

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON**  
**ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.15 PM**

**Councillors:** Mrs G A Geer (Town Mayor) in the Chair

R Williams	M H Thomas	A R Harrison
R J L Boase	J Martin	D J Potter
Mrs F N E Boase	Mrs N Roberts	Rev. D P Reed

**Officers:** Mr C Dawson (Town Clerk)  
Miss P J Lavelle (Deputy Town Clerk)  
Mr M Searle (Town Centre Regeneration Officer)

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Reverend Reed to the Council having been Co-opted on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

**335. Prayers**

The Meeting opened with Prayers offered by Councillor Reverend Reed.

**336. Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Grattan-Kane and P E Williams.

**337. Reports from Local Cornwall Councillors**

Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock advised that she had been involved with a few planning matters and there had been a noise issue from a premises following a licence change but this had been resolved after Enforcement had been contacted. Councillor Mrs Haycock advised that it had been nice to have a meeting to discuss walking and cycling routes for Helston but expressed her disappointment that the project would be postponed until the next financial year.

Cornwall Councillor Martin advised that he had been involved with a number of licensing issues. He confirmed he had also supported the Town Council's comments regarding a planning application in Gwealhellis Warren but felt that a compromise would be needed.

In response to a question from the Mayor, Cornwall Councillor Martin advised that there had been some progress with the Sithney Common Hill Fly-tip but advised that the main issue was the lack of information on the ownership of the site. Councillor Martin understood that Cornwall Councillor Wallis may be aware of ownership details and advised he would be grateful if the information could be passed on to him, apologising if it had been sent as he was experiencing e-mail difficulties. Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock advised that, due to the e-mail problems, Cornwall Councillor Martin may not be aware of a meeting being held with Cornwall Council Officers on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 regarding the matter.

Councillor Thomas asked if Cornwall Councillor Martin could update the Council on the Helston Community College rebuild. Cornwall Councillor Martin advised that he had been assured by Derek Thomas MP that progress was being made but confirmed that he would leave the update to Cornwall Councillor Wallis who was the Portfolio Holder for Young People.

Cornwall Councillor Wallis congratulated Councillor Reverend Reed on his Co-option. Councillor Wallis then informed Members that concerns had been raised regarding the condition of the Fairground Car Park and advised that the large ‘potholes’ were being made good in February, confirming that this work was normally carried out annually before Flora Day but had been brought forward this year. Councillor Wallis advised that it was not possible to tarmac the site due to subsidence as it was a former waste disposal site. He expressed the opinion that the site should remain a free car park and confirmed that it cost Cornwall Council around £7000 a year which included the cost of rates and insurance, but only generated an income of £500 from the annual fair. Cornwall Councillor Wallis advised that the car park could be maintained more frequently but then Cornwall Council would need to charge for its use and this was not something Cornwall Council wished to do. He advised that an additional cost incurred was for litter picking of the site when people chose to ignore the bins provided and encouraged users of the area to take their refuse home with them.

Cornwall Councillor Wallis further advised that the Youth Café had been relaunched and was proving very popular but volunteers were sought to help with its operation. He then confirmed that the crossing patrol position had been filled for the new school crossing in Meneage Road and it should commence shortly. Councillor Wallis further advised that he shared Councillor Mrs Haycock’s disappointment that the walk and cycle scheme would be delayed due to Cornwall Council budgetary constraints. Councillor Wallis thanked the Mayor for agreeing to reconsider the closure of the Porthleven Road on Flora Day and confirmed that he would attend the Amenities Committee meeting to speak in respect of this item. Regarding the Helston Community College rebuild, he advised that the project was part of a four year programme and an extensive survey had been carried out on site. He advised that the school was aware of the situation and the project was part of a national scheme which needed to be programmed in. He advised that they were awaiting clarification from the Department of Education on what could be built.

### **338. Public Participation**

The owner of Godolphin House spoke in support of the inclusion of double yellow lines in the Traffic Regulation Order to provide an area for ambulances to park outside the property and made the following points:

- They had problems with ambulances parking on the slope outside Godolphin House when they needed a level area whilst assisting a person;
- They experienced problems with a number of large vehicles parking outside their premises making access difficult;
- The double yellow lines would allow the ambulance to park on the level and not have to obstruct the road.

In response to a question from the Mayor, the owner of Godolphin House advised that an ambulance was called to his premises approximately 12 to 15 times a week.

Mrs Haycock spoke as a private individual to remind Members that Marshal training was taking place in the Guildhall on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and encouraged anyone interested to attend. She advised that volunteer marshals were needed to help with events and the more people that were trained would reduce the time required for each person when assisting with road closures.

**339. Minutes**

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and the Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 be approved and signed as a true record.

**340. Minutes of the Planning Committee**

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017, be received.

**341. Minutes of the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee**

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the Minutes contained a recommendation that Standing Order 2.10 ii be amended to read ‘To receive the report of the Police Officer if in attendance.’

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017, be received and the recommendation approved.

**342. Announcements**

The Mayor informed Members that she would be holding her Spring Ball on 25<sup>th</sup> March and encouraged those present to attend.

The Mayor then encouraged as many people as possible to stand for the forthcoming elections in May.

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

The Town Centre Regeneration Officer (TCRO) updated Members on his report to advise that quotations for the possible installation of replacement bollards and the installation of the talking post had not been received so this could not be discussed as a confidential item. The TCRO then requested that Members notify him of any ideas they had for the public art element of the shelter by 27<sup>th</sup> January.

The Mayor advised that she was aware that the issue with the granite bollards had caused some concern to certain parties and expressed her assurance that the matter was being looked into. Councillor Thomas thanked the TCRO on his work in respect of this issue and stressed that no criticism was meant of the craftsmen’s workmanship.

In response to a question the TCRO advised that progress had not yet been made in respect of sponsorship for the shelter as the decision had only been made in December and there had also been the Christmas break between the two meetings. The Town Clerk advised that MeiLocci had only been appointed to produce a design for the shelter in December and this would be needed to assist with obtaining funding. Councillor R Williams expressed concern that the proposed shelter would exacerbate anti-social behaviour issues as had happened with a previous shelter in the area. The Town Clerk confirmed that a new CCTV camera was now in place to view the area, including the site of the proposed shelter, which had not been the case with the previous shelter.

#### **344. Report of the Town Clerk**

##### **(1) Committee Membership**

This item was noted.

##### **(2) London Cornish Association**

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

RESOLVED – that the Mayor be given permission to wear the Mayor’s Chain of Office in London when attending the London Cornish Dinner as its Principle Guest on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

##### **(3) Traffic Regulation Order**

###### **a) Church Hill**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the residents whose driveway entrances were affected had paid the cost for the addition should Helston Town Council wish to include the proposal in the Traffic Regulation Order. Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Reverend Reed, seconded by Councillor Thomas, and

RESOLVED – that continuous double yellow lines on both sides of Church Hill continuing from No. 5 to the bend at Gander Lane be included in the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

###### **b) Church Street**

The Town Clerk confirmed that no responses had been received from the affected residents in Church Street. Following a brief debate it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Harrison, and

RESOLVED – that the Town Council do not proceed with the proposed driveway scheme in Church Street.

###### **c) Godolphin House**

The Town Clerk advised that he had received a petition of approximately 100 signatures in favour of double yellow lines to allow an ambulance to park outside of Godolphin House. Councillor Thomas reminded Members that they had heard about the need for this facility from the owner of Godolphin House during public participation and advised that the owner had agreed to contribute the additional cost required for the inclusion of this scheme. On the proposition of Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Martin, it was

RESOLVED – that the double yellow line scheme outside of Godolphin House be included in the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

**345. Schedule of Accounts for Payment**

On the proposition of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Mrs Roberts, it was

RESOLVED – that Account Nos. 539-585 inclusive as listed and set out as an Appendix to these Minutes, be certified for payment in the total sum of £22,671.72.

**346. 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.

**347. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

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

RESOLVED – that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**348. Confidential Report of the Town Centre Regeneration Officer**

**i) Monument Walk and Bowling Green Scheme**

Members considered the confidential report of the Town Centre Regeneration Officer circulated prior to the meeting. Following a detailed debate it was proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Potter, and unanimously

RESOLVED – that the Council approved the maximum budget available for the Castle Green Scheme.

**Meeting closed at 8.22pm**

**Confirmed**

**Town Mayor**