

11. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID – BARLEYSHEAF, CHURCH STREET –
Cornwall Council notification of a Community Right To Bid application in respect of the former public house the Barleysheaf.

Background – Under the Localism Act 2011, town and parish councils and local voluntary and community organisations can nominate local land or buildings to be included in a ‘list of assets of community value.’ If the owner of a listed asset subsequently wishes to sell the asset, there will be a period of time during which the asset cannot be sold. This is intended to allow community groups the time to develop a proposal and raise the required capital to bid for the asset when it comes onto the open market at the end of that period.

For an asset to be listed the Council must consider either that:

- (i) its main use contributes to the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community – and that it is realistic to think that this use will continue or
- (ii) where the main use does not currently have such a community benefit but in the ‘recent past’ it did have and the Council considers it likely that it would be able to have such a use in the next 5 years.

Certain assets are exempt from being listing as assets of community value. These are detailed in full in the regulations but include:

- Residential property including gardens, outbuildings and other associated land
- Land covered by Caravan Sites and Control of development Act 1960
- Land used by public utilities, defined as operational land in section 263 of the Town and Country planning Act 1990

Cornwall Council have contacted the Town Council and indicated that such a Community Right To Bid has been submitted on the former Barleysheaf pub in Church Street. It has been confirmed that the date by which any information or comment from the Town Council has been extended from the original 27th January 2020 to 29th January 2020.

A request to speak on the proposal and answer any questions has been received from Andy Harwood.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the information given at the meeting.

12. ENVIRONMENT EMERGENCY UPDATE – to receive an update from the 27th January 2020 Environment Emergency Working Party and note the inclusion of budget to fund a Carbon Audit.

Background – the Environment Emergency Working Group is due to meet on Monday 27th January 2020. A verbal update will be made by the Chair of the Working Party at the Council meeting on the 28th January 2020. It should be noted that the budget has been amended to provide £3,000 for an Energy and Carbon Audit to support the work of the Environment Emergency Working Group. This is a budget line within the Finance, Economic Development and General Purposes Committee and is funded from the General Reserve.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the update from the 27th January 2020 Environment Emergency Working Party is received and the funding for the Energy and Carbon Audit is noted.