

**Konsel Pluw Erens  
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30 pm  
in the Memorial Hall**



Present:

Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), Richard Cochrane (RC), John Crombie (JC), Ralph German (RG), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Val Neal (VN), Chris Pope (CP); Steve Skull (Clerk), CC Julian German.

Five members of the public attended.

**042201**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Cllr Will Gill

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES**

- JH proposed (seconded VN) that the absence be approved. This was agreed unanimously.

**042202**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

- KG and JH declared non-registerable interests in item 7d on the agenda.

**042203**

**REPORT FROM WARD MEMBER**

JG reported on a Community Highways Scheme meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, at which Gerrans PC's application for a new Traffic Regulation Order to be funded by the Scheme was discussed. At the meeting it was agreed that a more limited TRO than originally requested might be feasible, and JG would bring forward a proposal for the PC to review in due course.

He also referred members to Cornwall Council's recently circulated updates on its progress in the administration of the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. CP enquired whether there might be any role for the PC in this regard, The clerk was asked to make this an agenda item for May's meeting.

**042204**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- None

**042205**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Members unanimously approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March as being a true record of the meeting (proposed HH, seconded RC). KG signed the approved minutes.

**042206**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING**

- KG reported that no reply had as yet been received from Cheryl Mackrory, MP to the PC's letter regarding the operation of the planning appeals system. (Minute ref 032207c).

**042207**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**a) Applications**

There were three new applications for consideration. These are outlined below and detailed comments are noted on the Cornwall Council planning website.

<b>Application</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>PC decision</b>
PA21/00981	Trewince Manor	<b>Support:</b> 8 Support, 1 abstain
PA22/01820	3, Sunnyside, Portscatho	<b>Support.</b> Unanimous
PA22/02374	1, River Street, Portscatho	<b>Support.</b> Unanimous

**b) Decisions since last meeting**

<b>Application</b>	<b>GPC comment</b>	<b>CC Decision</b>
PA21/12555 re 1, Springfield	Object	(Withdrawn)
PA21/09084 re 3 Treventon Road (Revised plans)	Support	Approved
PA22/01754 re 3, Parc An Dillon (NMA)	Support	Approved

**c) Loss of business premises**

HH said a recent case in Portscatho had highlighted the problem of an existing business premises being marketed as a private dwelling, as if the necessary change of use permission could be taken for granted. She referred to Mrs Macrory's response to the PC's first two letters and said that for all the references to "devolved powers" and a "county deal", there was no detail as to how planning matters would fit in.

She proposed that the PC authorise her and KG to make an appointment to meet the MP in person to discuss these matters. RC seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed. The clerk was asked to include this issue as an item for discussion on the May agenda, together with consideration of the possibilities of involving Community Assets registrations in this regard.

**d) PA22/02873 re 2, The Quay, Portscatho**

(KG and JH left the room during discussion of this item, and JC took the Chair)

Members discussed the submission of details to discharge condition 3 in respect of decision PA21/02017, dated 28.01.22, relating to this property. Although the PC had not been formally consulted on PA22/02873, HH said that she, VN and RC, being members of the Planning Working Group, had studied the proposed finishes to the building and considered them inappropriate. She proposed that the PC should submit an objection. This was seconded by RC and agreed unanimously after a discussion.

**042208**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED**

JH reported on behalf of the PC's Affordable Housing Working Group (AHWG) that the Local Housing Needs Survey was now underway and would continue until 28<sup>th</sup> April. KG suggested that the prize draw could be held at one of the May meetings, and this was agreed.

JC reported he had had a meeting with the agent of a local landowner, who was in favour in principle of making some land available for an affordable housing project. A meeting with another agent was planned for the following week.

**042209**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

**a) Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)**

RC presented a report and update on REACT's recent activities. A summary of the report can be seen at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

## **b) Pledge to protect the marine environment**

RC proposed the PC should support Cornwall Wildlife Trust by responding to their invitation to make such a pledge, with a view to protecting Gerrans Bay from trawling and dredging, to encourage the growth of sea grass and kelp. It was unanimously agreed to authorise RC to make a pledge on behalf of the PC. NM emphasised that there should be consultation with local small-scale fishermen in the matter.

### **042210**

#### **PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HM THE QUEEN.**

On behalf of the Jubilee Working Group, CP reported on the progress being made by the Gerrans and Portscatho Platinum Jubilee Committee in organising events to celebrate the event over the four days of the Jubilee weekend. He said the Committee had been successful in obtaining a £1,000 grant from NISA, which was expected to be sufficient to cover all the overheads and insurance.

### **042211**

#### **OTHER REPORTS - From Committee representatives, Working Groups and/or liaison members**

- NM thanked members for their response to forms he had circulated concerning footpaths in the Parish.

### **042212**

#### **PERCUIL CAR PARK**

##### **a) New lease**

The clerk had previously circulated a draft of a new lease with the National Trust for the part of the car park owned by them. It was unanimously agreed to approve the draft for signing. (proposed RG, seconded KG).

##### **b) Mobile Café operation**

Members considered a request for permission to trade from a mobile café facility in the summer. It was agreed to ask the applicant for more information about the intended project, and the clerk was asked to research appropriate licencing procedures.

### **042213**

#### **NEW ROAD CAR PARK**

##### **a) Surface repairs**

The clerk reported that he was still awaiting an up-to-date quote from a local contractor.

##### **b) Parish Information Board**

The clerk had previously circulated a photograph of the existing information board, which was in need of renewal or replacement. JG said he thought the original artwork was with AONB management, and would make enquiries.

### **042214**

#### **BENCH AT TREWITHIAN**

Members considered a request from a local resident to place a dedication plaque on the existing PC bench at Trewithian Green. After a discussion, RG proposed (seconded RC) that permission be given. This was agreed unanimously.

### **042215**

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **1. Accounts for payment**

The clerk reported that all payments submitted for approval were materially within budget, or within forecast and agreed contingency levels where actual figures were unknown at the time of setting the budget.

It was resolved that the outstanding invoices totalling £10,822.94 (including VAT of £805.35) be paid (proposed RG, seconded RC). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

##### **2. Bank Reconciliation**

The reconciled bank balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March was £40,973.90

**042216**

**OTHER PARISH MATTERS**

**1. Any urgent business**

- None

**2. Matters to be included on the next agenda**

- To consider raising the Clerk's monthly authorised limit for internet bank payments.

**3. Minor items for report only**

- None

**042217**

**CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

No applications had been received to fill the remaining vacant seat on the Council.

**042218**

**NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 be set for the next meeting (The Annual Meeting) of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. It was further agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm at the same venue on the same date.

**042219**

**MEETING CLOSE**

KG declared the meeting closed at 9.01 pm.

**End of Minutes**

**APPENDIX 1**

**Summary of report from RC re REACT (Agenda item 9.1)**

The main news from REACT is that we were successful in the RCEF (Rural Communities Energy Fund) feasibility studies for the Tregony Hydro scheme and the Solar and Anaerobic Digestion Energy scheme for the area cover by the Portscatho substation.

The consultants are getting started on their work very soon. There may be some questions for parish councillors in terms of contact for particular farm areas or other possible sites for the solar panels.

REACT attended a meeting about EV charge points with Tregony with Cuby PC and will be looking for some quotes for charge points in Gerrans and St Mawes. There may be a future collective application for funding covering the wider Roseland area.

Our next meeting is planned for 6pm on the 25th April.

**End of Appendix 1**