

**Konsel Pluw Erens  
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.30 pm  
in the Memorial Hall**



Present:

Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), John Crombie (JC), Ralph German (RG), Will Gill (WG), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Val Neal (VN); Steve Skull (Clerk).

Two members of the public attended.

**062101**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Cllr Richard Cochrane, CC Julian German.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES**

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

**062102**

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

- None

**062103**

**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.

**062104**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- None

**062105**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Members approved the minutes of:

1. The Annual Parish Meeting (6 in favour, 2 abstentions) and
2. The Annual Parish Council Meeting (unanimous), both held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021, as being true records of the meetings.

**062106**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - MATTERS ARISING**

**1. Churchtown Road - access, parking and speeding**

KG referred to minutes of previous meetings when these matters had been discussed, and to the last speed survey carried out in 2018. She volunteered to produce a list of issues raised, and potential ideas suggested to date, for a new Traffic Regulation Order for the Parish, for which there might be the possibility of access to funds from the Community Network panel. This would be a starting point for development of practical policy. Members were also reminded of a Zoom meeting organised by the "20's Plenty" campaign to be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>, and agreed to discuss the matter further at the July meeting.

## 2. Affordable Housing

Members agreed that there is a need for considerably more current accurate data on matters such as:

- what is the local housing need
- who is actually occupying the social housing available locally
- what sites might be available/suitable locally for new-builds
- who might actually carry out any building works.

It was further agreed that there needed to be a responsible Councillor or Working Group for this issue. HH,JC and JH volunteered to begin the necessary research and consultations, and to report back at the July meeting.

### 062107

#### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MATTERS ARISING

- No matters were raised

### 062108

#### GOVERNANCE

Members reviewed for approval and adoption the following documents:

- GPC Standing Orders as amended 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021. **Adopted.** Unanimous
- GPC Financial Regulations as amended 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021. **Adopted.** Unanimous

### 062109

#### PLANNING MATTERS

##### a) Applications

There was one new application for consideration. This is outlined below and detailed comments are noted on the Cornwall Council planning website.

Application	Description	PC decision
PA21/04550	Proposed single storey extension Tresco, Gerrans Hill.	Support. 7 in favour, 1 abstention

##### b) Decisions

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA21/02017 re 2, The Quay, Portscatho	Object	Refused
PA21/02832 re 1, Shute Meadow, Portscatho	Support	Approved

### 062110

#### REPORTS

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

NM reported from a recent Memorial Hall Committee meeting that:

- the new roof on the surgery was now completed
- they have recently registered to be a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and
- they are investigating the possibilities of introducing alternative payment acceptance methods to coins for their car park Pay and Display machine.

### 062111

#### LANDSLIPS BELOW PENDENNIS

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

### 062112

#### ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Members considered for approval the following previously circulated documents:

- Annual Internal Audit Report
- Annual Accounting Statements

All members present confirmed that they had received and read the above documents a) and b). It was unanimously agreed to approve both documents (Proposed RG, seconded JH).

**062113**

**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 £6,234.95 (including VAT of £179.40) be paid. A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

**2. Bank Reconciliation**

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th May was £40,914.60.

**062114**

**OTHER PARISH MATTERS**

**1. Any urgent business**

- None

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

- To consider alternative payment acceptance methods for the New Road Car Park Pay and Display machine

**3. Minor items for report only**

- NM said he would raise traffic issues and antisocial behaviour at the next Police Liaison Meeting, and invited members to bring to his attention any such matters reported to them.

**062115**

**NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July be set for the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall.

**062116**

**MEETING CLOSE**

KG declared the meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

End of Minutes

**APPENDIX 1**

**Report from Ward Member CC Julian German**

My apologies for the PC meeting this month, which clashes with the Truro and Roseland Community Network Panel (CNP). Given the reminder on meeting times, I thought I would send a report to yourselves and attend the virtual meeting.

In terms of Churchtown Road being on the agenda I have attached the last speed visor report for this road. These are valid for three years but I have asked highways to carry out another one closer to the Parc an Dillon junction. I expect you are aware of the 20 is plenty campaign, and the PC may want to consider this. My expectation is that there will be a Traffic Road Order available through the CNP.

Please let me know if I can assist following the housing discussion.

I have reported damage at the front of the jetty and damage to the path at the rear.

I am awaiting further information about Tall Ships and will call a meeting about this, hopefully, soon.

I understand the White Stone has been struck since its repositioning and the new paving edges being installed. I hope to have the highways steward out in the next fortnight, so please let me know if there are any highways issues you want me to raise.

Following on from my last report, some further Cornwall Council information, this time focussing on Cormac:

CC responsible for 4,500miles of roads, 2,600miles of public rights of ways with footpath maintenance predominantly carried out by Parish and Town Councils, 1,500 bridges and 1,200 retaining walls.

106 volunteer groups work with Cormac on litter picking, In Bloom and other environmental initiatives.

In rural areas there is a six- monthly inspection of the highway. A category 1 defect (for example, a pot hole which is over four cms deep) should be fixed in 72hours. Currently this measure is at 99% met. Given that highway inspections are six monthly, it may take a long time for something to be noticed by highways so please use report something on the councils website [Report something - Cornwall Council](#) This has a wide range of things that can be reported, from food safety to dog fouling, fro This has a wide range of things that can be reported, from food safety to dog fouling, from dead animals on the highway for removal to blocked drains, please use it.

Best wishes, Julian

End of report