

MINUTES of the Meeting of **Bodmin Town Council** held on Thursday 19 February 2009 at 6.30 p.m. in the Shire House Suite, Shire House, Bodmin.

PRESENT: The Mayor, Councillor R J Micek, presiding; together with Councillors C R Bell, E T Denholm, OBE DL, M Denholm, M E Dominey, A Duffin, M J Griffiths, F M Hancock, J H Hartill, L G J Kennedy, P Kerridge, R Solomons, L A Spear, K W Stubbs and H G Vanderwolfe.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P O'Callaghan (Town Clerk), Mr S Facer (DCE), Mrs A McAuley (RFO), Ms L Hancock (Executive Assistant) and Mrs J C Perrins (Committee Clerk).

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & APOLOGIES: The Town Clerk advised the meeting that apologies had been received from Councillor A J Coppin.

The Mayor made several announcements:

1. The Mayor thanked Councillor L G J Kennedy for receiving the Quality Status Re-Accreditation Certificate on behalf of the Town Council at the recent CALC Conference as the Mayor had a prior engagement, and portrayed the appreciation of Members to Officers, not only for achieving the award but also for maintaining it over such a period.
2. The Mayor referred to an SLCC National Executive Meeting that the Town Clerk had attended regarding the launch of the Power of Well Being for town and parish councils where Bodmin Town Council's Community Engagement Strategy had been one of only seven throughout the country to be used to shape best practice in the Statutory Guidance.
3. The Mayor advised that the official opening of Gilbert Road Development is due to take place on 28 February 2009 when all Councillors had been invited to join the Mayor when he 'cuts the ribbon'.
4. The Mayor informed that he had attended a meeting earlier with County Councillors where grants had been discussed. The Mayor expressed how impressed he was with the work being done by County Councillors.

C/2009/013 Bodmin Wassailers address the Council about the ancient tradition of Wassailing and exhibiting the new Wassail Bowl

The Bodmin Wassailers attended the Council meeting to give a very passionate talk about the Bodmin Wassail.

Mr Vic Legg addressed the Council to advise that the Bodmin Wassail is the oldest, continuous, custom of its type; it is a 'house-visiting' custom, has no connection with apple tree wassailing, and is a custom unique to Bodmin.

Mr Legg relayed the history of the tradition that had started prior to 1624 when the Town Clerk, Nicholas Sprey, paid for a wassail cup which was to be taken to every mayor's house each year on the 12th day of Christmas, raising funds as it passed through the town. In 1838 this stipend was withdrawn but the Bodmin Wassail continued.

Mr Legg explained that this type of wassailing became popular throughout Cornwall during the 19th and early 20th centuries but the vessel had changed to a cup made of wood and decorated with holly, laurel and tinsel, except in Bodmin. The Bodmin bowl, as recalled by Mr Tom Green Snr who wassailed in Bodmin for over 70 years until the

late 1980's, was made of pottery but following the outbreak of the Second World War this vessel disappeared.

Mr Legg also commented that Bodmin has two Wassail songs; one which is sung when seeking entry to a property and another that is sung when leaving. This again is unique as most areas have only one.

Mr Peter Marlow introduced himself and addressed the Council to explain how the wassail works today. Mr Marlow explained that the Bodmin Wassail is an age old custom taken around the town by the Wassailers on an evolving process controlled by fate. Over the years a list of people who are willing to have the Wassailers call has developed; this list must remain open as fate may change things. The line up of the Wassailers changes in the same manner.

Mr Marlow said that in recent years custom has been that people on the current 'list' would be contacted a week or so before the event to ascertain whether they want to be called upon. A route is then discussed by the Wassailers to accommodate their convenience as much as possible.

In the last three years the Wassailers had extended the custom, as had been done in the past, by going out in the afternoons, this had been a great success. It had allowed the Wassail to be shared with a lot more people of the town. This part is controlled by arrangement and chance, the arranged part being the residential and nursing homes of the town and chance taking a hand by dropping into the odd shop or, Library.

This system of operating has served the Wassailers well for the last decade but, the Wassail is a living tradition and has to move with the times so no-one knows what the future or fate will bring. Whatever it does it is hoped that this little bit of Bodmin's past and present continues well into the future.

Mr Joe Green advised the meeting that his father Mr Tom Green – had been a Bodmin Wassailer for over 70 years – and he wishes to continue the family tradition. Mr Green reiterated all that had been said by Mr Legg and Mr Marlow and thanked the Councillors for their attention.

Mr Eddie Upton from Folk South West addressed the Council. Mr Upton lives in Dorset but takes part in the Bodmin Wassail. Mr Upton reported that he has studied wassailing and that there are only two surviving wassails that follow this ancient tradition; as it takes place on 6 January each year he felt it to be likened to the May Day celebrations in Padstow each year.

A newly commissioned wassail bowl was presented to the meeting. The new bowl had been produced to replace the one that disappeared sometime around the outbreak of the Second World War. Councillors were informed that the new bowl had been made by Potter, John Webb from Lostwithiel – in traditional English style. The outside of the bowl had been fashioned to enable it to be displayed and viewed by the public and the Wassailers gave an additional thought of laurel and bay drying around it over the year.

Mr Vic Legg made a request on behalf of the Bodmin Wassailers that the bowl should be displayed on Council premises during the year and, on the 6 January (Epiphany); the bowl should be taken to the Mayor's Lounge where the first toast of the Bodmin Wassailers should be made.

The Mayor, Councillor R J Micek, responded that one key purpose of this Council is to take forward promotional objectives. With this in mind the Chairman of the Promotions

Committee, Councillor L A Spear volunteered to liaise and work together with the Bodmin Wassailers to try to find a way to display the new wassail bowl in the Shire Hall and ensure that any accompanying information is correct.

The Town Clerk advised that if Councillors agree to the request to display the bowl on Council premises during the year and, on 6 January (Wassail Day) the bowl is taken to the Mayor's Lounge, the Town Clerk will meet his predecessor's good will by filling the bowl as it starts its journey.

The Bodmin Wassailers kindly sang their Wassail song, to much applause from Councillors and staff, prior to leaving.

The Mayor thanked the Wassailers for their presentation and advised that contact will be made with Mr Legg once a formal decision had been made (please see item C/2009/037b).

C/2009/014 **PUBLIC REPRESENTATION SESSION** – Copies of statistics produced by the Police had been circulated.

PC Adam Barbery was in attendance; gave a verbal Police report to Members and reviewed the figures circulated to the meeting.

PC Barbery spoke in relation to the documents covering Bodmin Sector and Bodmin Town Neighbourhood. He explained that Harassment included domestic related offences, and that Handling would be dealt with by the CID. The crimes showing the highest reduction during the period were the most severe ones, i.e. homicide, serious assault, robbery.

PC Barbery reported that the Police had been providing crime prevention leaflets to areas affected by most other crime groups to advise residents to ensure that valuables are removed from vehicles, e.g. bags, Sat-Navs, mobile phones, computers. The Police had noted an increase in Sexual Offences however these are considered to be alcohol related - female/male teenagers - and action is being taken to promote sexual awareness amongst young people, particularly when alcohol is being consumed.

PC Barbery made a comparison with the Bodmin Rural Neighbourhood crime group figures where Other Assault (ABH) offences were high whereas the Sexual Offence figures were low.

Councillor A Duffin queried whether Vehicle Interference included smashed windows etc.

PC Barbery explained that smashed vehicle windows could be Criminal Damage but that if such damage was caused to steal a vehicle then it may be classed as Vehicle Interference.

Councillor P Kerridge asked whether there will be a PACT meeting in the near future.

PC Barbery responded that there should have been a PACT meeting last month and one will be organised as soon as possible.

Councillor L A Spear referred to the "Bounce Don't Binge" Project (anti-alcohol campaign) aimed at young people. This had moved forward really well over the last

week, had taken space in the press and is being progressed by Kate Martin with the young people in Bodmin and Wadebridge.

Councillor L G J Kennedy considered that the result relating to Handling was an excellent one as to achieve this result would mean catching someone with stolen goods.

PC A Barbery referred back to Sexual Offences – there are occasions where at a later stage ‘victims’ will admit that they have made up accusations.

Councillor M E Dominey expressed concern that sexual offences are on the increase and felt that a message needs to be relayed to youngsters.

PC A Barbery advised that the recent CATS (Community Action Through Sport) presentation evening at the college was an extremely successful event. The vast majority of young people do behave themselves.

The Mayor informed that he had attended the CATS event and felt that the work achieved by this group must be applauded as this was an excellent evening.

Councillor C R Bell asked if there were any statistics available relating to motoring crimes.

PC Barbery advised that whilst speeding is a known problem around the town he had worked to reduce anti-social behaviour and did not have any motoring statistics available. However, such statistics are obtainable from Exeter and PC Barbery will request that they be made available for the next Council meeting.

The Mayor thanked PC A Barbery for attending and answering questions.

No Members of the public were present.

C/2009/015 **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 December 2008**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 December 2008 were approved and passed for signing.

Matters Arising: Page 1 (C/2008/199) Minutes of Council Meeting 16 October 2008: Remembrance Day Event – Councillor E T Denholm, OBE DL queried whether the Bodmin Town Band would be available for the Remembrance Day Event 2009.

The Town Clerk advised that as the majority of the Bodmin Town Band are members of the armed forces and are currently serving abroad it is unlikely that they will be available to give their support on this occasion.

Page 6 (C/2008/205) Berryfields Activity Park – Councillor M J Griffiths referred to this item and requested that it be considered in the Confidential Section of the meeting.

C/2009/016 **Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 January 2009**

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 January 2009 were approved and passed for signing.

C/2009/017 **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 7 January 2009, 21 January 2009, 4 February 2009 and 18 February 2009**

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 7 January 2009 were approved and passed for signing.

Declarations of interest:

Page 5 – P/2009/013: Item deferred from Planning Meeting – 17 December 2008 – Item: P/2008/343 refers – Letter from North Cornwall District Council – Town & Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeal under Section 78 at 41 St Nicholas Street, Bodmin – erection of 3 houses – to inform that Mr & Mrs Harding have appealed against the Council’s decision to refuse to permit the development described above – representations to be received by 15 January 2009 - Noted that Councillor E T Denholm, OBE DL reiterated a personal and prejudicial interest as the applicants are neighbours and family friends, and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

Councillor M Denholm reiterated a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as the applicants are family friends, and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 21 January 2009 were approved and passed for signing.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2009 were approved and passed for signing.

Matters Arising: Page 5 – P/2009/037-2009/00096: Extension of parking/concrete hardstanding area to accommodate additional cars, vans and refuse vehicles – Windwhistle House, Cooksland Road, Bodmin – North Cornwall District Council – The Town Clerk reported that he is still trying to find out why Caradon Council are the agents for this application.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2009 were approved and passed for signing.

Declarations of interest:

Page 2 – P/2009/048-2009/00151: Erection of second storey extension above existing single storey garage to provide extra living accommodation and off-road accommodation and off-road parking for two vehicles and alterations to dwelling – 2 Crabtree Lane, Bodmin – Mr Robin Riches - Noted that Mr P O’Callaghan reiterated an interest in this item as the application is opposite his home.

Matters Arising: Page 1 – P/2009/045-2009/00128: Continued siting of a touring caravan previously installed without consent – 1 Mayfield Close, Bodmin – Mr E Cavinder - The Town Clerk reported that advice from the Case Officer stated that planning permission is not normally required for a touring caravan but in this instance there had been a complaint from a neighbour about it, Planners had investigated and discovered that when the estate was built in the 1980’s a condition was imposed that ‘planning permission is required for the siting of a caravan’. Therefore the residents had applied for planning permission.

C/2009/018 **Correspondence:**

- a) **Bodmin Town Christmas Lights 2008 & 2009** – Copies of a letter from Bodmin Town Lights Committee had been circulated. The Town Clerk highlighted the positive comments received from Bodmin Town Lights Committee regarding the help Bodmin Town Council gave towards the Christmas lights in 2008. The Town Clerk advised that a meeting to discuss the Christmas lights 2009 will be held on Friday 20 February 2009.

C/2009/019 **Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 8 January 2009**

The Minutes of this meeting were approved and passed for signing.

Matters Arising: Page 3 – (Item POL/2009/008) Business Continuity Plan, Shire House - Councillor R Solomons advised that his query within this item was with regard to how often staff are actually required to evacuate the building on a 'fire drill'.

The Town Clerk informed that he had investigated the fire drill requirements. A regular fire service audit on the building is undertaken by KBM Fire Services and fire evacuation procedures are practiced from time to time. There are nominated Fire Marshalls within the building who are staff members.

C/2009/020 **Minutes of Promotions Committee Meeting held on 4 February 2009**

The Minutes of this meeting were approved and passed for signing.

C/2009/021 **Minutes of Properties Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2009**

The Minutes of this meeting were approved and passed for signing.

Matters Arising: Page 4 (Item PP/09/004) Berryfield's and District Children's and Community Centre: Strategy Meeting 26/01/09 – The DCE advised that plans had now been received for the area where a potential buggy storage unit and refuse / bin collection point could be provided. The DCE informed that there are four services (WPD power cable, SWW water supply, Gas and BT phone line) running beneath the land identified and the depth of the services is not known. Where concrete bases/ structures had been installed above services in the past this had led to problems at some future point.

The DCE advised the most pragmatic course of action would be to meet with the Architect to discuss the appropriateness/feasibility of siting the buggy storage unit in the area of these services. Should the answer be in the negative, it will be necessary to arrange an early site meeting to consider an alternative site.

Page 11 (Item PP/09/010) Weekly Market on the Mount Folly – The DCE advised that Bodmin Town Council had received formal notification that planning permission had been granted to hold a market on Mount Folly. The planning permission is available to the Town Council for three years.

Page 14/15 (Item PP/09/014) Walker Lines Gymnasium – Asbestos (Type 2) Survey – The DCE informed that he has written to Mr B Madhvani, Chairman of the Walker Lines Indoor Sports and Recreation Committee with a copy of the Survey advising that this is a live Health and Safety document that needs to be held on Site at the Walker Lines Gymnasium, that it would be necessary to label the Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM's) with appropriate signs as detailed in the Control of

Asbestos Regulations 2006, and that work can only be carried out with prior, written approval from the Council.

C/2009/022 Item referred from Properties Meeting (Item PP/09/005c) – Length of Grant of Deed of Exclusive Right

Copies of the Length of Grant of Deed of Exclusive Right report from the Town Clerk had been circulated (copy attached).

This report had been before the Properties Committee where its recommendation had been received and amended slightly.

The recommendation made by the report was that the Council reduces the length of new Deeds of Exclusive Right to 50 years, allowing the purchase of extensions at the end of that period at 10 year increments up to a maximum of 100 years. Exclusive Rights of Burial would be for up to two normal interments within the grave plot. However, when the grave plot is full with respect to normal burials, it may still be utilised for the interment of cremated remains.

It was **RESOLVED** to implement the report as set out.

C/2009/023 To consider nominations for Mayor Elect for 2009/10

The Mayor explained to the meeting that the nomination papers had not been circulated with the agenda as the Town Clerk had taken a query regarding the nomination of co-opted (non-elected) Members to the National Executive Council of the Society of Local Council Clerks where Kerry Williams a Senior Official with CLG had been able to verify that co-opted (non-elected) Members are still eligible to stand for Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor M E Dominey, seconded by Councillor L A Spear, and **AGREED** that Councillor R J Micek be nominated as Mayor Elect for 2009/10.

The Mayor, Councillor R J Micek expressed his pleasure in standing as Mayor for a further year.

C/2009/024 To consider nominations for Deputy Mayor Elect for 2009/10

It was proposed by Councillor E T Denholm OBE DL, seconded by Councillor R Solomons, and **AGREED** that Councillor M Denholm be nominated as Deputy Mayor Elect for 2009/10.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Denholm, stated that she would be extremely pleased to stand as Deputy Mayor for a second year.

Councillor H G Vanderwolfe queried whether a Mayor Choosing Ceremony is required as Bodmin already has a Mayor and Deputy Mayor it will remain the same for the coming year.

The Town Clerk advised that the Ceremony has a much wider remit, including saying 'thank you' to the people of the area who assist within and are involved in promoting the town. It is planned that during Mayor Choosing 2009 dignitaries from Le Relecq Kerhuon, Bodmin's Twinned French Town will be in attendance.

The Town Clerk informed that the cost to the Town's precept for this one day per year is minimal compared to the benefit the day will bring into the town. The Mayor Choosing will also promote the Quality Status Re-accreditation achieved by the Town Council – the recent award will be on show. It was also an opportunity to forge links with the new Cornwall Council.

C/2009/025 **North Cornwall CALC – Report by Councillor L G J Kennedy on meeting held 28 January 2009**

Copies of the report from Councillor L G J Kennedy had been circulated. Copies of 'Some Numbers' issued by Mr Kevin Lavery, Chief Executive of Cornwall County Council had been circulated at commencement of the meeting.

Councillor Kennedy stated that he had nothing to add to his report but that he would try to answer any queries.

Councillor L A Spear considered it unfortunate that Councillors L G J Kennedy and K W Stubbs had missed the section where Mr Lavery presented 'Some Numbers' as it was felt that Mr Lavery understands the problems being experienced throughout Cornwall, and that had he been in post earlier he could have worked more creatively for the good of the County.

It was proposed that Mr Kevin Lavery should be invited to speak at the Annual Town Meeting on 19 March 2009. It was also proposed that Mr Lavery be asked to bring his DVD with him to play for Council and that Radio Cornwall be invited to attend.

Within discussion regarding 'Some Numbers' note was made of the 8 underlying causes (of problems). Councillor M E Dominey found the views of Mr Lavery to be most interesting.

Councillor L G J Kennedy was thanked for the feedback provided in relation to the meeting.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr Kevin Lavery, Chief Executive of Cornwall County Council to address the Annual Town Meeting on 19 March 2009.

C/2009/026 **Cornwall Association of Local Councils Annual Conference, 7 February 2009 – Councillors L G J Kennedy and K W Stubbs and the Town Clerk to report – copies of the Chairman's and County Executive Officer's Reports; Summary Accounts for year ended 31 March 2008, proposed budget and fee structure; and overview of Living Working Countryside – the Taylor Review enclosed (note: full report available online) –**
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/livingworkingcountryside.pdf>

The Town Clerk reported on the Cornwall Association Local Councils AGM that had been held on 7 February 2009.

The Town Clerk informed that:

- A presentation on planning had been offered to Councils and that Planning Committee had agreed to invite Nicola Stinson, Project Manager at ONECornwall to talk to a Planning meeting;
- Councillor L G J Kennedy had accepted the Quality Council Status Re-

accreditation Certificate on behalf of Bodmin Town Council; and

- The Community Network Manager for ONECornwall is now in place - Sarah Sims.

The CALC County Executive Officer's Report 2009, Summary Accounts for year ended 31 March 2008 and proposed budget and fee structure had been circulated. The Town Clerk advised that CALC had been under-funded and considered that it will have a greater role in liaising with the Unitary Authority over the coming year and will require more support.

C/2009/027 **ONECORNWALL –**

- **Report from Councillor L G J Kennedy on recent meetings of the CALC Larger Councils Group including the Meeting with the Chairman and Chief Executive of ONECornwall held on 5 February 2009:**

Councillor L G J Kennedy referred to a letter he had received from ONECornwall relating to meetings of CALC Larger Councils Group and the meeting with the Chairman and Chief Executive of ONECornwall on 5 February 2009.

A model of meetings had been taken to this group which Mr Kevin Lavery, Chief Executive of ONECornwall was keen to take forward. This model proposed that meetings should be repeated on a quarterly basis with some running on a monthly basis in order to keep a good communication level.

Councillor L G J Kennedy advised that the next meeting is due to take place on Monday 23 February 2009. It was suggested that Councillors with items/questions for this meeting should refer them through the Town Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Councillor L G J Kennedy agreed with the comments made by Councillor L A Spear that Mr K Lavery is looking to do everything he can for the County.

Councillor P Kerridge referred to a recent presentation by Mr Lavery and felt that Mr Lavery seemed to be refreshingly brief, keen and honest.

It was thought notable that whilst this comment had been made by a Town Councillor, that Councillor is also a Cornwall County Council employee.

- **Localism Charter – Letter from Sally Lewis, Parish Liaison Officer in response to BTC's representation on the Localism Charter:**

Copies of the letter from Sally Lewis, Parish Liaison Officer at ONECornwall had been circulated.

The Town Clerk reported that the Localism Charter had not moved forward as detailed revision is still required.

The Mayor observed that because the majority of Local Councils had expressed negative comments there was a need for a significant revision. Councillor P Kerridge stated that Mr Kevin Lavery had used the words 'localism' and 'foggy' in the same sentence when referring to the Localism Charter.

Following the above comments Councillor L G J Kennedy expressed concern regarding the time constraints in relation to the consultation process as the Parish Liaison Officer had stated it is felt necessary to have something in place by the end of March 2009.

- **Community Network Areas:** A copy a letter from Sarah Sims, Community Network Manager, ONECornwall had been circulated.

The Town Clerk reported that he is looking forward to meeting Sarah Sims in the near future and to working closely with her to provide quality services for the people of the town.

C/2009/028 **Street Collections –**

- **Public Consultation** – A copy letter from NDCDC had been circulated.

This letter was noted.

- **Rotary Club of Bodmin** – Copy letter from NDCDC had been circulated.

The Council advised that they are pleased to support the proposed street collections on behalf of the Rotary Club of Bodmin as stated within the letter (copy attached).

It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk should be instructed to write to North Cornwall District Council relaying the support of Bodmin Town Council to the above proposal.

C/2009/029 **Community Safety Partnership**

A copy letter from Community Safety Partnership and briefing sheet on Community Safety/Community Safety Priorities in Cornwall had been circulated and was noted.

C/2009/030 **Widening of Fair Park Path – Report from Foreman**

A copy of the report from the Foreman had been circulated which informed that:

The path at Fair Park is located next to the play area, joining St Mary's Road and Vivian Road. This path is regularly used by parents taking their children to school, members of the public needing to access the two shops in that area and the less abled. Members of the public had raised concerns regarding the narrow width of the path for the less abled and parents with buggies.

The budget for this project is £1,608.00 and is being used from the Play Equipment Maintenance budget.

Three contractors had been contacted by telephone and invited to quote/estimate for the width extension of the path. The contractors were sent the specification by post and the Foreman met the three contractors on site to explain what was required and to answer any queries.

The Foreman reported that the three following quotations had been received for the widening of the Fair Park path:

1. Eric Roberts Contractors (estimate ref 2492) - £1,595.50 excluding VAT;
2. H Cooper Tarmac Contractors (Quotation) - £1,850.00 excluding VAT;
3. S H Sanders (Quotation) - £2,970.00 no VAT

The recommendation contained within the report proposed that H Cooper Tarmac Contractors should be contracted to widen the footpath at Fair Park for the total cost of £1,850.00 excluding VAT.

The Foreman had advised that the quote is slightly above budget but the matter had been discussed with the RFO and it is still acceptable.

The report informed that H Cooper recently patched various areas of Priory Car Park and their work is of good quality; they also patched a few additional areas in the car park than had been quoted for plus being a local contractor.

The Foreman had stated that the figure from Eric Roberts is an Estimate and the quote from S H Sanders is far above the budget allocated for this project.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to contract H Cooper to carry out the work to widen the footpath at Fair Park at a cost of £1,850.00 excluding VAT.

C/2009/031 Newquay Cornwall Airport Masterplan

Copy correspondence had been circulated.

The Town Clerk advised that there is a CD on file within the office that offers more information should Councillors wish to view it. Councillors E T Denholm, OBE DL, L G J Kennedy and R Solomons requested that details from the CD be e-mailed to them.

C/2009/032 Schedule of Committee Meetings from March 2009 to December 2009

A copy of this draft schedule had been circulated.

The meeting considered the schedule that had been circulated. The Town Clerk reported that once Mayor Choosing has been completed it is anticipated that this schedule can be drawn up for the next twelve months in order to encompass the next Mayor Choosing dates. The Town Clerk also commented that, whilst he was not looking to create more Committee work, Council might wish to make the One Cornwall Liaison Working Party into a Standing Committee in view of the importance of the interaction with the new Cornwall Council.

C/2009/033 To note that the Annual Town Meeting is to be held on 19 March 2009 and to consider speakers for that meeting

The Council had already instructed the Town Clerk to invite Mr Kevin Lavery, Chief Executive of ONECornwall to speak at the Annual Town Meeting on 19 March 2009 (item C/2009/025 above refers).

C/2009/034 Replacement of Shibaura CM214 Mower

A copy of the report from the Foreman had been circulated which informed:

In September 2003 the Council entered into a seven year operating lease for two mowing machines. The smaller of the two mowers, the Shibaura CM214, had not lasted as expected. In May 2008 the Council looked at cancelling the lease and getting a replacement machine, but it was not cost effective. Since May, over £2,800 had been spent by the Council purchasing parts for in-house repairs to the CM214. The Shibaura will not last another grass cutting season.

After researching mowing machines, it is recommended that the Council purchases a Kubota F1900. This machine has a two year manufacturers warranty and 24 hour response guarantee for service parts. This machine can be serviced and repaired locally under the warranty which should minimise down time; this was a major problem in 2008 with the Shibaura CM214. The Council previously owned a Kubota F1900 which lasted well and did not have any major problems during the six years it was in service.

Quotes have been received from:

Vincent Tractors, Fraddon - Kubota F1900 and rear discharge deck: £9,555 plus VAT
Truro Tractors, Truro - Shibaura CM214 and rear discharge deck: £12,000 plus VAT
Devon Garden Machinery, Torquay – Iseki SFH240 and
Rear discharge deck: £11,385 plus VAT

The RFO informed that as part of the budget setting process it was recommended that the lease is bought back and a replacement mower is purchased – by internally borrowing from the Councils reserves and repaying over three years.

The recommendation to Council was:

- a) Return the Shibaura CM214 to the Lease Company;
- b) Purchase Kubota F1900 from Vincent Tractors for £9,555 plus VAT. This to be internally funded from Reserves and replaced over three years.

It was **RESOLVED** that Council would follow the above recommendation.

C/2009/035 **Schedule of Accounts for February 2009**

The Schedule of Accounts for February 2009, from cheque no.116744 to cheque no.116814 in the sum of £135,922.93 was approved and passed for signing.

C/2009/036 **Questions to the Mayor**

There were no questions to the Mayor.

C/2009/037 **Any other relevant item that the Mayor/Chairman considers appropriate**

- a) **Charitable Cycle Event: London to Paris** – Councillor E T Denholm, OBE DL advised that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Denholm will taking part in a charitable cycle event and is looking to raise £1,200.
- b) **Display of Bodmin Wassail Bowl (Item C/2009/011)** – The Mayor requested that following the earlier presentation by the Bodmin Wassailers consideration be given to displaying the new Bodmin Wassail Bowl.

Within discussion, it was recommended that the bowl be displayed within the Shire Hall following liaison by the Chairman of Promotions and Senior Officers with the Bodmin Wassailers to ensure that appropriate historical information is detailed.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that this **RECOMMENDATION** be implemented and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Bodmin Wassailers informing them of this decision.

- c) **Street Parsons – (Christian Community coming together to support people who are out in the community)** – Councillor E T Denholm, OBE DL asked that this development should be considered carefully as it does not have the support of the Rector.

Due to the confidential nature of the next business it was **RESOLVED** to go into Committee. Please see separate sheet.