

**Konsel Pluw Erens
Gerrans Parish Council**



**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 1st August 2023 at 7.30 pm
in the Memorial Hall Annexe**

Present:

Cllrs Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), John Crombie (JC), Jane Andain (JA), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Laura Wilson (LW), CC Julian German (JG)
Two members of the public attended.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Steve Skull (Clerk), Councillors Ralph German (RG), Val Neal (VN)

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

LW proposed (seconded JH) 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 reported that traffic control arrangements were in place for the Tall Ships event on 15th-18th August and that effective marshalling to prevent parking issues would be extremely important. There would be a one-way system to St Anthony from 10am to 2pm and back from 2pm to 6pm. Details would be confirmed at a further meeting of interested parties on Thursday 3rd August.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Those members who had been present approved the minutes of the Meeting held on 4th July as being a true record of that meeting. KG signed the minutes.

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REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING

- None.

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PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

- None

b) Decisions since last meeting

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA23/02724 re Trewince Manor	Support	Approved

PA23/03350 re Trewithian Cove House	Support	Approved
PA23/03521 re The Royal Standard	Support	Approved
PA23/03845 re The Haven	Support	Approved
PA23/04264 re Communication Mast	Support	Prior approval not required

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

HH reported that Roseland CLT is progressing well with the project and will report again when there is further progress.

Councillors agreed to submit individual responses to the Homechoice survey on 'Let's Talk Cornwall',

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PARISH INFORMATION BOARD AT NEW ROAD CAR PARK

LW reported that the project is now underway and she hopes to have a further update next month.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)

- Councillor Joanna Holah reported on REACT's recent activities including their scheduled presence at Tregony Heavy Horse Show to publicise their activities, the RCEF report on the feasibility study into solar/PV and Anaerobic Digestion options for the Roseland, the Roseland Climate Action Plan and proposals for a memorial to Professor Richard Cochrane. The report is attached as Appendix 1.

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

LW had attended an induction course for the Community Area Partnership (CAP) and reported on funding opportunities available via the Community Capacity Fund, which is open for bids between £2K and £25K for 18 months, and the Levelling Up Fund, which allows bids from £5K - £20K. LW is the youngest councillor in the partnership group and is rapidly learning!

NM intends to check the footpaths between Trewithian and Tregaire which have been reported to him. Cornwall Historic Churches would like to encourage the use of St Anthony church.

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PROPOSED SEAWEED FARM IN GERRANS BAY

No further information had been officially received regarding a licence application to the Marine Management Organisation but members noted the useful information in a report submitted by a local environmentalist and the concern of various local groups.

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COMMUNITY ENERGY PATHWAY SCHEME

Members noted the information about this net zero scheme and agreed to support REACT in membership if and when they apply.

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TREWITHIAN HOUSE

Councillors discussed the notification from Cornwall Council that this asset will become available with vacant possession when the current tenancy ends in 2024, considering possible options for future use by GPC. Several business ideas were mooted but the restrictions of the Grade 2 listing on the farmhouse and the state of repair of the barns would make conversion and renovation difficult and the costs prohibitively high. JH proposed (seconded LW) that GPC should not express an interest in acquiring the property but should encourage and promote a local community project if possible.

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CHANGE TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was resolved (proposed KG, seconded JC) to change FR 9.9 to allow the collection, counting and banking of cash income to be out-sourced, subject to appropriate and adequate audit control by the RFO. FR9.9 will read, "*Where any significant sums of cash are regularly received by the Council, the RFO shall take such steps as are agreed by the Council to ensure that the counting and banking of the cash, whether by an employee, a Councillor, or a subcontractor, as decided by the Council, should be subject to an appropriate and adequate form of audit control (such as regular reconciliations to machine takings records in the case of car park Pay and Display machines), and that appropriate care is taken in the security and safety of individuals banking such cash. All cash should be banked as soon as practicable after receipt*". The clerk had obtained suitable references for a local person to begin collections from the car park machine at New Road after training.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Accounts for payment

The clerk had 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 £8708.41 (including VAT of £111.65) be paid (proposed JH , seconded LW). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

2. Bank Reconciliation

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th July was £48, 869.80

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RSPG DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL

Councillors voted to make a further donation to purchase a new machine for Gerrans at the cost quoted of £871 +VAT as a S137 grant. The clerk had advised that, although this expenditure had not been budgeted for in the current financial year, the CIL income received earlier in the year, which was not anticipated when setting the budget, had freed up funds from other budgeted provisions. The PC should be invoiced directly in order to claim back the VAT.

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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

- KG reported that she would be attending the appeal hearing regarding the registration of the beaches at Breakneck, Petersplosh and Raven's Hole as common land on Thursday 3rd August.

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NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 5th September 2023 be set for the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall annexe at 7.30 pm. Apologies were received in advance from RG.

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MEETING CLOSE

KG declared the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

Report received from Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT) (Agenda item 10)

1) REACT will have a stall at Tregony Heavy Horse Show. It will be an opportunity for the community to see what REACT does and to relay the results of the feasibility study on solar panels on barns and Anaerobic Digestion on the Roseland as a source of energy for a local community energy supply. (Parish Councillors are encouraged to come and see us to get a good overview).

2) REACT will have an article in Septembers Roseland magazine about the feasibility study to also ensure that the community is updated- especially those who signed up to hear more about being providers/consumers in a community energy scheme at the well-attended consultation event in Gerrans Memorial Hall.

3) The REACT group has set up a sub group to go through the (100page) report on the feasibility study and to establish next steps. It is meeting this month.

4) A subcommittee has also been set up and are working on a template Climate Action Plan for the parishes of the Roseland, which will be offered to the PCs as a tool to consider each parishes climate action. It is also meeting this month.

5) The group is considering how to provide a memorial for Richard. And will consult with the family on any firm ideas.

One proposal, (which Gerrans PC may wish to consider and was flagged by Julian German), is to set up a community orchard/a feature in part of the park area at Stodden Steps (i.e. old Jollity Farm).

6) REACT is aware of and will be interested to hear more about the proposal for a seaweed farm at Gerrans Bay, once a formal proposal is issued.

End of Appendix 1