

**Konsel Pluw Erens
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 7th December 2021 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); Steve Skull (Clerk).

Five members of the public attended.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllrs Will Gill and Chris Pope

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

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

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- HH declared a non-registerable interest in planning application PA21/11064, to be considered in item 7a.

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REPORT FROM WARD MEMBER

JG reported that Cornwall Council would be applying for a minimum 3% rise in Council Tax for the year ending 31st March 2023.

He also said that drivers were required for the Community Bus.

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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 2nd November 2021 as being a true record of the meeting (proposed RG, seconded VN). KG signed the approved minutes.

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

(HH left the room during the consideration of PA21/11064)

Application	Address	PC decision
PA21/11038	Land NW of Highfield House, Trewithian	Object. 7 object, 1 support
PA21/11045	Quay House, The Quay, Portscatho	Support. Unanimous
PA21/11064	High Curgurrell, Curgurrell, Portscatho	Support. Unanimous
PA21/11115	32, Parc An Dillon Road, Portscatho	Support. Unanimous

b) Decisions since last meeting

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA21/07999 re Loe Meadow	Support	Approved
PA21/09822 re 14, The Square, Gerrans	Support	Approved
PA21/09822 re 4, Mount View Close	Support	Approved
PA21/09863 re 30, Treventon Road	Support	Approved
PA21/09653 re Pebble Cottage, Rosevine	Support	Approved

c) Other Planning Matters

KG reported that, in discussions at a recent meeting hosted by the Friends of Pendower, it had been suggested that all Parishes on the Roseland make written submissions to Cheryl Mackrory, MP, giving their views and suggestions in advance of the Government's proposed planning White Paper. It was agreed that a draft submission would be developed over internal email, and a final version agreed at January's meeting.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

JH reported that the PC's Affordable Housing Working Group was still negotiating with Cornwall Council about the final structure of the proposed Local Housing Need Survey. It was hoped this would be available in January.

Members agreed that, in the meantime, tentative approaches should be made to local landowners via the Community Land Trust about potential site availability. (Proposed JH, seconded JC: 7 in favour, 1 abstention)

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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 1 to these minutes.

2. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Members continued the discussion of the previous meeting about the practicalities and cost implications involved in the potential provision of public EV charging stations on PC land. It was agreed that the scheme as suggested would not be feasible in the forthcoming financial year, and it was currently unclear that such provision would significantly benefit local residents (Proposed NM, seconded JH: Unanimous).

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PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HM THE QUEEN.

Members agreed that the PC should call an open public meeting at the Memorial Hall in the second week of January to discuss the organisation of celebratory events in the Parish (Proposed RG, Seconded KG: Unanimous). The clerk was asked to make the booking and advertise the meeting.

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

1. Footpaths

NM reported that he had reported two blocked footpaths. He was concerned at the potential loss of some rights of way that cross Parish borders on the Roseland if they are not identified for

inclusion on the 2026 Definitive Map. The clerk was asked to put the matter on January's agenda.

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PARKING AND TRAFFIC

Members review and approved in principle a draft agreement with Cornwall Council for CEO (parking enforcement) service provision for 2022 (Proposed JC, seconded RG: Unanimous). The draft had been previously circulated by the clerk, who said that the new arrangement involved the provision of Roseland - based multi-skilled officers, which would provide more coverage for less cost than in previous years.

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TREE WORKS

The clerk produced a report and estimate from a tree surgeon concerning some overhanging trees at the North east border of Church Close. The clerk was asked to apply for the necessary permission to carry out the recommended works in the AONB Conservation Area (Proposed KG, seconded VN: 7 in favour, 1 against).

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Precept budget 2022/23

KG reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee held immediately prior to this meeting at which the Precept budget for 2022/2023 was discussed. The budget had also been previously circulated amongst all members. The Committee recommended that the Precept be set at £24,100, an increase of 4% over the current year. She said this increase would represent less than inflation as measured by the Retail Price Index over the past year, but reflects the Council's concern to protect the value of its precept as far as is reasonable against the erosion of its value over time. JC proposed approval of the budget (seconded RC). Voting was 7 in favour and 1 against.

2. 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 £5,617.77 (including VAT of £336.76) be paid (proposed RG, seconded VN). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

3. Bank Reconciliation

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th November was £54,194.65

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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

- VN said she had received an enquiry from a person wishing to place a commemorative bench on land below the Lugger. The clerk asked VN to refer the enquiry to him so that more detail might be obtained.

- NM wished all Members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, both in the Cornish and English languages, and the clerk thanked KG for providing mince pies for all.

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CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

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

122114**NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 4th January 2022 be set for the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall.

122115**MEETING CLOSE**

KG declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

End of Minutes**APPENDIX 1****Summary of report from RC re REACT (Agenda item 9.1)**

REACT met on the 29th November.

We have one infra-red camera provided by Octopus Energy to REACT. We did also apply to the Lottery for a second camera but weren't successful. The camera we do have has been used for session at Veryan school and then used to assess insulation for the houses of family's at the school. Were happy to do similar sessions at Gerrans School and to assess homes in Gerrans and Portscatho.

Various trees from the tree nursery are being planted out. There are others available if there are requests.

We are hoping to move forward with the RCEF feasibility study for the solar energy scheme and might include food collection in that study.

We are keen to support the roll out of EV charge points and would be keen to discuss how Gerrans PC would like to move this area forward.

Our next meeting will be on the 3rd January at 6pm at the Harbour Club in Portscatho.

End of Appendix 1