bus routes and at least one main route into all villages. These would take precedence over any other problem areas. Under the present system we have the situation whereby no public transport will enter the village along New Road or Crelow Lane which is the main route through for all bus routes because the roads are not treated. This means that the elderly people have no means of travel and that the footways are too dangerous to walk on for everyone.

It must also be noted that the First National company have refused to send a bus capable of taking disabled people to and from the required destinations, despite the promises made by their representative at our meeting. After discussions on Radio Cornwall and many phone calls, they agreed to send a bus for the disabled last Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. However when it arrived, it was a standard step bus with no provision for wheel chair access, consequently the customers had to make much more expensive arrangements.

There has been no movement on providing a solution to the flooding problem at Tregolls despite the apparent support from Councillor Plummer.

The patching programme is only partially complete with promises of a restart in February 2011, which under the present weather conditions seems very doubtful.

Our request for road-marking at various locations is also put on hold because the pot has run dry and will have to wait until April 2011. Many of the sections under complaint have now been waiting two years with the same excuse each time the request is repeated.

**E.C. Vincent**  
20.12.2010

**Cornwall Council Winter Gritting Policy**

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Dear Ted

**Re: ICY ROADS AROUND STITHIANS**

I appreciate your comments regarding previous policy, however I can only work to current Council policy as set out in our 'Winter Service Plan' please see relevant extracts below:

*"2.1.1 Precautionary Salting Network*

*The precautionary network has been developed to include the following roads:*

*™ Most heavily-trafficked roads in the county based on the hierarchy developed for the Highway Maintenance Plan.*

*™ Accesses to sites of strategic importance not included above, including but not limited to hospital minor injury units and most fire stations.*

*™ Access routes to all of the county's secondary schools.*

*™ All B roads that are not covered by the above.*

*The precautionary network comprises about 1400km of roads, identified on the individual routes included within the detailed operational procedures. Each route has been designed to ensure that it can be completed within a treatment time of 3 hours for normal salting activities and to maximise route efficiency.*

#### *2.1.2 Adjacent Highway Authorities*

*For reasons of route integrity, sections of Devon County Council's road network as detailed in the operational procedures are salted by Cornwall Council under an operational agreement between the two councils.*

#### *2.1.3 Exceptions*

*It should be noted that whilst the principles set out above have been used to determine the precautionary salting network, there remain short sections of road that would otherwise be included in the precautionary network which it is not practicable to include due to width and/or weight constraints. Network Rail level crossings have equipment which is prone to signal failure when solutions high in salt exist. Lengths of road on the precautionary network between the STOP lines at level crossings will not be salted.*

#### *2.2 Salting of Other Roads*

*The Council will provide a reactive service to selected other roads only where the effective treatment to the precautionary network is not compromised. Should prolonged periods of cold weather occur, consideration will be given to taking measures necessary to treat additional roads.*

*Should snow clearance be required from footways and cycleways, this will be undertaken in conjunction with snow clearance from carriageways, on a risk-based approach."*

As stated previously we have some informal secondary routes, but there is no formal policy stating that the Council will prioritise all bus routes. If you disagree with this policy, I urge you to discuss the matter with Cornwall Councillor Neil Plummer to see if he can influence the policy for inclusion in next year's Winter Service Plan.

I hope this information is helpful.

Regards

**Andy Bartle, Area Highway Manager, Highways Service**

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## **AGENDA ITEM 15.1-15.5**

### **Clerk's Reports for Meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

#### **PLAYING FIELD PORTFOLIO**

##### **Decisions Required:**

1. To note and approve the content of the Report on the Playing Field meeting and Appendix 1, particularly noting and agreeing the financial implications contained therein.
2. To note information provided relating to Stithians Football Club.
3. To make any decisions as regards the Youth Shelter that may be necessary following discussion at the meeting.
4. To make any decisions as regards the use of the Playing Field in connection with the Royal Wedding Celebration that may be necessary following discussion at the meeting.

##### **Reports:**

##### **15.1 Playing Field Meeting:**

The attached notes (Appendices 1 and 2) of the Meeting with the Playing Field Caretaker held on 11<sup>th</sup> January form the basis of this report and Members are asked to approve them and the financial implications contained therein.

*15.2 Rugby Club:*

This is the subject of a separate report prepared by Cllr Vincent.

*15.3 Football Club:*

I have nothing further to report at present.

*15.4 Youth Shelter:*

The meeting between Andy Huddleston and Dawn Froggat took place on 16<sup>th</sup> December and it seems that any application for funding will need to be submitted by the Parish Council. I have been trying to contact Andy Huddleston in this regard but with no success at the time of writing this report. Hopefully I shall be able to report further verbally at the meeting.

*15.5 Use of Playing Field for Royal Wedding Celebration:*

Hopefully, the Landlord and/or Landlady of the Seven Stars will have spoken in the public part of the meeting and, having considered their proposals, any necessary decisions can be taken at this point in the meeting.

**JV Calvert,  
Clerk  
13<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Appendix 1 to AGENDA ITEM 15.1(1)**

**NOTES OF PLAYING FIELD PROGRESS MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**

**Present:**

(NP) Councillor N Potter – Playing Field Portfolio Holder  
(JT) Councillor Miss J Tisdale – Assistant Playing Field Portfolio Holder  
(JVC) John Calvert - Clerk  
(TM) Tyrone Martin – Playing Field Caretaker

**Notes of Meeting:**

As has become normal practice, the notes of the previous meeting, in this case, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010, were used as an agenda with any other items included at the end or as necessary.

*1. Caretaker's Store:*

TM advised that he could not foresee his needing to use Cllr Nightingale's building, at least for the present. JVC advised of the possibility of the Rugby Club developing the site of the pavilion, at which time some form of storage would need to be made available to the Caretaker. Whether that would be separate or integrated into any new building remained to be seen.

*2. Fencing to Ennis & Carbis:*

As reported to the last meeting, TM had erected the agreed nine metre length of fencing along the worst part of the fence. The invoice for the work was agreed at the October PC meeting. It was agreed at the last meeting that a further 9m length would be erected at the same cost. TM Now advised that a total of 12m was required. This was agreed at the same rates.

*3. Dog Fouling in the New Playing Field:*

As before, TM is continuing to monitor the situation and fouling does not appear to have worsened.

*4. Regular Inspection Reports:*

JVC advised that TM had not been submitting his inspection reports; there was therefore none available for consideration at this meeting. He advised that they had been completed and undertook to submit them ASAP and to submit them on a regular basis in future.

#### *5. Litter Bins:*

TM reported that the litter bins in both playing fields were now being emptied on a regular basis. He pointed out that the lid was still missing from the bin near the children's play area. JVC had been informed in November that the lid would be replaced. He advised that he would send a reminder to Tom Marks at CC.

#### *6. Signage:*

As stated previously, all the signs have now been erected with the exception of the one on the gate to be erected in the lower gap between the two playing fields.

JVC had reported to the last meeting that there were projecting bolts behind the sign on the tennis court. TM had agreed to rectify the matter, but had not yet had the opportunity. To be done ASAP.

It was agreed at the last meeting that the gate in the lower gap would be hinged at the lower end (away from the pavilion) leaving a pedestrian gap at the upper end where there was a stone face to the Cornish hedge.

TM has already submitted a quotation for the fixing of this gate and sign in the sum of £150.96 comprising £40 labour and the remainder being materials which would be collected from LA Phillips and invoiced on the Parish Council's account. The work had not yet been completed as he had had difficulty in sourcing suitable hinges, which he had now obtained from Cornwall Farmers at additional cost.

He hoped to do the work before the date of the next PF meeting.

#### *7. Wooden Train:*

The train has now been completely refurbished and replaced in the Playing Field. TM was congratulated on the standard of work. JVC thought it was probably better than the original. TM presented his invoice in the agreed sum of £995.

#### *8. Damaged/Dead Trees:*

Jim Lyle had advised the PC at the November meeting that the whips which were to come from the Woodland Trust would not be robust enough to use in the Playing Field. He has advised that there were several avenues that he could explore in order to obtain replacement standard trees for the playing field and that he would report further to the January meeting. He warned that it may be necessary to move at least one tree in the playing field to accommodate a youth shelter.

#### *9. Annual Safety Inspection:*

All the high risk items and several of the low risk ones have now been dealt with. It was therefore decided to leave any further work, unless it became urgent, until after receipt of the 2011 Report in April.

#### *10. Life Expectancy of Play Equipment:*

The following information, reported to the May meeting, still applies:

##### *Slide:*

Successive inspections have advised that the slide is at the end of its useful life and have pointed out that the general condition is "not good with excessive wear on the steps, step fixings and fish plate detail". This inspection was no different and, although wear is evident, the site inspection once again gave no cause for alarm save the fact that there was evidence of corrosion on the handrails but nowhere near as bad as the report would lead one to believe. The report advocates immediate replacement as it has reached the end of its useful life. There is no doubt that this is one of the most popular pieces of equipment and whilst there is also no doubt that it will need replacement at some point in the future, those present felt that there is still some life left in it as long as it is monitored weekly and well maintained.

##### *Carousel:*

This is another piece of equipment that the inspector has taken a dislike to because of its age. She has suggested that it ought to be replaced by 2014 but, like the slide, it is extremely popular. As long as it is well maintained, it should be OK for longer.

*See Saw:*

This is something else that the Inspector says should be replaced. She has identified rust on the side panels, but our site inspection did not agree. She also found wear in the linkage which, whilst present, is not excessive and will be closely monitored. This is another popular piece of equipment.

**11. Inspection Report dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010:**

The content of this report was discussed at the October meeting. The following actions were agreed:

1. *Litter Bin Lid Missing:*  
This matter is referred to under Litter Bins.
2. *Big Slide – Rust Hole in Tube:*  
TM to close slide with chain (not merely red and white tape) and obtain and erect a notice reading “Closed for Repair” before removing the part in order to obtain an estimate from SJ Andrews for its replacement. Quotation for this and TM’s labour to be discussed with the Clerk and Portfolio Holder to authorise the work prior to reporting to the February meeting. This course of action was agreed so that the slide would be out of use and without a handrail for the shortest possible
3. *Roundabout – Rust Hole in Platform:*  
JVC had agreed to this repair being carried out as an emergency and it had been completed and invoiced at the October PC meeting.
4. *Safety surface Repairs:*  
JVC to prepare comprehensive report on all safety surfacing as there are several areas in need of attention. Other commitments have so far prevented this.

**12. Other Matters:**

1. *Padlock to Playing Field Lower Gate:*  
TM advised the October meeting that another padlock was needed to prevent the gates being opened by lifting the bolt out of the ground. This had been installed and an invoice in the sum of £14.68 was presented to the meeting.
2. *Scale swing:*  
TM advised that, although two seats had recently been replaced, the other two now needed replacing. This was agreed.

**13. Next Meeting:**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 2pm.

**John Calvert,  
Clerk  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM 15.2**

**Report on Meeting with the Rugby Club**

**Decisions required:**

1. **To consider the request for extension of lease on the Pavilion**
2. **To consider the transfer of the MOU into a 99 year lease**
3. **To consider the erection of a barrier to prevent encroachment on the children’s play area**

**Recommendations:**

1. **To extend the lease on the pavilion to 99 years with the Rugby Club responsible for its maintenance and upkeep**
2. **To hold further discussions with the club on use of the playing field as a training ground.**

I had a preliminary meeting with David Aynsley on the 08<sup>th</sup> December 2010 followed by my attendance at the club committee meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> December. At the first meeting the question was discussed of how the club might be in a position to obtain grants from the RFC if they had a substantial lease. This would have to be a minimum of 50 years for minimum grant, or, preferably 99 years for maximum grants. I pointed out that the PC possessed the lease to the club’s pitch and that the Glebe had turned down our request to purchase it; however the PC were prepared to extend the

lease on the pavilion. This, I understood would be sufficient to obtain a grant to build changing rooms on the existing footprint. The club had already had informal talks with the Planning Authority who suggested an agricultural barn type building for two changing rooms, showers etc. to the same height as the existing pavilion.

*Clerk's Note: It would not be a case of extending the lease, as there isn't one – the use of the Pavilion by the RFC is covered by the MOU. Minute 14/11/10(2)(i) instructed the Clerk to write to the RFC with an offer to discuss the possibility of the RFC taking a lease from the Parish Council of the ground currently occupied by the pavilion to enable the pavilion to be demolished and replaced with a new building funded by grants obtained by the RFC. This I did on 18<sup>th</sup> November, which letter also referred to other matters. I have received no response, not even an acknowledgement. A copy of the letter is included for Members' information as Appendix 1 to this report. As the PC has agreed discuss a lease of the site of the Pavilion, Members now need to decide whether to actually offer one and if so, for how long.*

When I attended the committee meeting I was confronted with additional requests for the area used at present for training, basically the old rugby pitch, to also have a 99 year lease so that the club could obtain a start-up grant to provide proper lighting for training purposes. As a safeguard, the club suggested a barrier between the pitch and the play area to prevent encroachment on to that part. If this was accepted by the PC, there may well be conflict with our other aims to provide a youth shelter and the football goalposts for the youth. It would also mean that the Football Club request to use the area for their matches could not be considered. To have both clubs using the area would destroy the turf, whereas the present use on one or two evenings a week for rugby training does not cause deterioration.

*Clerk's Note: Surely the best option for training would be for the RFC to use the same pitch as they currently play on and to budget for suitable lighting within the redevelopment of the pavilion? This would then give the PC more scope to develop the old playing field without the necessity to accommodate the RFC.*

*Obviously, any of the changes referred to in this report will, if implemented, necessitate changes to the MOU.*

*I would also reiterate that longevity of use of the new pitch is entirely at the discretion of the Glebe Committee. They have refused to sell it to the PC and the PC cannot relinquish their lease because of the loans associated with it. The current lease expires on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2027. If necessary, in order to provide the RFC with some form of security, the PC could ask for the lease to be extended.*

*Other factors which need to be taken into account when and if the pavilion site is leased to the RFC include the current storage afforded to the Playing Field Caretaker and the use of toilet facilities within the building by the Bowling Club.*

Additional information: In 2015 England are hosting the Rugby World Cup and heritage funding will be available. The Rugby Club anticipate the pavilion rebuild to be in the region of £100,000 and they celebrate their 125 year anniversary also in 2015.

**E.C. Vincent**  
**20.12.2010**

**AGENDA ITEM 15.2(1)**

Mr N Garlick  
Hon. Secretary, Stithians RFC  
Treskewes Cottage,  
Trewithen Moor,  
Stithians,  
Truro, TR3 7DU

18<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Dear Mr Garlick,

## **Stithians RFC – New Pavilion**

I write following a recent discussion between Councillor Ted Vincent and your Dave Aynsley at which the future activities of the Rugby Club were discussed and in particular the possible provision of a new pavilion. Following that discussion, the matter was discussed by the Parish Council at their meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November and I am instructed to write to you to clarify some of the issues raised.

It is noted that the RFC has not received a response from the Glebe regarding the request of the RFC to take over the lease of the New Playing Field. You may or may not be aware of the fact that the Parish Council sought to buy the New Playing Field from the Glebe but they were unwilling to sell it. As part of their response to that question, however, they informed the PC that they would be willing to negotiate a lease of the field to the RFC for a period of 25 years. That would, of course, mean that the PC would have to relinquish their lease – something which they cannot do because of the outstanding loans from the Public Works Loan Board which were taken out to enable the construction of the rugby pitch, skateboard park and BMX track and which will not be fully repaid until 2028. The Glebe would also require the PC to act as guarantor for the RFC and to pay all legal and professional costs – again something which they do not feel able to do.

The Parish Council has, however, agreed to offer the Rugby Club a long-term lease on the land currently occupied by the pavilion with consent for the pavilion to be demolished and replaced by a new building. Obviously, there would be many details to sort out and at this stage the PC merely wishes to establish the principle and open negotiations.

It is understood that the RFC wishes to erect fencing around the rugby pitch for both safety reasons (particularly relevant in higher leagues) and also to display advertising. Councillor Vincent was led to believe that the MOU between the PC and the RFC precluded this. The matter is not specifically mentioned in the MOU – in actual fact para B3 could actually require it! Obviously, any moves in this direction would need consent from the Glebe as the landowner, but the PC is only too willing to discuss the matter further.

A further matter that has been raised is the provision of a dug-out for side-lined players etc. Again, there is no specific restriction in the MOU and whilst the PC is unaware of exactly what is required, they are willing to discuss the matter further, again in consultation with the Glebe Committee.

I trust the above clarifies the Parish Council's position.

As the named representative of the PC, as requested by the RFC, Councillor Vincent is willing to attend your next meeting to further discuss the above prior to further deliberations by the full Council in January if appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

**John V Calvert**  
**Clerk to the Parish Council**

**AGENDA ITEM 16.1(1)**

**CONNECTING CORNWALL**  
**DECEMBER 2010 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**DECISIONS REQUIRED**

- A To consider and accept the content of this report as the formal response of Stithians Parish Council to the consultation**
- B To instruct the Clerk to deliver this response to Cornwall Council before the deadline for the consultation closing**

## REPORT

- 1 The Foreword notes, sagely, that “ when public transport is reliable people will use it or when walking and cycle paths safely link communities, people will be prepared to travel in a different way.”
- 2 What the Foreword does not refer to, in common with the rest of the document, strategy, implementation plan and everything else which goes with it, is economics. If making public transport reliable puts it beyond the economic reach of the potential customers, how ever reliable it is, they will not (can not) use it. It is the old story about the customers in the supermarket. Never mind the super cheap jumbo economy family size pack, lets buy the small expensive one which we can afford!
- 3 Looking beyond the usual five year planning horizon is also a political ploy to take our minds and attention off the messy tough today to focus more on the sunlit uplands of twenty years away over which we have no control and little influence and which are so far away that it is easy to jiggle with the assumptions to make it greener, tastier and in all ways desirable, if we can just close our eyes and flog through the next fifteen years to get to it? As Lord Keynes said we should not focus too much on the long term for in the long term we are all dead anyway.
- 4 The document states that this is the executive summary and that the full document can be seen at a certain link. The link takes you to the document consulted on in July 2010 which SPC responded to.
- 5 Vision; Transport will be excellent. How is excellent defined here? Cheap? Efficient? Brightly coloured? Profitable? Vote winning? It depends who you are and where you stand? A nice bland welcoming statement designed to help the unthinking voter agree that in twenty years time transport will be excellent albeit in some undefined way. Should they have gone to Specsavers?
- 6 A lot more information is then given of which the nearest to economic analysis is a statement that it will “Support economic prosperity and raise income levels by improving transport links for business and access to employment, education and training. Notice that the statement is support economic prosperity. This assumes that there is economic prosperity to support. Like Alice in Wonderland when the White Rabbit asked her if she would like some more tea and Alice, correctly, asked how can you have some more of what you have not had any of? Where is generate economic prosperity? Stimulate economic prosperity? Facilitate economic prosperity? Enable access to economic prosperity? Enhancing economic prosperity? Encouraging economic prosperity? Promoting economic prosperity? Improving economic prosperity? Where is increase average earnings in Cornwall to at least match the average earnings of the rest of the UK? Where is assist businesses in Cornwall to become at least as profitable as the average in the rest of the UK?
- 7 There are six goals some of which refer to improving access to public transport, employment, healthcare and leisure but omitting from the analysis the fact that access included being able to pay for goods and services.
- 8 Carbon Dioxide; a lot of positive sounding words. We will seek to reduce CC emission of CO2 through street lighting. What this probably means based on previous consultations is less street lighting in rural areas, half the lights off and those remaining on for less hours. Except of course where they can't make the switching system work and so some street lights in Stithians are on the whole time and have been so for nearly two years!. We will investigate the possibility of using pricing mechanisms to encourage a shift to low carbon transport. Just a pity they didn't think about pricing as a consequence of their other policy proposals?
- 9 Supporting economic prosperity; More words the nub of which is that every 100 minutes journey time to London reduces productivity by6%. So much for localism them? The new vibrant dynamic Cornwall Council is still obsessed with the time it takes to get back to the nipple. Policy 12 is interesting “ We will work with partners to increase the amount of freight moved by rail and water” Policy 13 “ We will support a range of transport improvements for town centres which will for people and freight that help to improve the vitality of town centres”

Down on the outcomes list are More services and opportunities offered in rural areas and More job opportunities in rural areas.

- 10 Environment; Policy 17 we will give priority to the management of existing infrastructure over building new infrastructure. Note not improving the management of existing infrastructure to obviate the need to create new infrastructure. Policy 18 We will seek to minimise the use of natural resources and minimise waste in the planning, designing and delivery of our transport infrastructure and services. Note not cut consumption but use. Use is ok, consumption, so that it cannot be used again is less OK. Last item on the outcomes list for this is length of footpaths and cycleways. Not improved access to, not improved surfaces or maintenance of stiles and cutting of hedges and the like, just the length of them. This is entirely consistent with the existing policy on the management of Public Rights of Way which seeks to allow more than half the network to collapse and fall into disuse over the next twenty years so that less resources can be focussed on a few footpaths and cycleways dressed up like minor roads!
- 11 Healthy lifestyles; 24% of adults in Cornwall are obese. Is this because the local footpaths are all over grown? Is this because public transport costs so much we get Tesco to deliver to the door? Objective 10 tells us that CC will improve the health of our communities through provision for active travel. How do you make travel more active? Put the bus stops further apart? Policy 21 says we will use the local and strategic development control processes to ensure that development proposals include safe and efficient walking and cycling infrastructure and that direct links are created to neighbouring communities, services and transport facilities. Very good but when you unravel the verbiage it only relates to new development proposals. Note also that they will link to neighbouring communities, services and transport, not that they will have their own! And as for existing communities....?
- 12 Community safety; Policy 26 is interesting. We will seek to reduce the rate of crime, the fear of crime and incidences of antisocial behaviour related to transport in Cornwall. Does this include the daily thousands of crimes committed presumably legally by the providers of transport at their pay points? Surprisingly it is not a criminal offence to charge £126 for a journey which can be made perfectly legally for £29 if your local train ticket salesman sells you tickets for two journeys which combine to the same result rather than one to travel on the same trains at the same times? It is not a crime to run competing bus services just ahead of the competition to win their trade and then increase the prices when the competition goes out of business? It is not antisocial to run busses so that you only have one hour at your destination before needing to set off back again? Policy 24 states that speed limits will be reviewed and enforced. Presumably this is in no way related to the inane picture of two people looking at a booklet saying "Driving safer for longer"? Nor the target in the implementation policy (see separate report para 27) of a target average speed of 34 MPH in the AM peak?
- 13 Equality of opportunity; This opens with the statement that one fifth (20%) of households do not have access to a car. In the light of the previous statements about reducing car use the intention is to increase the number of households not having access to a car? Policy 29, We will seek to improve access to jobs, healthcare, education and services by promoting efficient and affordable transport solutions or innovative alternatives. Note here that they are promoting efficient affordable transport solutions, not developing them enabling them or facilitating them. "Would you care for some more tea Alice asked the White Rabbit?" What the innovative alternatives are remains undisclosed. The key outcomes state that more services will be offered in rural areas and, immediately thereafter, enable trips and reduce journey times to essential services by public transport. Are these somewhat contradictory?
- 14 Delivering the strategy; Takes us to the wondrous Figure 10 wherein local communities are shown as contributing to the delivery rather than benefiting from its being delivered, assuming that to be the significance of the direction of the arrow connecting Local Communities to delivery of schemes and services. See more about this in the report on the Implementation Plan.
- 15 Monitoring and evaluation; The following are the National Indicator Set by which such transport policies are monitored;

**NI 047** Total Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) casualties Ob12, Ob13

**NI 048** Child Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) casualties Ob12, Ob13

**NI 167**

Congestion – average journey time per mile during the morning peak Ob2, Ob 3

**NI 168**

Principal roads where maintenance should be Considered Ob3, Ob4,Ob5, Ob7

**NI 169**

Non-principal classified roads where maintenance should be considered Ob3, Ob4,Ob5, Ob7

**NI 175**

Access to services and facilities by public transport,walking and cycling Ob2, Ob15,Ob16, Ob17

**NI 176**

Working age people with access to employment by public transport (and other specified modes) Ob15

**NI 177**

Local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area Ob1, Ob5,Ob6, Ob15,Ob16

**NI 178** Bus services running on time Ob1, Ob6, Ob15

**NI 198**

Children travelling to school – mode of transport usually used Ob1, Ob2, Ob10, Ob11, Ob12, Ob13

Seemingly the Government have indicated their intention to abolish this NIS and have not said what it will be replaced by. CC will therefore continue to use these. What are the chances of something better coming in their place? Something by which we will set out to build on the distributed pattern of development and settlement which we have in Cornwall so that all the inhabitants share prosperity without destroying the natural resources upon which the economy relies? Something which uses clear words to state meaningful improvements which everyone can benefit from both today and in the future? Will we be asked to assist in developing such an indicator set?

- 16 Implementation plan; The implementation plan is the subject of a separate report to this meeting. It is as well that the implementation plan and strategy documents are separate as the most important aspect of them is the lack of linkage between the warm words and worthy aspirations in the Connecting Cornwall documents and the business as usual within the limits of the money the Government will give us or allow us to spend, in the implementation plan.

Thank you.

**Cllr James Biscoe**  
**27<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

**AGENDA ITEM 16.1(2)**

**CONSULTATION ON CONNECTING CORNWALL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN  
DECEMBER 2010**

**DECISIONS REQUIRED**

- A To agree and adopt this report**
- B To instruct the Clerk to forward it to Cornwall Council as the official response of Stithians Parish Council to the consultation**
- C To ask the Clerk to enquire if the revised implementation plan, made when the financial settlement is known will be put out to consultation, when that might be and to report back to the Parish Council.**

- 1 The implementation plan is new.
- 2 The accompanying full report is dated July 2010 and so is presumably the same as was consulted upon in July 2010?
- 3 There is then an executive summary, undated, which is the subject of the previous report to this meeting.

- 4 It is, therefore, not easy to ascertain if any of the input from the consultation has been adopted.
- 5 Para 2.0 lays out the cuts HMG is seeking but then says no information has been received on what funding Cornwall will get in future. Does this in any way constrain the quality and value of this implementation plan?
- 6 Localism is touted as moving decision away from central government but does not say where the decision making will now reside. Is the reality that HMG will say here is so much money you can divide it up between plans A b and C? Thus decision making remains with HMG but the appearance of some influence on final outcomes lies with communities, which from the previous stuff on this matter does not necessarily mean their democratically elected representatives, also known as Councils?
- 7 OK, Para 3.0 divulges that whereas there were previously 26 separate grants these are being bundled together into four only one of which has any revenue support. Some other unidentified schemes are being transferred to the Local Government Formula grant. No information is available on what funding Cornwall get for the next three years. What is sure is that HMG will hold the purse strings in accordance with its localism and Big Society objectives.
- 8 Will there be match funding available so we can use the EU Convergence grants? Not yet known. Is there an element of mycology in this management system I wonder? In consequence all this document is about estimates based on previous allocations.
- 9 What is shown are forecasts for 2011 to 2014 but nothing on what the previous funding levels were in 2010, 2009 etc and no comment on how these forecasts have been arrived at. How are we to judge if they are prudent? Mycological management at work again?
- 10 My calculator shows that the 2014 figure is 15% less than the 2011 figure. We do not know how 2011 compares with 2010.
- 11 The small schemes pot includes congestion schemes. It will be interesting to see if any of these revenue generating wonders arrive in Cornwall? If such do arrive where will the revenue be applied? What odds do we have on the Consolidated Revenue Fund?
- 12 They will be seeking to drive down the cost of highways maintenance but does not say how. Of course they will not be looking to slough any work off to Parishes in return for no funding like the scheme on salt bins? If they would devolve properly, that is give us the money and responsibility we could drive costs down, but they do so like micro management to keep those teams busy at County Hall? How many goes was it to fix a pothole outside the Old Bandroom last year? Never mind how many visits by supervisors, planners, managers, stewards etc? Of course that was an isolated incident, an aberration which only happens very rarely. Unlike the ten or more other items in our Parish alone which have been problems for years?
- 13 They make no comment as to what the local sustainable transport fund is for. Not surprising when they don't know how much money will be allocated?  
There are four major schemes;  
Camborne Pool Redruth (CPR) Transport Package;  
Truro Transport Package;  
A30 Temple to Higher Carblake; and  
Isles of Scilly Sea Link.
- \* Isles of Scilly has been called in by HMG, decision in January 2011  
\* CPR had changed in some unidentified way and seems to have returned to GO not having collected £200 along the way  
\* Truro has been ruled out so in fact there are only three schemes  
\* A30 Temple to Higher Carblake is a Highways Authority scheme which CC is progressing using more local funding. That seems to me to say, CC is picking up more of the bill for a central government scheme. Devolution in action?
- 14 3.5 refers to something called Local Member Schemes wherein each CC Member has £24 000 to either do their own thing, supplement other schemes or join with other Members. We need to make sure we get our bids in on this sooner than later.
- 15 Something called Strategic Investment Frameworks are referred to. These were not in the previous consultation. There are seven in Cornwall, all urban and or periurban. No use to rural parishes.
- 16 It is possible cynically that as Convergence funding ends in 2013 there might be some unspent balances we might scoop up if we can find out about them? The EU system is so

ponderous and labyrinthine that usually there is unspent money they have to get shot of quick at the end.

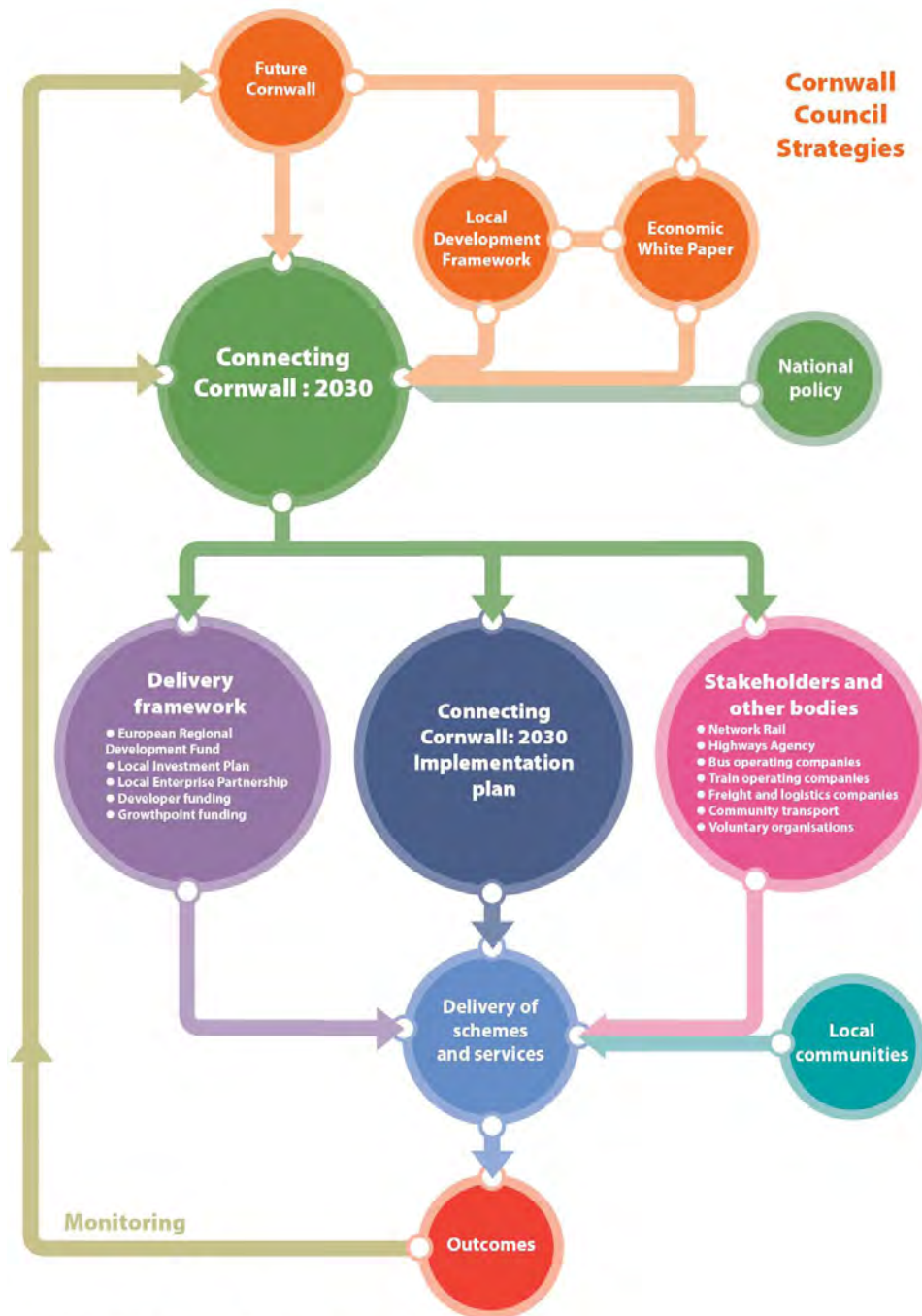
17 Growth point funding, all urban again.

18 Developer Funding, through section 106 agreements is referred to. There is now a scheme whereby these can be pooled. What this could also mean is that the contributions lose identity and go into a pot over which the proud neighbours of some development scheme have no control or even influence.

19 Stakeholder funding; sounds like you want it you pay for it, if CC agrees that is and you pay their costs of agreeing.

20 CC has put in a bid for £1.4m to buy 20 electric vehicles. No idea what they are of course, dust carts, bicycles, Chairman's limousine, (Kimberly Foster used to swoosh up in his personal Rolls in the 60's!), probably some more baggage carts for Newquay airport although I mourn the recycled milk float which did sterling service there for many years.

21 A jazzy diagram on page 9 shows the proposals about delivering services.



Delivering Connecting Cornwall: 2030

The Local Communities blob at the bottom right hand corner is interesting. Surely the arrow should be from the delivery of schemes and services to Local Communities and not the other way. Or does this slip give the game away that is it Local Communities that will be delivering schemes and services to HMG/CC etc? What the outcomes, which seem to be the ultimate result are, is not revealed? It would be too much to hope that the outcomes would be that services and schemes are delivered to local communities efficiently, effectively and economically?

- 22 There then follows lots of information about resource allocation and the like. Curiously footways (what to ordinary humans are known as pavements) are mentioned again in the document but footpaths (which are part of the Highway) are not. Of course not knowing how much money (or should we call it resource?) is available makes it all a bit academic.
- 23 Bus infrastructure gets a mention. They were always very shy about building bus shelters. I was told one evening at a meeting in Redruth that they didn't include bus shelters because everyone wanted them. Can't have that! What is this item then? Bus stop pull ins? Bus lanes? Signs with bus timetables on? Er,...?
- 24 Figure 2 purports to show how resource will be allocated between 2011 and 2014. Despite my education and experience in these matters I am unable to work out what this series of coloured blobs with words inside means in terms of prioritisation of resource allocation.
- 25 Table 2 on the other hand has some numbers, based on previous allocations. Of interest in this table is Town cycle schemes which will increase from 250 to 350 to £650 000 over three years. Cycling schemes meanwhile fall from 250 to 100 and stays at £100 000. Highway infrastructure goes from 359 to 220 to £865 000 in 2014. Rail schemes meanwhile fall from 850 to £400 000. So once again the main highways gain while the railways lose along with non principal highways. Whose recurrent maintenance even falls from 2.67 to 2.227 by 2014. So don't hope for any potholes being filled any time soon on non principal roads
- 26 There is a table of targets some of which are OK some of which are incomprehensible and others are reprehensible. OK, lets increase bus journeys from 12.22 million to 13,5 million. But no comment as to how this may be achieved or the costs and benefits of so doing. Busses running on time 82,5% and seek to get 90% in three years. But how and what are the costs and benefits? Is this that other marvellous mycological management tool, aspiration? Children travelling to school 100. Target for other years > 100. If the 100 is 100% then how to have >100%? If it is 100 children that is pathetic. Unclear.
- 27 The congestion target is interesting. It is, and the target remains a mile every 1' 45" for the AM peak. That to me is more easily understood as 34 MPH. Considering that as the current and target average speed what does it say about traffic management? If that is the target what is the current speed?
- 28 If anyone has any idea what Super Output Areas are it would be interesting to know there are 246 of them and their target is rising from 80% to 84% in three years. Is New County Hall a super output area by chance?
- 29 Figure 2 shows the organisation chart for highways delivery. Why is the project manager an enabler and the design manager seemingly the face to face deliverer? Surely some mistake?
- Para 8.0 tells us that there are monthly finance meetings of eleven different elements and that "Cornwall Council uses PRINCE 2 qualified practitioners to manage its LTP projects. PRINCE 2 is an elite, nationally recognised process by which projects are closely monitored and delivered through controlled environments with strict boundaries and processes to alleviate factors including unnecessary risk and duplication. PRINCE 2 largely aligns with the processes outlined above." Perhaps it is because PRINCE 2 only *largely* aligns with the processes that it takes so long and costs so much? Why do I get the feeling that process is more important than results? Please!
- 30 Para 9.0 has a table on risk management. This contains the somewhat sinister paragraph Managing Expectations. We have always known this is done but here it is nakedly displayed. The mitigation column has two entries; Implement a thorough scheme assessment and outline the benefits county wide where ever possible. Clearly the management of expectations does not embrace the concepts of costs or negative benefits? Still it saves saying hide the costs and negative benefits I suppose? And one must only outline the benefits county wide, no details, no location specific information.

- 31 On the matter of procurement mitigation of risk is to be achieved by flexible procurement arrangements. Is this how to achieve best value? Is best value also flexibly defined?
- 32 A complicated table sets out the items for Convergence Funding. The second Truro Park and Ride gets £7,5 million over three years.
- 33 St Erth park and Ride (I assume this is to relieve congestion in St Ives not St Erth?) gets £9,5 million over three years
- 34 Newquay summer park and ride gets £3m over three years,
- 35 Tren creek Relief (Outskirts of Newquay) road £1,8 million
- 36 Coosebean, CPR and Clay country cycle works get £3,1 million over three years
- 37 Various other highways works all in the CPR area get £9,54 million over three years.
- 38 So Convergence is about highways one way or the other, mostly at CPR, and some expensive park and ride schemes with a couple of cycle and one walking route thrown in to make it look green.
- 39 There are then some other schemes cycle, walking, pedestrian crossings (this isn't highways?) funded out of Connecting Cornwall of which there are some rural walking and cycling schemes which are not identified other than east central and west all lumped together, walking gets £400 000 over three years and cycling £250 000 over three years.
- 40 Some bus schemes get £3 790 000 over three years. One scheme is a park and ride in Central where ever that might be (Truro?) which attracts £125 000.
- 41 Highways schemes get £4,7 m over three years
- 42 Rail schemes £3.1 million over three years.
- 43 Everything else is tossed into a table called medium and long term schemes for future consideration. Even this looks like the mixture as before, highways with a light sprinkling of cycle routes, rail improvements etc.

#### **44 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 44.1 The Connecting Cornwall implementation plan has little if any value as a management tool as there is no funding allocated yet for it. In consequence the whole thing can change at a moments notice. Whether a revised implementation plan would be consulted upon is not known. Probably not as consultation takes time and costs money. Let us hope I am wrong.
- 44.2 The plan as laid out herein is in the main about highways and urban highways at that with a clear emphasis on principal highways. As always make what is good better and let the rest look after itself, the rest including the rural areas seemingly in their totality.
- 44.3 Park and ride is clearly the flavour of the month. All part of the great urbanisation drive (sorry for the pun!)
- 44.4 Public rights of way do not merit a mention.
- 44.5 Strategic rail schemes do not exist just a bit of tinkering here and there.
- 44.6 Energy systems do not feature.
- 44.7 Waste systems do not feature
- 44.8 Local services, not seen.
- 44.9 Employment, not seen.
- 44.10 Economics, conspicuous as before, by its absence.
- 44.11 The relationship of the Implementation Plan to the Connecting Cornwall 2030 proposals is difficult to discern. The latter is warm words and aspirations, the latter is business as usual nitty gritty about struggling with budget cuts to build more roads. There is a disconnect somewhere between the two. The gap between policy and implementation seems to be about the same as the distance between New County Hall and Scorrier Roads Dept.

#### **45 RECOMMENDATION**

That this report be accepted and sent to CC as the official response of Stithians Parish Council.

That the Clerk enquire from CC if, when a financial settlement is made, the revised implementation plan will be put out to consultation.

Thank you

**Cllr James Biscoe**  
**23/12/10**

## AGENDA ITEM 18.2

### **Village Hall Management Committee Meeting Monday 10 Jan 7pm in the Village Hall**

#### **TO NOTE**

The usual matters were discussed.

Concern was expressed about the cleanliness and ongoing maintenance of the hall. The caretakers roll has expanded over the past year as many more bookings were coming in and so it was suggested that a contractor be brought in to do a deep clean and after that a cleaner was employed on a regular weekly basis.

John Colgate also pointed out that someone is really needed to take on the responsibility of checking the hall maintenance on a regular basis and drawing up and monitoring a longer term maintenance programme. There were no volunteers for this job but Margaret and Roger agreed to do an initial survey and make up a list of items needing attention.

In relation to the Produce Market, Debbie is keen to improve the profile of the village hall and made some suggestions eg brown sign, car park etc. It was decided to put this on hold for the present until a decision is made about the new village hall sign.

Due to weather the Business Development group has not met and so no further progress made on the 2 tier committee structure brought to the last PC meeting.

**Cllr V Kavanagh**  
**13.1.11**

## AGENDA ITEM 20

### **Clerk's Report for Meeting to be Held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

#### **Correspondence Received**

#### **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS REQUIRED (Details in Report):**

- 1. To decide whether or not to make a donation to Home Start.**
- 2. To decide who should attend the CALC Conference on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February.**
- 3. To agree to the Clerk attending the SLCC Regional Conference in Plymouth on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

#### **REPORT:**

Since the last meeting, the following correspondence has been received:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Action Taken/Requested</u></b>
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Letter	Home Start	Donation	See Section 1 of Report
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	E-mail	CALC	Annual Conference	See Section 2 of Report
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	E-mail	SLCC	Regional Conference	See Section 3 of Report

1. I have received a request for a donation towards the furtherance of the work of Home Start within the area. The last time the parish Council made a contribution to this organisation was in February 2008, when they were given £30.
2. The annual conference takes place at New County Hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February and also encompasses the AGM. The cost per delegate is £32.50 plus VAT with a discount of 15% for three or more delegates. I should like to go but, because it includes the AGM at which I am unable to vote, we need a Member presence as well. There is, of course, only one vote per Council.
3. This is normally held in May but this year is on 9<sup>th</sup> February in Plymouth. The cost is £65 and I seek Members' approval to attend as I usually do.

**JV Calvert**  
**Clerk**  
**11<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Addition to AGENDA ITEM 20**

**Clerk's Additional Report for January 2011**

Correspondence Received between Report & Meeting

**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

1. To note

**REPORT:**

The following correspondence has been received since the agenda for the meeting was circulated:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action Taken/Required</u>
				See Section 1 below

1. I have received

**JV Calvert**  
**Clerk**  
**18<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM 22**

**Authorisation of Payments – January 2011**

**Decision Required:**

1. To approve payment of the sums shown in the report totalling £3,633.23 along with any sums in the additional report to be tabled at the meeting.
2. To approve payment of any additional expenditure agreed by resolution during the meeting.
3. To agree to pay future invoices from South West Water by Direct Debit.

**Report:**

The table below shows, as usual, invoices received since the last meeting as well as the usual monthly and other payments to be made. Figures in parentheses relate to the explanatory notes below the table.

Invoices received between the date of circulation of this report and the date of the meeting will be reported at the meeting as appropriate in a report tabled at the meeting.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>See Note</u>
Ch	18/0 1	Clerk	January Salary		1,442.63	
Ch	18/0 1	Clerk	December Expenses (Appendix 1)		9.89	(1)
Ch	18/0 1	T M Services	Playing Field Caretaker – January		603.92	
Ch	18/0 1	T M Services	Cemetery Maintenance – January		50.00	
Inv	10/0 1	T M Services	Replacement Train		995.00	(2)
Inv	10/0 1	T M Services	New padlock for Play Field Gate		14.68	(3)
Inv	10/0 1	T M Services	Lower ChYd Grass 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Cuts		179.30	
Inv	10/0 1	T M Services	New Lock - Toilets		15.00	(4)
Ch	18/0 1	M White	Toilet Cleaning – January		72.55	
Ch	18/0 1	M White	Litter Picking – January		118.32	
Inv	30/1 1	LA Phillips	Toilet Consumables	0.83	5.57	
Inv	17/1 2	SWW	Water Supply - Toilets		35.48	(5)
Inv	17/1 2	SWW	Water Supply – Playing Field		39.31	(5)
Inv	23/1 2	Stithians Centre	Litter Pick on 19 <sup>th</sup> September Litter Pick on 10 <sup>th</sup> November		36.00	
DD	25/0 1	EDF Energy	Electricity Supply – Toilets - Oct	0.74	15.58	(6)
TOTALS				£1.57	<b>£3,633.23</b>	

Notes:

1. It should be noted that this figure includes for miscellaneous, telephone and travelling expenses. A detailed breakdown is appended to this report (Appendix 1). As stated in my report to the December meeting, I have deducted £20 for private use of printer cartridges.
2. This was agreed via the notes of the Playing Field Caretaker Meetings. See para 7 of Appendix 1 to Agenda item 15.1.
3. This was agreed via the notes of the Playing Field Caretaker Meetings. See para 12 of Appendix 1 to Agenda item 15.1.

4. Tyrone Martin was asked by Michael White to investigate problems with one of the external locks on the toilets. Having discussed the matter with Tyrone, I instructed him to go ahead with the repair/replacement as necessary.
5. There have been several occasions in the recent past when invoices from SWW have been received only days after a meeting, resulting in final demands being issued. Indeed, I am in receipt of final demands right now. In order to avoid this – and also to reduce the number of cheques to be written and signed – I suggest that Direct Debit Mandates be signed and returned to SWW for processing in respect of both the toilets and the playing field. Invoices will still be received but payment will be debited at a date deemed appropriate by SWW.
6. As Members are aware, the electricity supply to the toilets is unmetered. Members will also observe that the amount of this invoice is considerably less than the usual quarterly invoice of £85.50 inc VAT. This is partly due to the fact that it is for only one month (October) and also the fact that, although electricity charges have increased by an unbelievable 70%, the Standing Charge has reduced quite dramatically. By my reckoning, future quarterly bills should be in the region of £47 which, despite the astronomical increase in the cost of electricity, is almost half the current cost. Unfortunately there are few electricity companies that still provide unmetered supplies and it is therefore difficult to change supplier.

**JV Calvert,**  
**Clerk**  
**11<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Appendix 1 to AGENDA ITEM 22**

**STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL**

**RECORD of CLERK'S EXPENSES - December 2010**

Travelling

Date	From	To	Reason	Start	Finish	Miles	Cost £
2	Camborne	Pulla Cross	MVRG CNA Meeting	37712	37727	15	6.00
						<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>15</u></b>
							<b><u>6.00</u></b>

Note: All are return journeys unless otherwise stated

Miscellaneous

Date	Item	Cost	VAT	Total £	
20	AOL Broadband (November)	12.99		12.99	
*					
21	Telephone	5.00		5.00	
				-	
8	Deduction for private use of printer cartridges			20.00	
4	Reimbursement for Purchase of two Refelctive Vests for M White	5.20	0.70	5.90	
				<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>3.89</u></b>

Telephone Calls

\* Telephone Expenses are claimed at the rate of £5 per Month (Minute 31/11/04 refers)

**SUMMARY**

Travelling	6.00
Miscellaneous	3.89

**TOTAL EXPENSES FOR DECEMBER      £9.89**

**Addition to AGENDA ITEM 22**

**Additional Authorisation of Payments – January 2011**

**Decisions Required:**

**Members are requested to approve the additional payment shown in the table below in the sum of £.**

**Report:**

Since the Agenda was circulated, the following invoice has been received:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>VAT</u></b>	<b><u>Total Amount</u></b>	<b><u>See Note</u></b>
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	LA Phillips	Toilet Consumables	0.83	5.57	
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	LA Phillips	Toilet Consumables	0.73	4.93	
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ray Helmer	Verge Maintenance		1622.84	
<b>Totals</b>			£1.56	<b><u>£1633.34</u></b>	

**JV Calvert,  
Clerk  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2011**