

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 28TH JUNE 2018

Members Present: Cllrs: S Browning, J Bryson, T Gibbs, P Kelly, L Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge, T Philp, F Richens, P Tilzey, N Tucker

Non-voting Members present: Cllrs D Towl

Officers present: Mrs D Bennett – Town Clerk

Public present: 4

- ES/29/18** **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Cllrs L Deely, P La Broy, P Moores and B Willingham
- ES/30/18** **To receive registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**
None
- ES/31/18** **Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations**
None
- ES/32/18** **Minutes: to receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Environmental Services and Highways Committee Meeting held on 17th May 2018**
Resolved: That, with the amendments as listed below, the Minutes were a true and accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman.
ES/13/18 to remove the word 'was' and replace with 'be and is hereby'
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- ES/33/18** **Maximum 15 minutes for public present to make comments concerning the business of the Environmental Services and Highways Committee**
A member of the public thanked the Committee for the invitation to attend the site meeting regarding the Weir. They advised that they felt that many things said were inaccurate and that the Council should take note of what the Environment Agency (EA) said with regards the do's and don'ts for the Weir. Any requests to have the Weir raised had to be dealt with in the proper way and an effective management scheme would need to be implemented that would satisfy the EA.
- ES/34 /18** **Network Highways Scheme - to consider and agree BSTC's submission to Bude Community Network for eligible funding from the Scheme**
Some funding was available for the area but an expression of interest had to be submitted. Discussion took place regarding the safety of roads and known accident areas.
Resolved: That the list of items as identified is submitted to Cornwall Council
Agreed list:
Movable vehicle activated speed indicator sign (to be shared with neighbouring parishes)
Junction improvements – filter lane Kings Hill into Stratton Road
Zebra crossing on the bridge by the Falcon Hotel
OR a speed hump on the road outside of the Brendon Arms

ES/35/18 **The Weir - to consider outcomes of meeting held with Environment Agency, Harbour Master and Crescent Residents Association on 18th June and discuss future actions and expenditure**
A site meeting had taken place with Cllrs J Bryson, L Moores, P Tilzey and B Willingham and the Environment Agency. Discussion took place regarding the meeting; Cllr Bryson reported that; the EA has a copy of 'Benefiting Bude' and a letter from the Fire Service stating that water in the river is more than useful, however she needs to write up the notes for distribution to the Council. It was suggested that due to lots of information coming forward and many things having changed in the past 20 years, that the Council make a working group and that external parties interested in the state of the Weir address the Council.

Resolved: To defer to the next agenda

ES/36/18 **Finger posts – to receive an update on the devolution of finger posts and bicycle stands and discuss future actions and expenditure**
The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the list, as decided by the Council, had been sent to Cornwall Council (CC) who would reply in due course with a date for the works to take place.

ES/37/18 **The Sand Dunes - to discuss the Town Council's approach to the future management of the Sand Dunes and any correspondence received in response from Cornwall Council**
Lengthy discussion took place. The Chairman had asked the Town Clerk to write a letter to CC using the notes taken by the Chairman at a meeting with Councillors and the Harbour Master, the Committee felt that a meeting should take place with CC and other interested parties and sector experts before any correspondence was sent to CC or a management plan suggested. The Chairman apologised and agreed that she had missed a step. There were mixed views from the Committee as to the future management of the dunes and the requirements for expert input into the matter.
Suggested local groups to be consulted were; Bude Marine Group, Cornwall Wildlife Trust (Bude branch)

Resolved: That the Council send a simple letter to Cornwall Council requesting to meet with Bude-Stratton Town Council as they have concerns over the state of the dunes.

Agreed, after a reply is received from CC, to then ask if they are happy to invite interested parties to the meeting

ES/38/18 **Car Parks – line painting - to consider and discuss renewal of the lines in the Parkhouse car park and other areas and appropriate timing**

Resolved: That the lines are re-painted

ES/39/18 **Deed of easement rear of the Crescent - to receive an update on the position**
No further update was available

ES/40/18

Parking enforcement - to consider using a Management Company for Town Council parking enforcement and discuss future actions and expenditure

Cllr P Kelly advised the Committee of possible options regarding a car park management company. A company could install Automatic Number Plate Recognition (AMPR) cameras, signs and new ticket machines. The management company would deal with all fines. A 'safe' list for authorised cars such as permit holders and staff could be used.

Resolved: To investigate the use of AMPR enforcement systems where appropriate and invite the company identified to a site meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.19pm

Chairman's Signature.....Date.....

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