

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON**  
**ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.15 PM**

**Councillors:** J Martin (Deputy Town Mayor) in the Chair

R Williams  
R J L Boase  
Mrs F N E Boase

M H Thomas  
Mrs N Roberts  
D J Potter

T E Grattan-Kane  
Rev. D P Reed  
M J Kenchington

**Officers:** Mr C Dawson (Town Clerk)  
Miss P J Lavelle (Deputy Town Clerk)

**327. Prayers**

The Meeting opened with Prayers offered by Councillor Reverend Reed.

**328. Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Mayor, Councillor Edgcumbe and the Town Centre Regeneration Officer.

**329. Police Matters**

The Deputy Mayor extended a welcome to WPC Butcher who advised that she was attending the meeting to answer any questions from Members.

**330. Reports from Local Cornwall Councillors**

Cornwall Councillor Martin advised that Cornwall Council had made a decision on its recommendation for the Boundary Review and briefly outlined the impact of the proposal on Helston. Councillor Martin advised that he had attended the West Sub-Area Planning Committee meeting where Councillor Thomas had spoke in support of the Newham House application which was approved by the Committee. He further advised that he had been involved in several issues regarding flooding and the deterioration of roads within the town advising that he had queried why Trengrouse Way had been resurfaced when other roads within the town appeared to be in a worse condition. He then advised that all towns were being encouraged to have an Emergency Plan confirming that he understood Councillor Williams was working on a plan for Helston advising that he was willing to work with him and would bring an item to the Amenities Committee for consideration.

Cornwall Councillor Thomas referred to the Boundary Review giving further details of Cornwall Council's proposal and advised that as local Members they were being asked to give a narrative on the unique properties of their Division. He also advised that there was an opportunity to influence the name of the Division and confirmed that his suggestion was Helston Gwealhellis due to the strong connection to the farm and then the school formerly located at the centre of the area, and welcomed feedback. Councillor Thomas referred to the Planning Application for Newham House advising that he was pleased to be able to assist the Applicant and expressed the opinion that it was part of the role of Division Members to represent individuals. Councillor Thomas confirmed that he was speaking to the Highways Officers regarding the condition of Station Road which was due to be resurfaced in the next financial year but he was trying to get the works brought forward. Councillor Thomas advised that he had attended the opening of the Library and One Stop Shop. He had also met with contractors regarding the works being carried out on behalf of the Environment Agency at Loe Bar, referring to consultations on flood prevention measures which could impact on the town.

Cornwall Councillor Wallis spoke on the Boundary Review to advise that the proposal would mean that Porthleven would be separated from Helston thus losing a long historic

connection. He advised that he had felt it frustrating that Cornwall Council had to work within the restrictions imposed by the Boundary Commission who had not given thought to the communities involved. Councillor Wallis expressed the opinion that the Boundary Commission would carry out a review of parish boundaries in the near future and expressed concern with the potential creation of super parishes which he felt would be detrimental to democracy. Councillor Wallis referred to the transfer of the Boating Lake and Coronation Park to the South Kerrier Alliance advising that there had been a lot of legal issues to overcome but the transfer was progressing and should take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**331. Public Participation**

Councillor Thomas queried if WPC Butcher was aware of the Safer Towns Initiative. WPC Butcher advised that she was not aware of the scheme. The Town Clerk confirmed that Helston had not been invited to take part.

Councillor Potter requested an overview of the issues facing the town. WPC Butcher advised that, from a neighbourhood point of view, she was working on projects to correct ongoing trends and protect vulnerable people but she was unable to give details. WPC Butcher advised there were no trends or patterns of crime and anti-social behaviour was not a big issue but this was seasonal and could change when the better weather arrived.

A member of the public expressed concern regarding the proposed Council Tax increase by Cornwall Council, particularly when they proposed to contribute large sums to projects such as the Stadium for Cornwall. The Deputy Mayor advised that a lot of funds were ring-fenced for specific projects and it was difficult to reallocate the funding. He advised that Cornwall Council needed to increase the budget by 14.75% to remain in the same position as the previous year but was only proposing to have a 5% increase.

**332. Minutes**

On the proposition of Councillor Reverend Reed, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 be approved and signed as a true record.

**Councillor Potter abstained from the vote as he had not been present at the meeting.**

**333. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Further to Min. No. 290/2017, Councillor Mrs Boase advised that the original One Stop Shop sign was pointing in the wrong direction and queried when it was going to be removed. Councillor Martin advised that he would rectify the issue.

**334. Minutes of the Planning Committee**

On the proposition of Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor R J L Boase, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018, be received.

**335. Minutes of the Amenities Committee**

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Williams, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018, be received.

**336. Announcements**

The Town Clerk reminded Members to send in their comments regarding the draft Marketing Strategy advising that he would need their responses by the following Monday for inclusion in his report.

**337. Royal Wedding Street Party**

Councillor Mrs Boase suggested that a Royal Wedding street party be held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Monument Walk with the Town Council giving assistance by advertising the event and supplying tables and chairs with attendees encouraged to bring a picnic. A detailed debate ensued about the Town Council's involvement and the possibility of facilitating other events. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, that Helston Town Council facilitated a Royal Wedding street party.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Reverend Reed, seconded by Councillor Kenchington, that Helston Town Council facilitated a Royal Wedding street party under the guidance of Councillor R J L Boase and Councillor Mrs Boase with the support of the Town Council. The Amendment was carried and became the Substantive Motion and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that Helston Town Council facilitated a Royal Wedding street party under the guidance of Councillor R J L Boase and Councillor Mrs Boase with the support of the Town Council.

**338. Fairer Funding for Cornwall Campaign**

Councillor Thomas explained the aim of Cornwall Council's campaign for fairer Government funding for Cornwall advising that the level of funding received was unfair when compared to other parts of the country. Councillor Thomas advised that it was necessary to lobby to request that Central Government gave Councils fairer funding and it was thought that Cornwall could gain £200 per resident if the funding was structured fairly across the country. Following a brief debate it was proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boase, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that Helston Town Council supported Cornwall Council's campaign for fairer Government funding for Cornwall.

**339. Report of the Town Centre Regeneration Officer**

Members considered the report of the Town Centre Regeneration Officer (circulated prior to the meeting). Councillor Mrs Boase suggested that the opening of the Monument Walk shelter could take place at the Royal Wedding Party. In response to a question the Town Clerk confirmed that the Shelter would be installed in March 2018 on a date which was yet to be confirmed.

Councillor Williams queried if there was an update on the condition of the wall by the Castle Hill Steps. The Town Clerk confirmed that Highway's Officers had inspected the walls but there was no new information at that time.

**340. Report of the Town Clerk**

**(1) Merchant Navy Day**

Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor R J L Boase, seconded by Councillor Potter, and

RESOLVED – that this item be deferred to the March Full Council meeting.

**(2) Coronation Park and Boating Lake**

On the proposition of Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Potter, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that Councillor Grattan-Kane be appointed as the Town Council’s representative on the Coronation Park and Boating Lake Management Steering Group.

**(3) Helston Signage De-clutter Project**

This item was noted.

**(4) Cornwall Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2018**

Councillor Grattan-Kane advised that residents at Castle Green had been notified of a significant increase in season ticket charges without consultation and he believed that the amendment was included in this Order. The Deputy Mayor advised that, in his capacity as Cornwall Councillor, he was taking an audit of parking charges and was investigating the season ticket issue but he believed this Order only related to pay and display car parks. This item was noted.

**(5) Harvest Fair**

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Potter, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council accepted the proposal of the Harvest Fair Committee to create an honorary position of President with the incumbent Town Mayor fulfilling the role.

**341. Schedule of Accounts for Payment**

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Kenchington, it was

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 532-584 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £24,206.71.

**342. Attendance at Meetings**

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Grattan-Kane, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that the written reports submitted by Councillor Thomas and the Town Clerk be received.

**343. Items for the next Agenda**

The Mayor requested that Members contact the Town Clerk’s office to place items on the following Full Council Agenda.

**Meeting closed at 8.38pm**

**Confirmed**

**Town Mayor**