

**Konsel Pluw Erens  
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30 pm  
in the Memorial Hall**



Present:

Charlotte Taffinder (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), Val Neal (VN); Steve Skull (Clerk).

Two members of the public attended.

**052101**

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The chairman of a Council remains in office until a successor is elected, even if he or she has not been elected to the new Council, and, if present, must preside at the Annual Meeting for the first item on the agenda 'To Elect Chairman'. Accordingly, CT took the chair for this item.

Kate Greet was nominated by JC and seconded by VN. There were no other nominations. Seven members voted in favour and two abstained. KG was therefore elected and took over the Chair and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**052102**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- CC Julian German. No Parish Councillors were absent.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES**

- See above

**052103**

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

- None

**052104**

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND REVIEW OF COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS**

John Crombie was the only nomination for Deputy Chairman (proposed JH, seconded HH). Seven members voted in favour and two abstained. JC was therefore elected to the post. Members considered a list of the existing committee, working party and liaison member appointments and agreed on a revised list for the forthcoming year, which is available from the clerk on request.

**052105**

**FORMAL VOTES OF THANKS**

Votes of thanks were passed unanimously for Mary Watson, who has stood down after 4 years' service as a Councillor, and for Charlotte Taffinder, who has served for nearly 14 years - 9 of them as Chairman. The clerk expressed his personal appreciation to CT, who first became Chairman in the year he started as Clerk. He thanked her for all her cooperation and hard work behind the scenes over the years.

## **052106**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr S Hooper asked why there was a regular agenda item devoted to REACT, who are not a Council body. The clerk replied that the Council had pledged to have a regular slot for environmental issues, and during the period of short-agenda Zoom meetings, this had taken the form of REACT's summary of events since the previous meeting.

Mr Hooper also said it would be preferable for PC decisions on planning matters to go back to being taken in public meetings where the public could be present and voice opinions on the day.

## **052107**

### **DECISIONS**

Members reviewed for ratification the list of decisions made up to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 under the Council's Emergency Scheme of Delegation. WG proposed (seconded JC) that the list of decisions be ratified. Voting was 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

## **052108**

### **GOVERNANCE**

Members reviewed for approval and adoption the following documents:

- a) - Cornwall Council Code of Conduct March 2021. **Adopted.** 8 in favour, 1 abstention.
- b) - GPC Standing Orders as amended May 2021. **Adopted.** 7 in favour, 2 abstentions.
- c) - GPC Financial Regulations as amended May 2021. **Decision referred to June meeting, pending confirmation of status of Scheme of Delegation.**

## **052109**

### **ANNUAL REVIEWS**

Members reviewed for approval the following documents:

- a) - Risk Assessment and Management Plan. **Approved.** 8 in favour, 1 abstention.
- b) - Privacy Statement. **Approved.** Unanimous
- c) - Statement of Internal Control 2020-2021 pre-audit. **Approved.** 8 in favour, 1 abstention.
- d) - Annual Governance Statement 2020-2021 pre-audit. **Approved.** Unanimous

## **052110**

### **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.

## **052111**

### **LANDSLIPS BELOW PENDENNIS**

The clerk reported that no new conclusive information had been received in correspondence since the April meeting. A private geotechnical survey had been commissioned, and a site meeting of interested parties had been proposed pending the survey's report. He was asked to put this issue on the agenda again for the next meeting in case any new information came to light.

## **052112**

### **RAILINGS ABOVE TATAMS BEACH**

Members considered a representation from the Harbourmaster in response to concerns raised by Councillors about the recent installation of railings at the sea wall by the public conveniences in Portscatho. HH volunteered to draft a response for the clerk to send to Cornwall Council's Maritime Section and Open Spaces Department expressing the concerns of the PC about the safety implications of the new railings, and the ongoing maintenance of the sea wall.

## **052113**

### **NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June be set for the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall.

**052114**

**MEETING CLOSE**

KG declared the meeting closed at 8.43 pm.

End of Minutes

**APPENDIX 1**

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

At our meeting on the 26th April we discussed the Local Food Festival planned for the Autumn - planned for the weekend of the 25th and 26th September.

There was discussion about broadening the remit to include local arts and crafts but it was decided to keep the focus on locally sourced or manufactured food. Still to be confirmed but the anticipated venue is the Veryan sports centre.

Other projects are progressing but with no significant updates to report at present. Our next meeting is planned for the 24th May.

End of report