Konsel Pluw Erens Gerrans Parish Council

MINUTES of the remote meeting of Gerrans Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th January 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), Mary Watson (MW); Steve Skull (Clerk), CC Julian German.

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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 Val Neal.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

JC proposed (seconded HH) 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

JG said that there had been incidences of second homeowners and holidaymakers travelling to the Parish in contravention of Covid-19 restrictions, and many had been reported to the police. There were worrying increases in the local rates of infection, which it was hoped would be addressed by the new tougher regime.

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DECISIONS

Members reviewed for ratification the list of decisions made up to 28th December 2020 under the Council's Emergency Scheme of Delegation. RG proposed (seconded KG) 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. He added that REACT was in the process of creating a formal constitution and opening its own bank account.

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PARKING

JG addressed the meeting at CT's invitation. He said he had received comments and complaints about various kinds of parking problems on the Roseland this season and was looking into the possibility of convening a multi-agency meeting, to include representatives of Highways, the National Trust and the 5 Roseland Parish Councils, to investigate what might be done to improve

the situation going forward. He said this summer had probably not been much worse than in previous years, but the contrast between the busy holiday season and the lockdown that preceded it had enhanced that perception. The forthcoming Tall Ships event in the summer of 2021 was another factor to be taken into account. Members agreed there was an appetite for such a joint meeting and the clerk was asked to reply formally to JG's invitation to that effect. Also on parking, KG said there were some vehicles in Treloan Lane car park which appeared to be abandoned. The clerk said he would investigate if she would send him details of the vehicles concerned.

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LANDSLIPS BELOW PENDENNIS

Members 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. Correspondence involving Cornwall Council, the National Trust and South West Water was also considered. The clerk said he had been informed that Cormac had carried out a geotechnical survey of the area and had requested a copy of the full report, but was still awaiting receipt of this. Details were still expected also of South West Water's investigations. After a discussion, the clerk was asked to reply to the local residents that the PC was sympathetic to their concerns but would need to see the detailed reports and make further investigations before commenting further on the matter. The clerk was also asked to put this issue on the agenda for February's meeting.

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NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 2nd February 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 MW).

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MEETING CLOSE

CT declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

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

We met online on the 14th December.

Car sharing scheme

There has been some positive feedback from Co-Cars who are going to formalise the quotes for the cars and charge points which will then be used in the funding application. They cited the example of Bude who applied for a similar car sharing scheme but combined the application with public charge points. We propose to use Roseland Community Transport as the vehicle for the funding application but would like to understand the number of private car journeys RCT coordinate as these could have preferential access to the shared car.

Local energy Community Interest Company

Some progress with Western Power on the area that is supplied by the Roseland substation (near Trewithian Farm). This has enabled us to formalise quotes for panel installations and clarify the region where relevant demand exists. Work is ongoing formalising these quotes and developing the model for the project finances.

Tree planting

Good progress with more saplings planted at the tree nursery in Veryan.

Plastic free Roseland

Managed socially distanced beach cleans at Pelyn Creek and at Porthbeor. A large tarpaulin and a substantial fishing net were recovered as well as various smaller items. Signage is being developed to highlight the water refill taps.

Localism

Work has started to try and support and promote locally grown foods being bought locally. A number of suppliers and retailers have been contacted to encourage them to focus on local produce and to highlight the local sourcing.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the 25th January at 6pm via Zoom.

End of report