



Minutes of a meeting of the **Calstock Parish Council, AMENITIES COMMITTEE**
held on **Tuesday 22 February, in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1800.**

Those present were; -

COUNCILLORS: Cllr Beech, Cllr Letchford, Cllr Tinto, Cllr Westwood, Cllr Wells (Chair)
Miss Sue Lemon (Clerk), Clare Bullimore (Deputy Clerk - *minutes*).

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Alford, Warwick, Wakem, Polglase, Kirk, Boreham, Brown

2. DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jeremy Lawrence was in attendance and spoke of inconsiderate parking concerns at Bitthams Lane which obstruct access especially for emergency vehicle. Agreed to write to properties in the area and ask for consideration and request that the enforcement team to take a look as the cars are parked close to a junction so may be eligible for enforcement even without yellow lines.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 25-01-2022

Proposal/Resolution: the minutes be approved. Proposed: Cllr Tinto, seconded: Cllr Letchford – approved by all those present at the last meeting.

5. CLEANING PRICE INCREASE

Proposal/resolution: to approve the increase in price for the toilets to be cleaned from £234.90 per week to £297.38 per week (this is the price for two cleans per day), however from 01 April 2022 only one clean will be required at £165.23 per week. Proposed: Cllr Letchford, seconded: Cllr Beech – unanimous.

6. BRITAIN IN BLOOM - CALSTOCK

Some members of Calstock Village would like to take part in the RHS Britain in Bloom and would like to place some old boats around the Village Green and plant them up – they would also like use of the outdoor tap. **Proposal/Resolution:** to agree in principle for the flower beds subject to ward members and community members agreeing suitable sites and to agree use of the external water supply. Proposed: Cllr Tinto, seconded: Cllr Westwood – unanimous.

7. PRIORITISE WISHES FOR AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PUT FORWARD TO THE CARADON COMMUNITY NETWORK HIGHWAYS SCHEME



It was agreed that the following would be put forward for an Expression of Interest to the Caradon Community Network Highways Scheme

Parking on Church Hill just below Rowse Gardens – yellow lines

Residents with drives opposite Rowse Gardens have difficulty getting on to Church Hill.

Recommendation double lines on Church Hill just below Rowse Gardens

One-way system round the Tamar

Feedback on the whole was quite positive about it. However, from Fore St turning down past the Tamar is too tight.

Recommendation

- i) retain the one-way system
- ii) have a sign e.g. ‘no motor vehicles except for access.’

Trainer Bridge to Sand Lane and past the Church to the Eric Rd level crossing – speed limit

There was support for a reduction to 30mph from Trainer Bridge to the top of Sand Lane. The straight stretch of road from Sandways level crossing to the Church has no speed restriction and yet it is barely wide enough for traffic coming from both directions to pass. Often cars are travelling quite fast along here.

Recommendation

- i) Continue 30mph restriction from Trainer Bridge to the top of Sand Lane.
- ii) Introduce 30mph limit from Sandways level-crossing to Eric Rd level-crossing.

Lower Kelly from Cobwebs to Reed Cottages & Harewood Rd to Eric Rd – shared space

There is wide agreement that signage is needed to clarify priorities between vehicles and pedestrians. The recently introduced revised Highway Code provides that if it is not safe to pass a pedestrian then the vehicle driver must wait until it is safe to do so.

Recommendation signage at both ends of Lower Kelly & on Harewood Rd from the Boot to Eric Rd to indicate that the Highway Code gives pedestrians priority.

Fore St – large vehicles

‘Unsuitable for long vehicles’ signage at the Commercial Rd/Fore St junction is unclear. Vehicles including large vehicles often make a wrong turn onto Fore Street, rather than continuing down to the quay. Many larger vehicles cannot negotiate the bend at The Boot and either reverse precariously or turn at The Adit often causing damage to houses.

Recommendation review the positioning & wording of the signage perhaps to read ‘unsuitable for high, long and heavy vehicles.’

Quayside

Very often cars are parked opposite the Tamar which narrows the road making it difficult to negotiate for buses, lorries and other large vehicles. There is also nowhere for delivery lorries to park or for bicycles.

Recommendation



- i) No parking round the Green up to the bus stop
- ii) Create a loading bay opposite the Tamar to facilitate deliveries
- iii) Adjacent to the bus stop have bike racks, including for electric bikes

Harewood Road at the top by the church – repaint GIVE WAY signs

There have been near misses here when no one gives way at the top coming out of Harewood Road as it goes into Church Road.

Recommendation repaint the GIVE WAY signs on the road

Junction at bottom of Sand Lane by the Tamar – repaint the road markings

There are many reports that cars travel quickly past Commercial Road and on past the Tamar without realising that there is a junction by the Tamar.

Recommendation repaint the road markings.

‘No Parking’ signage around the Tamar Inn

This is defective which renders parking restrictions in the area unenforceable.

Recommendation put up the proper No Parking signage.

Station Road, Gunnislake

Cars park too close to the junction creating a blind spot and risking a collision as cars turn in from the A390 meeting cars pulling out.

Recommendation extend the double yellow lines

Chapel Street, Gunnislake

Cars park on the left on the angle of a bend forcing traffic going up Chapel Street to approach a blind bend on the wrong side of the road.

Recommendation parking should be prohibited on this stretch with double yellow lines

Honicombe Road, Delaware

The road leading to Double White Rise has a chicane system and a virtual pavement but it is in the national speed limit zone

Recommendation extend the 30mph limit to cover Double White Rise and beyond

Other actions agreed were:

- Ask Tavistock Taskforce to clear the path running from the top of Sand Lane to Calstock Church – it was a well-trodden path but not a pavement nor a public footpath.
- Ask Great Western Railway/Cornwall Council if we can repaint in Calstock Station Car Park to increase the number of spaces.
- Paint ‘Dead Slow’ on the road by the Playboat



The meeting ended at 1859

Signed: Date: