

# Week St Mary Parish Council

## Minutes – November 7, 2024

- 1. Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on matters on the agenda only)  
One member of the public (MOP) spoke about the application PA24/07181. She said 12 objectors have submitted their disapproval at the plans. She questioned why the applicant wants to use their drive for access. Another MOP said there was already a problem in the area with water. He questioned how vehicles, especially bin collections and delivery drivers can access the area. He feared a large number of cars would be generated from the houses, if built. He said it is a blind turning, and raised concerns about what will happen to the rest of the field if planning permission is granted. He said there is also evidence of Sparrow Hawks, Buzzards and Gold Crests.  
A MOP asked about the funding application from the football club towards to goalposts. He said the club is keen to get the new goal posts put in on the top pitch. He also addressed the council about the need to extend the lease on the pitch – this is needed if they are to apply for FA and Football Foundation grants. 24/219
- 2. To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak’s report on matters arising**  
Cllr Chopak said there had been a vote of no confidence in the leader of Cornwall Council. Although this failed, it is hoped that it will be a wake-up call. Cllr Chopak said she sits on the Health and Adult Social Care Committee, and there have been lengthy discussions about putting fluoride in water. Cornwall Council will be writing to the Secretary of State, and there will be a public consultation to ask people if they would like fluoride in their water. Cllr Chopak has recently given £500 from her Community Chest to pay for toothbrushes, which some children do not have. Cllr Chopak said the new waste and recycling scheme has begun and there have been some issues. There will be a meeting on November 18 to discuss how Stratton Minor Injuries Unit will operate in the future. 24/120
- 3. To note councillors present**  
Cllrs Slade (chair); I Richardson (vice chair); S Gubbin; R Shipton; T Hamlyn; R Bolt; S Peters and L Stephens. Also in attendance: Cllr Chopak; S Cleave, clerk, and seven members of the public. 24/121
- 4. To receive apologies for absence with reasons**  
Cllr May. 24/122
- 5. To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispensations**  
Cllr Peters – PA24/08539 and PA24/07696. 24/123
- 6. To approve the minutes of:**  
Councillors approved an amendment that in the public participation section, it is stated that Cllr Hamlyn needs two days’ notice to remove the posts.  
**Proposed: S Gubbin      Seconded: I Richardson      Votes: Seven in favour, one abstention. 24/124**  
With the amendment, councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, October 7, 2024.  
**Proposed: S Peters      Seconded: S Gubbin      Votes: Seven in favour, one abstention 24/125**
- 7. To receive clerk’s report on matters arising**

The clerk's report was noted.

24/126

## 8. Planning

Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

### 8a. To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:

PA24/06829 – Conversion of butchery and office to residential dwelling. Swannacott, Week St Mary.

Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

**Proposed: S Peters                      Secoded: S Gubbin                      Votes: Unanimous 24/127**

PA24/07181 – Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for proposed residential development (up to five dwellings). Land east of The Coach House, Week Green, Week St Mary.

Councillors raised objection to the plans on the grounds of – narrow entrance; safety concerns around the entrance; not consistent with the intention around an AGLV designation; market housing and not starter homes; environmental impact (habitats); overdevelopment.

**Proposed: S Peters                      Secoded: R Shipton                      Votes: Seven in favour,  
one abstention 24/128**

PA24/07340 – Conversion of integral garage and extension to rear, and other alterations. Church View, Week St Mary.

Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

**Proposed: I Richardson                      Secoded: R Bolt                      Votes: Unanimous 24/129**

PA24/08039 – Works to trees in a Conservation area (TCA): to reduce the crown of T1 Oak tree by approximately 1m to maintain distance from property number 17. 14 Ashbury Grove, Week St Mary.

Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

**Proposed: S Gubbin                      Secoded: T Hamlyn                      Votes: Seven in favour,  
one abstention 24/130**

PA24/07696 – Works to trees in a Conservation Area (TCA) T1 Ash tree – remove to ground level (ash dieback) and T2 Oak tree – reduce approximately 1 metre. 14 Ashbury Grove, Week St Mary.

Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

**Proposed: I Richardson                      Secoded: R Shipton                      Votes: Seven in favour,  
one abstention 24/131**

PA24/05722 – Change of use of land to form part of garden and construction of summerhouse. Lambley Park, Week St Mary.

Councillors raised no objection to the plans. They did stipulate that it cannot be used as separate residential accommodation, and can only be used with the leisure and recreational use in connection with the main property.

**Proposed: I Richardson                      Secoded: S Peters                      Votes: Unanimous 24/132**

PA24/08195 – Extension to main dwelling house to provide ground floor accessible bedroom and bathroom. Higher Bakesdown Barn, Marhamchurch.

Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

**Proposed: S Peters                      Secoded: S Gubbin                      Votes: Unanimous 24/133**

## 8b. Decisions

The following decisions were noted:

PA24/05261 – Conversion of a stone barn into a single dwellinghouse with associated private amenity space and parking. To also include the demolition of an agricultural building and the construction of a bat house building. Marhayes, Marhamchurch. **APPROVED**

PA24/07154 – Works to trees in a Conservation Area. Works include native cherry tree to be removed due to root damage to underground sewer pipe and lifting of patio stones. Box Tree House, Week St Mary.

**Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps) 24/134**

## 8c. Planning - to note

The following appeal decision notice was noted: APP/D0840/W/24/3341312 – Appeal decision – Land at Causey, Week St Mary (application ref: PA23/01661 – construction of a new field entrance).

**The appeal was dismissed. 24/135**

## 9. Portfolio Reports:

- **Playground**  
No report.

**24/136**

- **Highways, Footpaths & Greens**

Cllr Slade noted that Brenda Crocker White had donated some more seeds. Many thanks to her. Cllr Hamlyn has also trimmed the Lambley Corner area. Cllr Hamlyn said he has reported a number of pot holes, although county council funds are stretched. He has removed the centre posts for the football club and has re-written the lettering on the emergency sign inside the gate. Cllr Slade said some people are querying the spraying in the village. The clerk will go back to Jamie to check the areas sprayed.

**24/137**

## 10. Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):

The following correspondence was noted: Dates for gov.uk domain briefing; Invitation to the Cornwall Council budget briefing; streetlighting initiative; Local Council Planning Training information; Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Cornwall Together newsletter.

**24/138**

## 11. Community Infrastructure Levy and Community Benefit Fund applications

None.

**24/139**

## 12. Agenda items

### 1. Streetlighting initiative

Councillors noted information from Cornwall Council about the initiative to switch off the street lights. Cllr Slade said people have commented that it's dark.

**24/140**

### 2. South West Water

The clerk read a letter the council had received from South West Water in response to the follow-up complaint. Cllr Chopak said she had a meeting with SWW on October 10 at which they promise actions. She has also spoken with Ben Maguire, North Cornwall MP about it, and he will also follow up. A representative is to be invited to a parish council meeting.

**24/141**

### 3. Playing field

Cllr Slade said the parish council has taken over the cutting of the top of the playing field in line with the dividing fence, and the changing rooms. Also, the slip-way on the right-hand side and the bottom new area. The football club will continue to cut the

bottom field, where their sheds are and where they park their cars. She urged that there be no grass tipping down there or in the ditches.

Cllr Slade said there had been damage done to part of the fence that goes between the two fields. Cllr Hamlyn repaired the damage at short notice, but this had to be carried out quickly.

Paddy Fay, chairman of the football club said there had been a break in to the changing rooms, sometime from Saturday until late on Wednesday evening. There was possibly a window left open.

Cllr Slade urged councillors and members of the public to keep their eyes open for any damage sustained in the parish. The more money the parish council has got to spend on repairs, the less money that will be available to the parish.

Cllr Hamlyn commented on the initial reports from the playing field inspection. This picked up a couple of points with the ramp. The cost of materials to make this good would be £339.60 inc VAT plus a 10% discount.

Councillors agreed for Cllr Hamlyn to carry on with this work.

**Proposed: S Peters      Seconded: I Richardson      Votes: Unanimous 24/142**

The clerk will forward on the email to the football club, as it contains a piece about a rotten fence post.

Mr Fay was asked for clarification on the posts. Cllr Slade reiterated that the goals must not be socketed, as the sockets cannot be left in the ground. The goals will be placed on the December agenda so that the parish council and football club are clear with what is happening. 24/143

4. Parsonage Green

Cllr Slade said that parking is a problem in the area, and recently it has been very busy. It has been an ongoing problem for years and is from the pub car park upwards, with vehicles solidly parked. She said there is a risk of the fire brigade or ambulance not being able to get through. The clerk and Cllr Chopak will go back to Oliver Jones at Highways to say that the current situation is not working and what can be done. 24/144

5. Christmas Tree Festival

The parish council is set to have a tree in the village Christmas tree festival at the parish hall. It was proposed that councillors would contribute to pay for any decorations needed.

**Proposed: S Peters      Seconded: L Stephens      Votes: Unanimous 24/145**

6. Budget

Councillors agreed on a budget of £26,964.44, with the precept being set at £25,000. The parish council will reinstate the graveyard grants and community shop funding into the precept. Cllr Slade said she would be happy to look at grants to extend the path over the next few years.

**Proposed: I Richardson      Seconded: R Bolt      Votes: Unanimous 24/146**

13. **Accounts**

**Balances October 23, 2024**

- Current account                      £ 7,230.61
- Reserve account                      £21,716.95
- Community Benefit Fund            £4,864.18

13a. **To approve accounts for payment including:**

Suzanne Cochrane – Salary October (inc HMRC PAYE and NI) As per contract

Cornwall Pension Fund (October)

Suzanne Cochrane (mileage)

£ 43.20

Jamie Sachs – toilets

£ 120.00

Jamie Sachs – Greens	£ 150.00
Jamie Sachs – spraying	£500.00
EDF Energy – electricity toilets	£ 20.00
Cornwall Council – parish hall event (paid to council in error)	£ 22.00
London Hearts – new defibrillator	£750.00
Harley Friend – Back Lane	£136.00
WSM Community Shop – cleaning materials	£ 35.56
J D Retallick – playing field and roadside hedge trimming	£171.00
Royal British Legion – wreath	£20.00

**13b To note income**

Reserve account interest (Sept)	£ 27.16
CB Fund interest (Sept)	£ 5.98
Wayleave payments	£ 40.96 and £8.19
Local Maintenance Partnership payment	£ 784.77

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

**Proposed: S Gubbin      Seconded: R Shipton      Votes: Unanimous 24/147**

**14. Items for December 2024 meeting – Tuesday, December 3**

Community benefit fund applications; hall; defibrillator.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.