

**Konsel Pluw Erens
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.30 pm
in the Memorial Hall**



Present:

Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), Richard Cochrane (RC), Ralph German (RG), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Val Neal (VN); Steve Skull (Clerk).

Two members of the public attended.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllrs John Crombie and Will Gill; CC Julian German.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

VN proposed (seconded JH) that the absences be approved. This was agreed unanimously.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- NM declared a non-registerable interest in planning application PA21/05407, to be considered at item 7(a) on the agenda.

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REPORT FROM WARD MEMBER

CC Julian German had sent a report along with his apology, which can be seen at Appendix 1 to these minutes. Members agreed they would support the suggestion that the National Trust might open up certain fields at peak holiday periods to alleviate the parking pressures experienced annually in the Parish. The clerk was asked to confirm this to the Ward Member.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Members unanimously approved the minutes of:

1. The Parish Council Meeting held on 21st April 2021 (proposed RG, seconded HH) and
2. The Parish Council Meeting held on 8th June 2021, (proposed HH, seconded JH) as being true records of the meetings.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING

- None not covered in other items on the agenda.

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PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

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

(NM left the room during the consideration of PA21/05407)

At KG's invitation, members of the public John Baker, Glenda Baker and John Reeve addressed the meeting during the consideration of PA21/05407, all giving their reasons for opposing the application.

Application	Address	PC decision
PA21/01990	Pebble Cottage, Rosevine, Portscatho	Support. 3 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions
PA21/05407	Eshcol House, New Road, Portscatho	Object. Unanimous (6)
PA21/05771	Pendower Barn, Lower Farm, Trewithian	Support. 3 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions
PA21/04935	Upper Rosevine, Road from Porthcurnick to Seagers Barn	Support. Unanimous (7)

b) Decisions

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA21/01616 re Barn A, Treloan Lane	Conditional support	Approved
PA21/04550 re Tresco, Gerrans Hill	Support	Approved

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

HH reported that she, JC and JH, who comprise the working group who volunteered at the June meeting to begin the necessary research and consultations in this area, had had a good meeting with the committee of the Community Land Trust (CLT). JH said the CLT had indicated that they were keen to be involved from the very outset in any PC initiative. She recommended accepting their offer, saying the PC would benefit from their experience and free advice. After a discussion members voted to support this recommendation (5 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention). HH added that the numbers reflecting housing need on Cornwall Council's (CC's) Homechoice register appeared ambiguous, and JH said that there were different definitions of local housing need. NM agreed that there needed to be more clarification of what is CC's definition of local connection. Members agreed that the working group should continue their investigations and report back at the August meeting.

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TRAFFIC AND PARKING ISSUES

KG had previously circulated a draft working document listing issues raised and potential remedies, for use as a basis for discussion. She invited further comments and suggestions for additions to the list going forward. She would attend the upcoming online meeting to discuss the "Twenty's Plenty for Cornwall" scheme. She said CC were generally in favour, but funding was likely to be limited. Any change would have to be implemented via a new Traffic Regulation Order, and funded via the Community Network Panel.

The clerk said he would make enquiries via CALC as to the experience of other Parish Councils in adding a digital payment facility to their Pay and Display machines, and produce a cost/benefit analysis in due course. In view of the current cashflow situation highlighted in the budget, and the continuing uncertainty as to any potential impact the progress of the Covid pandemic might yet have on car park takings, he suggested this would be a project for next year.

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REPORTS

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

1. Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)

RC presented a report and update on REACT's recent activities. A summary of the report can be seen at Appendix 2 to these minutes.

2. Police Liaison Group

NM said he had attended the latest PLG meeting, and had reported the local highway obstruction issues highlighted in recent meetings.

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LANDSLIPS BELOW PENDENNIS

The clerk reported that no new conclusive information had been received in correspondence since the June meeting.

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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 £5,576.82 (including VAT of £153.64) be paid. A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

2. Bank Reconciliation

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th June was £41,333.89.

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OTHER PARISH MATTERS

1. Any urgent business

- None

2. Matters to be included on the next agenda (not heretofore minuted)

- To discuss ideas for the celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee of HM the Queen in 2022.

3. Minor items for report only

- None

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CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

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NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 3rd August be set for the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall.

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MEETING CLOSE

KG declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

Report from Ward Member CC Julian German (Agenda item 6)

My apologies for tonight's meeting, Ruan Laniorne PC have specifically requested that I attend their meeting tonight. My apologies for the August PC meeting as well, as I will be away.

With regard to highways, I did meet with the highway steward. The White Stone will be moved further back from the highway and the chains between the granites tightened.

In relation to parking at Rosevine, the highway steward and myself both feel that the National Trust opening up the field at either Pednadan or the boat storage field for parking would really help to alleviate the situation. Potentially also in Portscatho, where people are also parking in the streets to access Porthcurnick/the Hidden Hut when New Road car park is full. The NT have

said they are not in favour of parking in the fields but I feel we may need to go back to them on this and would welcome your views.

In relation to electronic payments for parking, this is common place and well used. I believe over a third of the 20p payments for using the toilet at St Mawes car park are now made electronically!

If I can assist with any matters, please do let me know.

Best wishes, Julian

End of report

APPENDIX 2

Summary of report from RC re REACT (Agenda item 10.1)

REACT met on the 29th June.

The festival to encourage local food purchasing was discussed at length but is looking unlikely to go ahead. The principle of encouraging local purchases, reducing food miles and supporting local business was very well received by the businesses consulted but very few felt they could commit to taking time away from their main outlets or business premises to attend the event.

Further consultation is being undertaken to explore their engagement with an event later in the year or another pathway such as a website to promote local food suppliers etc.

The local energy scheme has been put on hold for the moment as the trading arrangements currently in place to not allow sales of electricity to both commercial and domestic customers. They are trying to change this and when the new arrangements are in place this project will be restarted.

The survey for the electric car sharing scheme is due imminently and when it is published, support to encourage many people to participate would be appreciated.

Generally good progress with the tree nursery and water refill points across the Roseland.

Kind regards

Richard

End of report