

**Konsel Pluw Erens
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.30 pm
in the Memorial Hall Annexe**



Present:

Cllrs Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), Richard Cochrane (RC), John Crombie (JC), Jane Andain (JA), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Val Neal (VN) Steve Skull (Clerk), CC Julian German (JG).

Three members of the public attended.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllrs Ralph German, Will Gill, Laura Wilson. CC Julian German

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

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

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- None

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REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER

CC Julian German was not present but had sent the following brief statement:

“The 20mph roll out will be discussed later in the year. In order to manage expectations, the criteria for this is for settlements that already have a 30mph or less speed limit, so settlements such Trewithian will not be included.

With the recent weather a number of potholes have opened up around the Parish. It would be appreciated if you can please report these online direct to Cornwall Council.

In broader news, you may have seen that Cornwall Council Scrutiny Committee recommended the retention of the Fire and Rescue control centre in Cornwall, as supported by Gerrans Parish Council, and that the Council's Cabinet have agreed this - good news, ensuring that local knowledge is retained and response times are as quick as they can be.”

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr Charles Emmett had been permitted by the Chairman to address the meeting on a matter not listed on the agenda. He said he wanted to express his strong objection to the proposed revision of the seasonal time restrictions for parking in Portscatho, and that the consultation had been meaningless. The changes would make it impossible for local residents to park, and encourage homeowners to pave over their front gardens for parking. Mr Roger Cazaly said he shared Mr Emmett's opinion, and that the proposed changes would adversely affect his business. KG responded that GPC had undertaken research on this matter over a couple of years, and that she and other Councillors had personally spoken to residents and business owners in the centre of Portscatho, many of whom believed that the revised seasonal times

would be beneficial. The clerk said that the consultation was funded and managed by Cornwall Council's Community Network Highways Scheme.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Those members who had been present approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March as being a true record of that meeting. KG signed the minutes.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING

- No matters were raised.

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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.

Application	Address	PC decision
PA23/01513	34, Parc An Dillon Road	Support. Unanimous
PA23/02015	Land South of Higher Rosevine Farm	Support. Seven in favour, 1 abstain.
PA23/02533	Tygwyn, 4, Highertown, Portscatho	Support. Unanimous

b) Decisions since last meeting

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA23/00113 re 3, Parc Merys	Originally object, but agreed after subsequent amendments.	Approved
PA22/00453 re St Hillary, Curgurrell	Support	Approved
PA23/00382 re Trewince Manor	Support	Approved
PA22/09523 re 13, Churchtown Road	Originally object, but agreed after subsequent amendments.	Approved

c) Proposed Seaweed Farm in Gerrans Bay

Members considered submitting a response to a letter and other documents received from The Carbon Sea Garden concerning that organisation's application for licences to install a seaweed farm in Gerrans Bay. After a discussion, it was agreed that not enough information had been supplied to enable the PC to offer any definitive opinion as to the project's merits or demerits. NM volunteered to draft and circulate for agreement a response stating that the PC could neither support or object to the scheme without more detail, including an in-depth impact assessment, and this was agreed unanimously.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

HH reported on behalf of the PC's Affordable Housing Working Group (AHWG) that the process of identifying potential sites and funding for the provision of new affordable housing was still progressing. She had now been co-opted as a trustee of the Roseland Community Land Trust, with whom the AHWG is chiefly liaising, and JC and JH had now become members.

KG reminded the meeting of Cornwall Association of Local Councils' forthcoming Community Housing Conversations event, to be held on April 19th.

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PARISH INFORMATION BOARD

The clerk reported that Councillor Laura Wilson was still working on the project. She was hopeful that she would be able to attend May's meeting and would deliver a report then.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)

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

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

JC reported that the Parish charity now had a QR code to accept donations. Currently the facility was being piloted at the Plume of Feathers pub, and if successful, it was hoped to extend this to other venues to increase funds. It was also hoped to have a link on the new Parish information boards when they are ready.

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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 £5,751.55 (including VAT of £108.40) be paid (proposed JC, seconded HH). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

2. Bank Reconciliation

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th March was £23,016.22.

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OTHER PARISH MATTERS

1. Any urgent business

- None

2. New matters to be included on the next agenda, other than heretofore minuted

- None

3. Minor items for report only

- NM reported there was a problem with milestones in the Parish being hidden by undergrowth and in need of repainting. It was agreed this was a matter to be reported directly to Cornwall Council using their online facility.

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NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 2nd May 2023 be set for the next meeting (The Annual Meeting) of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall annexe 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.

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MEETING CLOSE

KG declared the meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

Summary of report from RC re REACT (Agenda item 10)

REACT completed the solar and anaerobic digestion feasibility study in March and this looks promising for solar on agricultural barns. It is not a perfect match with demand but could help deliver about 15% of local residents electricity from locally sources renewable energy and

provide a saving on their bills.

The anaerobic digestion was more complicated with some farms able to benefit hugely from an AD plant to replace of the current open slurry pits. The challenge is that the farms would use most of the power generated from their waste so not export power to the local community. Food waste was viewed as not feasible although some more investigation could be done there. Public engagement sessions went well with a good number of interested parties visiting the exhibition.

REACT will now engage with the Climate Action Plan for the Roseland parishes and some public events to explore ideas there.

End of Appendix 1