

Konsel Pluw Erens Gerrans Parish Council



**MINUTES of the remote meeting of Gerrans Parish Council
held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 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), Val Neal (VN); Steve Skull (Clerk), CC Julian German.

One member of the public attended.

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ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllr Mary Watson

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

RC proposed (seconded KG) that the absence be approved. This was agreed unanimously.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- None

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Erin Morris introduced herself and said she had recently moved to the village and had been invited by WG to talk to the meeting about the technology her company, Data Duopoly Ltd, could provide, as a potential point of interest to the local community. She said this technology could help to alleviate some pressures put on the local area in the peak summer season, providing 2 products in particular which could help aid social distancing and monitoring of footfall in hotspot areas. CT thanked her for her contribution and invited her to send further details to the clerk for him to forward.

JG reported that there was frustration locally that provision of the Covid-19 vaccine had been centralised at Roche, although local surgeries were now also offering home vaccinations for those unable to travel.

He also said that as yet plans for a multi-agency meeting to discuss parking hotspots and this year's Tall Ships festival had not been finalised.

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DECISIONS

Members reviewed for ratification the list of decisions made up to 26th January 2021 under the Council's Emergency Scheme of Delegation. JC proposed (seconded HH) that the list of decisions be ratified. Agreed unanimously.

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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.

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PARKING

The clerk said that two vehicles reported at January's meeting as appearing to have been abandoned in Treloan Lane car park both had Statutory Off-Road Notifications. The process for identifying the owners via DVLC was a lengthy one at present due to the Covid emergency. Councillors agreed to make their own private enquiries with a view to ascertaining the owners' intentions re these vehicles.

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LANDSLIPS BELOW PENDENNIS

Further to the discussion at January's meeting (Minute Ref 012108), members again reviewed recent communications from residents local to New Road car park expressing concerns that water run-off from the car park might be a contributing factor in recent landslips below the cliff path. A copy of a geotechnical survey carried out by Cormac on 1st May 2020 and its conclusions had now been received by the clerk and circulated to the Councillors. Details were still awaited, however, of investigations being carried out by South West Water Ltd. The clerk had prepared for discussion a draft review of the current situation as regards car park drainage. Members had other contributions to make, and it was agreed that KG and JH would liaise to draft a final document, to be agreed by email exchange amongst members, for the clerk to forward to interested parties. The clerk was also asked to put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

CT reported on a meeting of the Finance Committee held immediately prior to this meeting. At that meeting the Committee had resolved to recommend to Council that the draft budget for 2021-2022, as prepared by the clerk and previously circulated amongst members, be approved. The clerk drew attention to the fact that the Council was expected to run a deficit in the coming year and emphasised to members that reserves would now be lower than in previous years, due largely to the effect of the ongoing Coronavirus epidemic.

RG proposed the approval of the budget as drafted (seconded JH). This was agreed unanimously.

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GOVERNANCE

Members considered responding to a formal consultation set up by Cornwall Council's Standards Committee concerning a proposed new model Code of Conduct. After a discussion, RG proposed that the PC support the proposed changes (seconded WG). This was agreed unanimously, and the clerk was asked to submit the response.

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NALC LAND REGISTRY SURVEY

The clerk had previously drafted and circulated a response to this survey, which sought information as to local Councils' experiences in dealing with HM Land Registry. KG proposed the response be submitted as drafted (seconded JH). This was agreed unanimously, and the clerk was asked to submit the response.

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NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 2nd March 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 WG).

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MEETING CLOSE

CT declared the meeting closed at 8.19 pm.

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

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

We held a Zoom meeting on the 25th January.

We agreed a formal constitution to clarify the structure and aims of the organisation. Developing the constitution has highlighted a number of aspects. Some of the detail on different projects and activities will be clarified with an update on the REACT web page.

We were hoping to appoint a Treasurer but have not yet found a suitable candidate willing to take on this role.

For the individual projects we have appointed a number of people to support and move the different projects forward so anticipate more progress on these soon.

We are hoping to move forward with an application for the car sharing based in Gerrans and a public charge point in the memorial hall car park through the CIL funding and working with Roseland Community Transport as the vehicle for the application.

We have been working with Our Only World who have secured funding for 15 water bottle refill stations in Cornwall. They have developed a product manufactured out of recycled plastic and would be keen to explore installations on the Roseland. We would like the parish council's views on whether we should push for a refill point in Portscatho at either Tatams / Public Toilets, in the square above the Plume of Feathers or in New Road car park.

End of report