

**Konsel Pluw Erens  
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30 pm  
in the Memorial Hall Annexe**



Present:

Cllrs Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), John Crombie (JC), Jane Andain (JA), Charles Emmett (CE), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Val Neal (VN), Laura Wilson (LW); CC Julian German (JG).

Available by telephone: Steve Skull (Clerk),  
3 members of the public attended.

**122301**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Councillors Ralph German (RG), Amelia Sumner (AS)

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES**

JH proposed (seconded JC) that the absence be approved. This was agreed unanimously.

**122302**

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

- KG and JH both declared a non-registerable interest in planning application ref PA23/08213, to be considered under item 7 on the agenda.

**122303**

**REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER**

JG reported that he had tried to convene a housing meeting with Live West, but not yet managed it. There were still concerns that the house in Gwarak Gwel- an-Mor is unaffordable to would-be purchasers. He will also investigate the planned road closures in Tregassick Road on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**122304**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

All members of the public wished to speak about planning applications during agenda item 7. KG said this would be in order.

**122305**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Those members who had been present approved the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November as being a true record of that meeting (proposed JA, seconded JC). KG signed the minutes.

**122306**

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**122307**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**a) Applications**

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

<b>Application</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>PC decision</b>
PA23/08213	3, The Quay, Portscatho	Support (4 in favour:3 abstain)
PA23/09168	1, Tregassick Road, Gerrans	Support (unanimous)
PA23/08670	Land NE of Bohortha, St Anthony	Support (unanimous)
PA23/09529	5, Parc An Dillon Road, Portscatho	Support (unanimous)

(KG and JH left the room during the consideration of the first application)

**b) Decisions since last meeting**

None

**122308**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED**

HH confirmed progress was being made with Roseland CLT's negotiations for the acquisition of land, and that she has now been appointed its Chair. In future a written report will be sent to Parish Councils on the Roseland every month. She thanked members of Gerrans Parish Council for their help and support and hoped for more across the Roseland in future.

**122309**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

**Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)**

- (i) JH referred to a report received from REACT following their meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> of November. The report is attached as Appendix 1.
- (ii) JH reported that the electric vehicle infrastructure consultation is complex and proposed that councillors should reply individually. NM seconded.
- (iii) KG reported that a licence application by the Carbon Sea Garden, ref MLA/2023/00371, has been made to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) for a seaweed farm in Gerrans Bay but is not listed under the public register for consultation. She has downloaded some documents to circulate to Councillors and interested parties who have previously contacted the Parish Council. The clerk would investigate how to respond to the consultation and the timeframe involved.

**122310**

**OTHER REPORTS**

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

LW reported that the map for the Parish information board scheme will be designed in January and ready for the summer season.

NM reported that repainting the village pump in Portscatho Square would cost £750 plus VAT. CE reported that the AGM of Percuil River Moorings Ltd had taken place 27<sup>th</sup> November. A 6% increase in charges had been agreed and discussions taken place regarding the head lease owned by Place Manor.

**122311**

**PERCUIL RIVER MOORINGS LIMITED**

Receipt of a formal invitation from PRML for Gerrans Parish Council to become a Standing Member Organisation of that company was acknowledged. Further discussion will take place at future meetings.

**122312**

**LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS**

Further legal advice on liaison arrangements with external organisations is pending. The matter will be discussed further at a future meeting.

## **122313**

### **PAVEMENT ACCESS**

Cornwall Highways had confirmed a simple dropped kerb to The Luggar with repainted yellow lines would be the best option. Councillors accepted the quote of £2093.38 for the work (proposed JH, seconded KG).

## **122314**

### **NEW ROAD CAR PARK PAY & DISPLAY MACHINE MANAGEMENT**

The clerk had confirmed that the current 3 month provisional contract arrangements had run well. Councillors therefore voted to make the contract permanent subject to the previously agreed terms. (Proposed JA, seconded JH).

## **122315**

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **1. Review of precept budget for 2024-25**

The Finance Committee had met prior to this meeting and discussed details of the proposed Precept calculation, details of which had previously been circulated by the clerk amongst all Councillors. The clerk had recommended that the Precept for 2024/2025 be set at £27,740 (increase 4.6% over current year, in line with inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index). As they had accepted his recommendation, KG proposed this to the council (seconded JC) and it was unanimously agreed

#### **2.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 £4,843.03 (including VAT of £388.36) be paid (proposed JC, seconded JH). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

#### **3. Bank Reconciliation**

The reconciled bank balance as at 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 was £56,452.51

## **122316**

### **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**

- CE reported a street lamp not working and some overgrown steps and will pass the information on to the clerk.

- HH confirmed that this is her last meeting as a member of Gerrans Parish Council, as she will be resigning to focus on her new role as Chair of Roseland and Community Land Trust and focused on affordable housing issues. NM proposed a vote of thanks to HH for all her hard work over the last six years, which was unanimously supported.

## **122317**

### **NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 be set for the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall annexe at 7.30 pm.

## **112319**

### **MEETING CLOSE**

“Nadelik Lowen” and Christmas wishes In English were exchanged and KG declared the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

**End of Minutes**

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Report received from Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT) (Agenda item 9)**

Meeting held online on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

CEAP – Climate and Environment Plan draft document is almost ready. Cllr Julian German to read it for comment/feedback.

Energy subcommittee – working through the feasibility report produced by Charmian Larke of Atlantic Energy. Draft application completed/ready for application for Phase 2 funding for project.

Richard Cochrane Legacy – agreement to set up Eco Innovation Award with The Roseland Academy. Also to work on designation of Gerrans Bay as a marine Conservation Area.

Infrared Surveys – team continue to undertake surveys for local residents

Tree Nursery – tree planting took place at the Sports Field in Tregony with Tregony Nursery School on 1<sup>st</sup> December. On 11<sup>th</sup> December there will be a session at Pelyn to replant up to 100 trees.

Film: *Down The Drain* second documentary film of the Cornwall's Climate Stories from Cornwall Climate Care to be shown at the Harbour Club on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 following the screening of *Hungry for Change* on 14<sup>th</sup> November

Local food market/producers – REACT keen to set up/work with existing local food markets to highlight sustainable local food producers/production.

Roseland and Truro Community Area Partnership EV survey: [Have your say on the future of electric vehicle charging in Cornwall - Cornwall Council](#)

**End of Appendix 1**