

**Konsel Pluw Erens
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 3rd August 2021 at 7.30 pm
in the Memorial Hall**



Present:

Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), Richard Cochrane (RC), John Crombie (JC), Ralph German (RG), Will Gill (WG), Nev Meek (NM), Val Neal (VN); Steve Skull (Clerk).

Two members of the public attended.

082101

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllrs Helen Hastings, Joanna Holah; CC Julian German.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

RG proposed (seconded WG) that the absences be approved. This was agreed unanimously.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- NM declared a non-registerable interest in planning application PA21/06905, to be considered at item 7(a) on the agenda.

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REPORT FROM WARD MEMBER

CC Julian German had sent a report along with his apology, which can be seen at Appendix 1 to these minutes. Matters included in the report were referenced later in the meeting during the discussions of relevant agenda items.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Members unanimously approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July 2021 as being a true record of the meeting (proposed RG, seconded VN).

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING

- None not covered in other items on the agenda.

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PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

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

(NM left the room during the consideration of PA21/06905)

Application	Address	PC decision
PA21/06445	31, Churchtown Road, Gerrans	Support. Unanimous
PA21/06905	Porthbean Barn, Lower Farm, Trewithian	Support. 5 in favour, 1 abstention

b) Decisions

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA21/05771 re Pendower Barn, Lower Farm, Trewithian	Support	Approved

082108

AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

JC presented a report of the last month's activity on behalf of the PC's Affordable Housing Working Group. A summary of the report may be seen at appendix 2 to these minutes. Members discussed the content of the report, and it was agreed that no meaningful decisions could be taken until a reliable indication of local need is known. Members agreed the four next steps indicated at the report's conclusion:

- Formalise relationship with CLT
- Set up meeting with Ward Member
- Develop contacts re land availability.
- Develop local housing need questionnaire.

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TRAFFIC AND PARKING ISSUES

Members considered a resolution that *"The Council supports the "20's plenty for Cornwall" campaign, and requests the Cornwall Council to introduce 20mph on residential streets and village centre in the Parish of Gerrans, unless full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit on particular roads"*. Passing this resolution was proposed by RG and seconded by WG, and approved with 6 in favour and 1 abstention.

RG proposed that the installation of an honesty box at Treloan Lane car park be discussed at the September meeting. The clerk was asked to put this on the agenda.

082110

REPORTS

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

1. 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 3 to these minutes.

NM observed that the pattern of weekly general waste collections and fortnightly recycling had been reversed in Torbay, and elsewhere in the country.

2. Planning Working Group

KG reported, with reference to the Ward Member's report at appendix 1, that she did attend and speak at the Central Planning Committee meeting at which the Pollaughan application ref PA20/03233 was discussed. The application was approved. She said she would also attend the next meeting to speak on the Pebble Cottage application ref PA21/01990.

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LANDSLIPS BELOW PENDENNIS

The clerk reported that no new conclusive information had been received in correspondence since the July meeting, but that The PC was being copied in on the ongoing correspondence between local residents and South West Water. Members agreed that they supported the objective of saving the cliff and the footpath from further erosion.

082112

PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HM THE QUEEN

KG reported she had attended the online meeting hosted by the Lord Lieutenant on 14th July, at which preliminary details were outlined of three potential projects to mark this event:

1. Tree planting
2. Street parties
3. Beacons

RG proposed (seconded NM) that the PC set up a committee or working group to address this matter. It was agreed unanimously to ask the clerk to put this on the agenda for September's meeting.

082113

USE OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND FOR PUBLIC EVENTS

KG had prepared a preliminary draft policy, and members' comments and further ideas were invited. It was unanimously agreed in principle that the PC should adopt a formal policy on this matter. The clerk was asked to put this on the agenda for September's meeting.

082114

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 £7,055.70 (including VAT of £43.54) be paid. A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

2. Bank Reconciliation

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th July was £44,465.91.

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OTHER PARISH MATTERS

1. Any urgent business

- None

2. Matters to be included on the next agenda

- None, other than heretofore minuted.

3. Minor items for report only

- RG raised a query re the management of the Parish litter bins, which was answered by the clerk.

082116

CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

One application for the vacant positions had been received and the applicant, Mr Chris Pope, was present and gave a brief presentation, having previously sent some biographical history which the clerk had circulated amongst members. In accordance with protocol, a vote was taken by secret ballot, and Mr Pope was elected to the post, and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. KG offered the congratulations of the Council to Chris, and welcomed him to the post.

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NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 7th September be set for the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall.

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MEETING CLOSE

KG declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

Report from Ward Member CC Julian German (Agenda item 6)

As given last time, my apologies for the August meeting.

Planning: The Pollaughan application will be discussed at the central planning committee on Monday, with Cllr Greet speaking for the Parish Council, so will be able to update that.

Pebble Cottage. I have objected to this application and am expecting this to go to September planning committee. I will let the PC know when this is confirmed.

Eshcol House application. I understand the applicants are considering a revised scheme, no doubt we will find out more in due course.

Housing: Cornwall Council will be able to provide help with a housing needs survey. Happy to follow up on this if you would like me to.

Happy to meet with the working group.

As ever, please let me know if there is anything I can assist with.

End of report

APPENDIX 2

Summary of report from the AHWG (Agenda item 8)

Information about the Roseland Community Land Trust:

Previously called "The St Just-in-Roseland CLT" but now the Roseland CLT, it is a charitable Community Land Trust. It was formed in 2007 for the benefit of the community in the parish of St Just-in-Roseland and it was extended in 2015 to include the parishes of Gerrans, Philleigh, Ruan Laniorne and Veryan. The objects of the CLT include:

- The provision of houses and any associated amenities for persons in necessitous circumstances upon terms appropriate to their means.
- The maintenance, improvement and provision of public amenities.
- The advancement of education and/or vocational training amongst the residents of the area of benefit.

The Charity is controlled by a board of trustees, drawn from and elected by the members. A representative of Cornwall Council also sits on the board of trustees.

Meanwhile we've been continuing to move forward on the AH project, as follows:

- Working on developing the questionnaire used by St Just parish to establish local housing need.
- Investigating available land and the person to contact (re land near the Squash Courts)
- Liaison with CLT and exploring whether any National Trust land might be available.

Latest discussions with CLT:

CLT described three ways in which land is developed and who gets involved.

1. The ideal is a joint Gerrans PC and CLT project, with funds contributed by Cornwall Council. We'd need Julian's help and would hope to set up a meeting with him asap, especially as he's on the CLT board.

2. A housing association gets money from central government and manages the project, in association with CLT and Gerrans PC, but inevitably the latter two would have less control.
3. A developer does the project for us.

Next steps, provisional on GPC approval:

- Formalise relationship with CLT
- Set up meeting with Julian
- Develop contacts re land availability.
- Develop local housing need questionnaire.

End of report summary

APPENDIX 3

Summary of report from RC re REACT (Agenda item 10.1)

REACT met on the 27th July.

The survey for the co-cars is being launched in September and help is requested to highlight this when it goes live to maximise the number of responses.

Various energy options were explored including a food waste collection scheme which would be used to feed an Anaerobic Digester to make bio-methane which could be used for electricity and heat production.

Other energy scheme options are still on hold waiting for the Local Generation Tariff to be updated.

The tree nursery is going well with volunteers helping to keep weeds under control, water the trees and install fencing.

The next meeting is planned for the 13th September.

End of report summary