

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST 2017 AT 7:15PM IN GOLANT
VILLAGE HALL, GOLANT**

Present: Councillors R Anderson (Chairman), D Pugh-Jones, D Johns, D Jenkinson and S Phillis.

Sue Blaxley (Parish Clerk)
Graham Estlick

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Public Participation

Graham Estlick commented that a very good job has been undertaken to the car park on the village green and asked if it would be possible to have a clear division between the grass and the car parking area. He said the ideal solution would be bull-nosed kerbstones although he acknowledged that it would be preferable to undertake the works when the building work at Riverbank Cottage has been completed. He said he had no idea when the completion date was due. Councillor D Johns said that railway sleepers would perform the same function. The Chairman said that this matter would be discussed at the September meeting of the parish council.

David Johns spoke in respect of his planning application for the development of a new single storey Outdoor Activity Centre with multi use accommodation, workshops and meeting rooms to replace the existing agricultural building at Bloweys, Downs Hill, Golant (PA17/06249). He explained that the proposed development is for an activity centre using the footprint of the existing redundant barn on the site to expand the Encounter Cornwall business. He said the proposed development will comprise a self-contained communal space, four flexible bedrooms, a workshop, meeting room and office. He said the proposed development will bring year-round visitors to Golant. He explained that there will be five parking spaces on site which will be occupied by permit holders only. He said that non-residential courses will be held outside the school holidays and attendees will park in the village car park. He said that the 12 acres of land surrounding the building will become recreational space for the centre. Mr Johns explained that all the resultant spoil from the building works will remain on site and the existing building materials will be recycled. He said there will be no heavy construction traffic as the imported building materials will be wool, wood and straw. He said the building will blend into the hillside as it will have a green living roof and that the accommodation element of the proposal is intended to complement existing accommodation in Golant as opposed to competing with it. He said that the only meal which will be provided at the centre is breakfast so this will bring trade to the pub for lunch and dinner. He said that up to 40% EU funding is available for the project. Mr Johns explained that he had held extensive pre-planning consultations including a village open day, Cornwall

Wildlife Trust, Chief Executive from Visit Cornwall, AONB Planning Officer and the parish council. He said that as a result of these pre-planning consultations, suggestions and concerns have been addressed which include reducing the number of bedrooms from five to four, ensuring that the building is single storey, ensuring that the outside communal areas are to the rear of the site and reducing the glazing on the building. Graham Estlick asked how foul drainage will be dealt with. Mr Johns said it will be dealt with by a series of septic tanks near the parking area. Councillor D Jenkinson asked how the building will be lit externally. Mr Johns said the outside lights will be downlights.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Van den Broek.

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

Councillor D Johns expressed an interest in planning application reference number PA17/06249 for the development of a new single storey Outdoor Activity Centre with multi use accommodation, workshops and meeting rooms to replace existing agricultural building at Bloweys Downs Hill, Golant.

3. Planning

Councillor D Johns, having previously declared an interest, left the room during discussion of this item.

PA17/06249 – Application by Encounter Cornwall for the development of a new single storey Outdoor Activity Centre with multi use accommodation, workshops and meeting rooms to replace existing agricultural building at Bloweys Downs Hill, Golant.

The Chairman explained that the Applicant had modified the proposal following pre-application feedback. He said that the parish council had supported the proposal during the pre-application stage but they were not bound by that decision in considering the application. He explained that the AONB Officer considers that the proposed development will respect the location and setting and it will support local businesses. He said there are six letters of support on Cornwall Council's planning portal. The Chairman said that a comprehensive design and access statement supports the application. Councillor S Phillis said that the loss of the youth hostel had a detrimental effect on local businesses and that any proposal that brings people into Golant is positive. Councillor D Jenkinson commented that the proposal will develop an existing successful business so it should be viewed in a positive way. Councillor R Anderson said that he had no reservations in supporting the application. It was proposed by Councillor R Anderson and seconded Councillor D Jenkinson that the application be supported. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

4. Refuse Bin

To receive and consider quotations for the cost of providing an additional refuse bin on the quay

Councillor D Pugh-Jones said that one option would be to re-locate the existing bin from the bottom of Downs Hill to the quay near the railway crossing. She said that there is never very much rubbish in that bin and there would be no extra charge for emptying it if it is in another location. She explained that another option would be to buy another bin and site it at the quay. She said that the parish council would have to pay for a new bin to be emptied plus the cost of purchasing the new bin. She said that there is often rubbish all over the road by the quay. Councillor D Johns said that the bin for the Sawmills' guests is not locked and is used by the public. He said the other bin located next to the Sawmill's bin was only meant to be a temporary measure but it has exacerbated the problem of rubbish being left by boat users instead of them taking it home. He suggested that the bin could be removed and a sign erected asking people to take their rubbish home. Councillor D Jenkinson said that rubbish all over the road is off putting and unsightly. He said that he would support additional rubbish facilities in this location with a sign asking that rubbish is put in the bins and not left beside the bins. Councillor S Phillis said the issue of rubbish everywhere arises because the Sawmill's bin is in this location and is left unlocked and is permanently one quarter full of rubbish as it has not been properly cleaned for a long time. He said that if there was not a bin by the quay, people would use the bin next to the toilet. The Chairman said that he was not in favour of providing an additional bin as anyone inclined to fly tip will do so irrespective of the number of bins. Furthermore, he said that the cost of emptying another bin in the sum of £212 is not an effective use of parishioners' money. Councillor D Johns suggested re locating the bin by the slipway to a location outside the toilet with a sign asking people to take their rubbish home. Councillor S Phillis said that the Sawmill's bin is filled with boatowners' rubbish and that it needs to be locked and a sign erected asking people to take their rubbish home. It was proposed by Councillor D Pugh-Jones that the bin at the bottom of Downs Hill be re-located to the quay. There was no seconder. It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councilor S Phillis that the existing bin by the quay is re-located to outside the toilet. Three councillors voted in favour of the proposal, one abstained and one voted against the proposal. The proposal was therefore carried. It was noted that the parish council must ask Cormac to move the bin. It was proposed by Councillor D Johns and seconded by Councilor D Jenkinson that a sign is erected by the quay asking people to take their rubbish home. Four councillors voted in favour of the proposal and Councillor R Anderon abstained from voting. The proposal was therefore carried. It was proposed by Councillor D Johns and seconded by Councilor S Phillis that the Chairman writes to the owner of the Sawmills asking him to erect a sign on the Sawmill's bin saying that the bin is for the use of Sawmills' guests only and asking him to keep the bin locked and to clean it out.

Four councillors voted in favour of the proposal and Councillor R Anderson abstained from voting. The proposal was therefore carried.

5. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting on Tuesday 26th September 2017

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th September 2017, commencing at 7:15pm in Golant Village Hall.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 7:55pm.

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3rd August 2017

ACTION POINTS

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
4	Ask Cormac to move the bin by the quay to outside the toilet	RA
4	Erect a sign at the quay asking people to take their rubbish home	RA
4	Write to the owner of the Sawmills asking him to clean and lock the bin and erect a sign saying the bin is for the use of Sawmills' guests only	RA