

**Konsel Pluw Erens  
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 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), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Val Neal (VN) Laura Wilson (LW); Steve Skull (Clerk), CC Julian German (JG).

Four members of the public attended.

**022301**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- None

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES**

- N/A

**022302**

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

- HH declared a non-registerable interest in PA23/00453, to be considered in item 7 on the agenda.

**022303**

**REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER**

JG reported that preliminary discussions had been held regarding parking and traffic management for this year's Tall Ships Festival. It was expected that very similar arrangements would be in place between Gerrans and St Anthony on August 18<sup>th</sup> for the Parade of Sail as were implemented at the last visit of the Tall Ships. It was not expected that any particular measures would be needed this side of the Carrick Roads for the planned combined flight display on Armed Forces Day, on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

**022304**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- None

**022305**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Those members who had been present approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January as being a true record of that meeting. KG signed the minutes.

**022306**

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

KG reported that the work to secure the wall between Gerrans Green and the adjoining cottage appeared now to have been completed.

022307

## PLANNING MATTERS

### a) Applications

There were five new applications for consideration. These are outlined below, and detailed comments are noted on the Cornwall Council planning website. HH left the room during consideration of PA23/00453.

Application	Address	PC decision
PA22/10344	Barn A, West Of Treloan Farmhouse, Treloan Lane	<b>Support.</b> 6 support, 3 object, 1 abstain *
PA23/00113	36, Churchtown Road	<b>Support.</b> 6 Support, 2 object, 2 abstain **
PA23/00135	Chapel House, Well Lane	<b>Support.</b> 9 support, 1 object
PA23/00453	St Hilary, Curgurrel	<b>Support.</b> Unanimous
PA23/00382	Trewince Manor (tree works)	<b>Support.</b> Unanimous

\* NM complained that he had been prevented from having his say on this application because of pressure and interventions from the Chair, which he said was disgraceful behaviour on the part of KG. KG apologised but said it would never be her intention to prevent any member from voicing their opinion. She said she was simply trying to make clear the comments received from the Planning Officer in her correspondence with him about this application.

NM then proposed that the PC should submit a formal complaint against the Case Officer on the grounds of predetermination (seconded RG). Voting was 2 in favour and 2 against, with 6 abstentions. KG used her casting vote and the proposal was not carried.

\*\* NM requested a recorded vote. He and RG had voted to object to this application, WG and RC had abstained, and the remaining 6 Councillors voted to support. Prior to the vote in favour of supporting this application, NM had proposed (seconded RG) that the PC object to it. Voting was 2 in favour of objection and 8 against.

### b) Decisions since last meeting

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA22/09537 re Bohortha Farm	Support	Approved
PA22/08020 re 35, Churchtown Road	Object, but agreed to disagree after 5-day protocol letter	Approved
PA22/10200 re Methers Collyn	Object, but agreed to disagree after 5-day protocol letter	Approved

022308

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

JC reported that the search for possible development sites was still ongoing, but details about actual negotiations were sensitive. JH suggested that the PC had fulfilled its role in this matter by commissioning the survey and bringing potential land providers into contact with the Roseland Community Land Trust, but now detailed commercial discussions were commencing, the PC could have no direct role.

It was agreed that it was within the terms of reference of the Affordable Housing Action Group for it to continue to exist and meet, operating as a liaison point between the RCLT and the PC. HH proposed a formal vote of thanks to JC for all his work in achieving such good progress to date. This was seconded by VN and unanimously approved.

**022309**

**PARKING**

Members considered whether or not to pursue the Council's initial expression of interest in bidding for funding under Year 2 of the Truro and Roseland Community Network Highways Scheme for delivery in the financial year 2023-2024.

The clerk referred to previously circulated correspondence with the Scheme's management which highlighted the fact that the PC would be liable to contribute an amount of money in advance to enable a Parking Restriction Study before its application could be considered for funding, with no guarantee either that the study would produce a positive result, or that funding would eventually be allocated to the project if it did. He said that on that basis he was unable to recommend that the PC pursue its bid.

KG proposed that, as the deadline for applications was not until mid-March, the matter should be put on the agenda for the March meeting to give members time to consider. This was seconded by WG and unanimously agreed.

**022310**

**MAIN BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

KG 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 2023-2024, as prepared by the clerk and previously circulated amongst members, be approved. After a discussion, during which the clerk answered questions raised by members, JC proposed (seconded by HH) that the budget be approved as drafted. Voting was 9 in favour and 1 against. Within the same discussion and vote, it was agreed that, in the current year 2022-2023, a donation of £250 be made to the Roseland Surgeries Patients Group's defibrillator appeal, and a contribution of £2,000 be made towards remedial groundworks at the cricket field paid for by Gerrans Cricket Club.

**022311**

**PARISH INFORMATION BOARD**

NM reported that LW had taken over the search for an alternative designer. LW said she was making progress and would report back at the next meeting.

**022312**

**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.

**022313**

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

NM reported that the Memorial Hall Committee was continuing with its schedule of improvements and refurbishments. The works were expected to take between 18 months and 2 years to complete.

**022314**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**1. 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 £20,873.48 (including VAT of £2,832.55) be paid (proposed RG, seconded HH). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

**2. Bank Reconciliation**

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th January was £43,447.13.

## **022315**

### **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**

- RG reported that people had complained to him about speeding vehicles on Churchtown Road. JG commented that in the forthcoming financial year, all the villages on the Roseland would be considered for inclusion in CC's 20mph limit rollout.

- KG reported that GPC members had been invited to attend a meeting of Veryan PC on 20<sup>th</sup> February, when the architects of a proposed development scheme at Pendower would be giving a presentation.

## **022316**

### **NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday, 7th March 2023 be set for the next meeting, to be held in the Memorial Hall Annexe at 7.30 pm.

## **022317**

### **CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

One application for the vacant position had been received and the applicant, Jane Andain, was present and gave a brief address, having previously sent some biographical history which the clerk had circulated amongst members. In accordance with protocol, a vote was taken by secret ballot. She was elected to the post, and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. KG offered the congratulations of the Council to Jane, and welcomed her to the role.

## **022318**

### **MEETING CLOSE**

KG declared the meeting closed at 9.14 pm.

**End of Minutes**

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Summary of report from RC re REACT (Agenda item 12)**

REACT met on the 31st January.

We are moving forward with the CAP but have had mixed feedback from different parish councils. Some have been very supportive but others have asked for public engagement workshops first.

Veryan requested this and our plan is to host a workshop in Veryan to explore public engagement with the CAP.

The solar and AD scheme is moving forward. We are still waiting on guidance on grid connections but the AD consultant is developing his proposal and the different business models are being researched.

All is well at the tree nursery with some planting recently done in Ruan and near Trewithian.

A number of surveys have been carried out with the infra-red camera during the cold weather.

REACTs next meeting is on the 27th February

**End of Appendix 1**