

**Konsel Pluw Erens
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30 pm
in the Memorial Hall Annexe**



Present:

Cllrs Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), John Crombie (JC), Jane Andain (JA), Helen Hastings (HH), Val Neal (VN),

One member of the public attended.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Steve Skull (Clerk), Cllrs Ralph German, Joanna Holah, Nev Meek, Laura Wilson. CC Julian German

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

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

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- None

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REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER

CC Julian German was not present but advised that if a response to the 20mph consultation was to be made it should be agreed at this meeting.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr Steve Hooper reported that the entrance from Treventon Road is difficult to access due to the overgrowth at No 62. He thinks the fence erected there by Cornwall Council may be over the boundary line. KG advised him to report the matter direct to Cornwall Council using the 'report something' facility on their web site.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Those members who had been present approved the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 6th June as being a true record of that meeting. KG signed the minutes.

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REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING

The notice of vacancy for two parish councillors has been posted on our website and noticeboards.

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PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

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

Application	Address	PC decision
PA23/04624	Communications mast, Tregaire Barton Farm	Support. Unanimous
PA23/04727	13, Clifton Terrace, New Road	Support. Unanimous

b) Decisions since last meeting

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA23/02968 re Gull Rock, Rosevine	Support	Approved
PA23/02891 re Little Rosevine	Support	Approved
PA23/03460 re Polhendra Barn	Abstain	Approved
PA22/09523 re 13, Churchtown Road	Originally object, but agreed after subsequent amendments.	Approved

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

HH reported that Roseland CLT are managing the project and making good progress. They are liaising with Cornwall Council's Affordable Housing Team regarding next steps and applying for grants. Councillors have no specific knowledge of developments and are unlikely to be involved further until pre-application documentation has been prepared. This update will be published to the web site and the Roseland Magazine.

KG reminded the meeting of the Homechoice consultation on 'Let's Talk Cornwall', which is open to everyone, and asked councillors to share thoughts by email prior to agreeing a GPC response at next month's meeting.

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PARISH INFORMATION BOARD

There was no report as Councillor Laura Wilson was unable to attend the meeting.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)

- There was no report from REACT as Councillor Joanna Holah was unable to attend the meeting. However, GPC had had several approaches from interested parties about the potential seaweed farm in Gerrans Bay. A meeting had been held at The Nare regarding a potential licence application. Councillors viewed a map provided and expect to be formally consulted in due course.
- Members discussed Richard Cochrane's former company, 'Quiet Revolution's reported wish to provide a fitting memorial within the Parish for him and his work. Councillors were of the same mind, and agreed to consider suitable ideas.

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

Councillor Nev Meek had attended the recent Police liaison meeting and reported that our sector is up to strength in terms of staffing but due to an updated IT system the police have been without meaningful stats since last November. A new crime prevention initiative, 'Heritage Watch' is being launched. The speed camera in Tregolls Road, Truro, is catching thousands.

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WORKING PARTY AND LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Laura Wilson had kindly volunteered to represent the council at the new Community Area Partnership on 18th July. This completes all responsibilities which will now be published on the web site.

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TRURO AND ROSELAND CNA CONSULTATION

GPC is supportive of the 20mph proposals but consider that the limit on Tregassick Road should extend to the same point as the current 30mph limit, which is on the approach to the school, not at the entrance.

062314**PORTSCATHO PUBLIC CONVENIENCES/TATAM'S BEACH CAFÉ**

Councillors voted unanimously to approve the new sub-lease, subject to the receipt of satisfactory references, and to approve the consequent early surrender of the existing sub-lease.

Some concerns had been reported that since the cafe closed the previous week the toilets were not being cleaned. The current leaseholder would be reminded it is still his responsibility to do this.

042315**FINANCIAL MATTERS****1. 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 £6,906.51 (including VAT of £430.17) be paid (proposed KG, seconded VN). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

2. Bank Reconciliation

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th June was £48, 725.07

042316**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

- None

042317**POTENTIAL TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF THE CLERK**

The unusual absence of the Clerk from this meeting had demonstrated the need for contingency measures should such a situation arise again, so he had taken advice from CALC, which was discussed. Councillors unanimously resolved (proposed JC, seconded KG) to :

- a) Create an unpaid post to act on behalf of the Council to cover its administration as required; this could be shared or rotated according to the skills required at the time
- b) Delegate the postholder and the Chairman to work with the clerk to ensure an effective administration of Council business during any absence of the clerk.
- c) Purchase a mobile smartphone to be advertised as the Council's phone number. KG offered to donate an old i-phone to be used in the first instance.
- d) Agree to the clerk's nomination of KG to act as his sole contact during any absence.
- e) Agree in principle to contract out the collection and banking of pay and display machine cash takings on the Council's behalf. The Clerk will draft a job description.

Thanks were expressed to JC for taking notes at this meeting in the absence of the clerk.

042318**NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 1st August 2023 be set for the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall annexe at 7.30 pm.

MEETING CLOSE

KG declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

End of Minutes