

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 9TH AUGUST 2018

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

Non-voting Members present: Cllr L Deely

Officers present: Mr K Cornwell

Public present: One

ES/41/18 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllrs: P Kelly, P La Broy, T Philp, B Willingham

ES/42/18 **To receive registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**

None

ES/43/18 **Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations**

None

ES/44/18 **Minutes: to receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Environmental Services and Highways Committee Meeting held on 28th June 2018**

Resolved: That with the amendments below, the Minutes were a true and accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman

ES/33/18 Replace the second sentence with: They advised that they felt that the Council should take note of the Environment Agency's (EA) advice for the Weir

ES/35/18 Add "Cllrs B Dixon, T Gibbs, P La Broy, an Hotelier, the Harbourmaster and two members of The Crescent Residents Association" to the list present at the site meeting. Replace "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" with "the EA's copy of 'Benefiting Bude' and she has a letter from the Fire Service stating that water in the river is beneficial. Replace "that external parties interested in the state of the Weir address the Council" with "invites external parties interested in the state of the Weir to address the Group/Town Council"

ES/45/18 **Public participation – a maximum of 15 minutes for public present to make comments concerning items on the agenda only (maximum of 2 minutes per person - dependent on numbers present; questions must be directed through the Chairman)**

A member of the public was interested in the Weir and asked regarding the availability of notes of meetings between the Council and the EA

A member of the public spoke asking the Council not to seek the removal of any of the Sand Dunes, if any were to go, the management plan should stabilise the remaining sand with marram grass

ES/46 /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**

The EA Officer was still collating information on the issues and questions raised at the meeting. A further meeting between interested stakeholders will be arranged.

ES/47/18 **Deed of Easement at the rear of The Crescent - To receive an update, correspondence (if any) and consider future actions and expenditure**

The Committee was briefed on the six responses received in reply to the letters of enforcement and reminder that the Council had sent out. A key concern was that the Council continued to exercise control over the land that it owned and not allow unhelpful precedents to be set. It was clear that breaches had been taking place with more than five vehicles being parked on the north side of the road and the area used for parking extended by the laying of gravel.

It was recognised that the parking rights given to certain properties through deeds of easement should be protected. That matter was for the Council to address, not residents erecting their own signage on Council land.

On the south side of the road it was recognised that property holders could be allowed rights to enter onto their own land and the Council would enter into dialogue to resolve issues.

Resolved: The Council will erect appropriate signage and mark five parking spaces for the use of the five deed holders

Resolved: Each of the five deed holders to be written to, reminding them that they are only allowed to park one vehicle each and if abuse continues further action will be taken

Resolved: To write to the two relevant deed holders informing them that by a date to be determined, that the gravel will be removed and taken to the Council's Works Unit where it could be collected by arrangement. Legal advice to be sought on letters drafted

Resolved: To write to the relevant deed holder with the crossing issue, offering a discussion with the Facilities Manager to resolve the issue

ES/48/18 **To consider the matter of the Victorian pillar-box removed from outside of the Carriers Inn**

The item was referred to the Heritage and Culture Committee for consideration

ES/49/18 **The Sand Dunes - To consider an update on the informal meeting held with Cornwall Council Officers and consider future actions and timings**

Cllrs had attended an informal meeting with senior CC officers on the 19th July. A copy of Cornwall Beach and Dune Management Plans – Summerleaze, dated October 2016 had been passed over. Wherein the main concern was that the Dunes would be blown away as opposed to growing to the height that they have. CC have offered to meet with Cllrs and stakeholders in October. Cllr Browning will request that Cornwall Wildlife Trust (Bude Group) and Bude Marine Group send their representations in writing to CC. BSTC will send an updated letter to CC, including a letter from boat owners and a postcard of the "flat dunes area". It was recognised

that as land owner it will be for CC to make and implement any decisions on the management of the Dunes.

Resolved: That the Town Council submits its own letter to CC to be considered along with others

Cllr T Gibbs abstained

- ES/50/18** **Finger posts – to receive an update on the devolution of finger posts and bicycle stands and discuss future actions and expenditure**
Although it was apparent that some refurbishment works had commenced, the Town Council is awaiting formal notification of the project timetable and a hand over date.
- ES/51/18** **Network Highways Scheme - to receive an update from the Chairman and discuss plans for the final selection(s)**
Outline costings of the three BSTC proposals: Mobile speed camera, Kings Hill / Stratton Road Junction safety improvement, Speed reduction / pedestrian crossing near Bencoolen Bridge have been provided by Cormac. CC will be meeting with Parishes to further scope the ideas before decisions are made.
- ES/52/18** **Roundabout at junction of A39 and Stratton Road - To receive an update on details received from Cornwall Council regarding current plans for any alterations and the timings**
An update is awaited
- ES/53/18** **Mallard Cottage - To consider evidence regarding the current parking restrictions and consider future actions and expenditure**
Parking on Council land has been exceeding the one vehicle allowed by permit.
Resolved: The owner be written to and instructed to inform tenants as part of the letting arrangement that only one car may be parked on the land, unless he wishes to purchase more permits.
- ES/54/18** **To consider the budget report – first quarter**
The report was noted
- ES/55/18** **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 SI (2) & SI (6) – To consider passing the following resolution: ‘That in relation to the remaining items on the agenda, publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the press and public are instructed to withdraw’. The following items are confidential and the meeting will proceed in closed session**
Resolved: That in relation to the remaining items on the agenda, publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the press and public are instructed to withdraw. The following items are confidential and the meeting will proceed ‘in closed session.