

**Konsel Pluw Erens  
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7.30 pm  
in the Memorial Hall Annexe**



Present:

Cllrs Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), Richard Cochrane (RC), John Crombie (JC), Ralph German (RG), Will Gill (WG), Helen Hastings (HH), Nev Meek (NM); Steve Skull (Clerk).

Two members of the public attended.

**122201**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Val Neal, Joanna Holah, Laura Wilson; CC Julian German.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES**

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

**122202**

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

- None

**122203**

**REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER**

- None this month

**122204**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- None

**122205**

**ADDRESS**

The meeting was addressed by Mr Stephen Miles, Watch Manager at the St Mawes Fire and Rescue Service station, who provided an illuminating update on the activities carried out, and current challenges faced, by the Service. He subsequently took questions from members, who unanimously passed a formal vote of thanks to him and his colleagues for all their valuable work.

**122206**

**CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE**

Members considered a draft letter to Cornwall Council and the Chief Fire Officer, prepared and previously circulated by the clerk, expressing the PC's concerns over CC's proposal to close the Critical Control Centre team of Cornwall Fire and Rescue and move the function outside of the Duchy, as part of its budget proposals. It was unanimously agreed to send the letter as drafted but with an additional paragraph suggested by KG.

**122207**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Those members who had been present approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November as being a true record of the meeting (proposed HH, seconded JH). KG signed the minutes.

## 122208

### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING

KG noted that the installation of granite seating on Gerrans Green had now been completed, and thanked RG for his efforts in providing the seats. NM proposed a formal vote of thanks to RG, which was passed unanimously.

## 122209

### PRECEPT BUDGET 2023/2024

This item was scheduled to be included in item 15 (financial matters) but brought forward because WG, who sits on the Finance Committee, needed to leave the meeting early. KG reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee held immediately prior to this meeting at which the Precept budget for 2023/2024 was discussed. The budget had also been previously circulated amongst all members. The Committee recommended that the Precept be set at £26,510, an increase of 10% over the current year. She said that in the last two years there had been annual increases of zero and 4% in the level of Precept, but with costs rising considerably across the board, the proposed rise reflected the Committee's concern to protect the value of the Council's Precept as far as is reasonable against the erosion of its value over time. HH proposed approval of the budget (seconded JC). Voting was 6 in favour and 1 against.

## 122210

### PLANNING MATTERS

(WG left the meeting at this point).

#### a) Applications

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

Application	Address	PC decision
PA22/09523	13, Churchtown Road, Gerrans	<b>Object.</b> 5 object, 1 support
PA22/08020	35, Churchtown Road, Gerrans	<b>Object.</b> Unanimous
PA22/009573	Bohortha Farm, St Anthony	<b>Support.</b> Unanimous
PA22/10200	Methyrs Collyn, Portscatho	<b>Object.</b> Unanimous

#### b) Decisions since last meeting

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA22/08079 re Porthbean Barn, Lower Farm, Trewithian.	Object	Approved
PA22/07910 re 23, Treventon Road, Portscatho.	Object	Approved
PA22/08386 re Petersplosh, 7, Wellington Terrace.	Support	Approved
PA22/08057 re Poldalla, Well Lane, Gerrans.	Support	Approved
PA22/10110 re 21, The Lugger, Portscatho.	Support	Approved

## 122211

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

JC reported there was ongoing correspondence contact with Cornwall Council's affordable housing department and farm sites management in the continuing search for possible development sites.

HH said she wished to make it clear that the AHWG was looking at every potentially available site in the Parish.

**122212**

**PARISH INFORMATION BOARD**

NM reported that more detail had been received from the Working Group's preferred designer as to the calculations involved in the estimate considered last month. Members agreed that it would be advantageous to seek another estimate from a different source so that a meaningful comparison might be made. NM agreed to undertake the search.

**122213**

**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.

**122214**

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

NM reported that the Memorial Hall committee had now installed a projector and screen in the annexe for audio-visual presentations, and that a scheme of improvement phased over two years was beginning, to include LED lighting, new curtains and upgrading the toilets.

**122214**

**RED TELEPHONE KIOSK AT ROSEVINE**

The clerk was able to confirm that he had now received advice from CC's Planning and Highways departments that no special permissions would be needed should the PC decide to move the kiosk from Rosevine to near the lych gate at St Gerrans church. There was more discussion as to what would be the best location and use for the kiosk, and the clerk was asked to invite suggestions from members of the public in the January article for Roseland magazine.

**122215**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**1. Precept budget 2023/24**

This item was taken forward to item 9 on the agenda (see minute ref 122209)

**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 £16,367.58 (including VAT of £1247.79) be paid (proposed RG, seconded JC). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

**3. Bank Reconciliation**

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th November was £62,225.32

**122216**

**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 said he had now forwarded photographs of the damaged boundary wall at Gerrans green to the clerk, and also reported that the adjoining wall between the green and Turnpike cottage was now showing more signs of movement and could be a safety concern. The clerk said he would investigate both matters.

- RG said he had received a report about a dangerous car allegedly abandoned in Treloan Lane car park.

**122217**

**NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 be set for the next meeting, to be held in the Memorial Hall Annexe at 7.30 pm.

**122218**

**CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

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

**122219**

**MEETING CLOSE**

KG declared the meeting closed at 9.41 pm.

**End of Minutes**

**APPENDIX 1**

**Summary of report from RC re REACT (Agenda item 13)**

REACT has mostly focused on the Roseland Climate Action Plan at recent meetings. We have redrafted this to follow a Cornwall Council Template which we hope will be circulated to all Roseland Parishes for their January meetings. We will try to clarify actions for the parish councils and for other groups.

The hydro feasibility study in Tregony has shown the scheme is not viable.

Solar and anaerobic digestion in the Postscatho substation area is still progressing and exploring grid connections etc now.

REACT are due to meet next on the 19th December at 6pm

**End of Appendix 1**