

## Konsel Pluw Erens Gerrans Parish Council



**MINUTES of the remote meeting of Gerrans Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at 7.30 pm  
on the Zoom platform**

Present:

Charlotte Taffinder (Chairman) (CT), Richard Cochrane (RC), John Crombie (JC), Ralph German (RG), Will Gill (WG), Kate Greet (KG), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM); Steve Skull (Clerk), CC Julian German.

**122001**

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS ATTENDING**

CT called the roll and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

**122002**

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Cllrs Val Neal, Mary Watson.

### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES**

CT proposed (seconded RC) that the absences be approved. This was agreed unanimously.

**122003**

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

- None

**122004**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

JG said that Cornwall Council wanted to emphasise the public health message that although it was good news that Cornwall were in the lowest tier of Covid restrictions, everyone should still be on their guard. He hoped that Cornwall would remain in Tier 1 at least until the New Year.

**122005**

### **DECISIONS**

Members reviewed for ratification the list of decisions made up to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 under the Council's Emergency Scheme of Delegation. WG proposed (seconded JH) that the list of decisions be ratified. Agreed unanimously.

**122006**

### **ROSELAND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMUNITY TEAM**

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.

**122007**

### **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN**

The clerk reported he had received and published online the Notification of the Conclusion of Audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for y/e 31st March 2020 from the PC's external auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP. The auditors found that the information in the Return was in accordance with proper practices and no matters of concern were raised. The Notification and Report had been previously circulated by email and were unanimously approved (Proposed JC. Seconded KG).

**122008****PARKING**

Members discussed possible ideas for inclusion in any future new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the Parish. It was agreed there was no ideal remedy for the problems caused by the sheer number of vehicles in high season competing for limited parking space. The clerk reported he had been informed that Cornwall Council (CC) did not have the resources to supply any more hours of warden enforcement during the summer than as currently arranged. Ideas included extending the period during which restrictions applied, extending the double yellow lines at the junction half way up Gerrans Hill, and introducing a 20mph speed limit along Churchtown Road. JG said there had been a speed survey there in recent years and he would research the results. He also said that financial assistance from CC towards setting up a new TRO would not be available in the coming year. It was agreed to begin the list with the above ideas and return to the subject in future meetings.

**122009****CORNWALL AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

Members went through the previously circulated consultation survey form regarding the review of the AONB Management Plan 2016 - 2021 question by question and agreed a consensus response. The clerk was asked to submit the response.

**122010****FINANCIAL MATTERS**

CT reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee held immediately prior to this meeting at which the Precept budget for 2021/2022 was discussed. The budget had also been previously circulated amongst all members. The Committee had recommended that a decision as to whether the customary increase in line with the RPI measure of inflation should be applied this year be taken by full Council. After a discussion RG proposed (seconded HH) that no increase be applied this year. This was agreed by 8 votes to 1 with one abstention. The Precept was therefore set at £23,173, the same level as the current year. The clerk was asked to make the necessary claim.

**122011****BENCH AT LYCHGATE, CHURCHTOWN ROAD**

Members agreed that there were sufficient projected funds to replace the dilapidated bench, and KG proposed (seconded RG) that the clerk be asked to make the necessary arrangements. This was agreed (8 in favour, 2 abstentions).

**122012****NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 5th January be set for the next meeting of the Parish Council at a venue to be confirmed depending on the official guidance then applicable. (Proposed CT, seconded RC).

**122013****MEETING CLOSE**

CT declared the meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

End of Minutes

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Summary of report from RC re REACT (Agenda item 6)**

REACT held a virtual meeting in November. There was a useful discussion on the structure of the organisation that would be needed for then different projects that are being progressed at the moment. The plan is to set up a constitution for the group and a bank account for some projects. Some projects would still be supported but will potentially work with other existing established organisations for these project applications.

Co-cars electric car sharing scheme is still progressing with work ongoing to finalise costs for the purchase of the cars and the installation of charge points.

Similarly work is ongoing on the Solar Generation scheme with work to finalise grid connection arrangements and then cost up the installation work.

The tree nursery is progressing with volunteers planning to help out on three dates in December.

Discussions are ongoing to finalise locations for proposed water bottle refilling stations.

The group is supporting the Slow Ways initiative to support footpaths

An online meeting is planned for the 14th December at 6pm.

End of report