

## Konsel Pluw Erens Gerrans Parish Council



**MINUTES of the remote meeting of Gerrans Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 7.30 pm  
on the Zoom platform**

Present:

Charlotte Taffinder (Chairman) (CT), Richard Cochrane (RC), Kate Greet (KG), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Valerie Neal (VN); Steve Skull (Clerk), CC Julian German.

### **112001**

#### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS ATTENDING**

CT called the roll and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

### **112002**

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Cllrs Mary Watson, Will Gill and John Crombie

#### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES**

CT proposed (seconded KG) that the absences be approved, and also that of Cllr Ralph German, who had been granted a permitted period of absence until 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 at July's meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

### **112003**

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

- None

### **112004**

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

JG said Cornwall Council were awaiting clarification from Central Government on the details of new Covid-19 restrictions to be introduced from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, and a briefing note would be issued by CC as soon as the information was available.

### **112005**

#### **DECISIONS**

Members reviewed for ratification the list of decisions made up to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 under the Council's Emergency Scheme of Delegation. RC proposed (seconded KG) that the list of decisions be ratified. Agreed unanimously.

### **112006**

#### **ROSELAND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMUNITY TEAM**

RC reported that there had been no meeting of REACT in the previous month. Details were still awaited about the practicalities and possible complications of setting up a community electric vehicle carshare scheme and he hoped to have more to report by the time of the next meeting.

### **112007**

#### **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN**

The clerk reported that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit of the 2020 return had not yet been received from the Council's external auditors. Members agreed to make this an agenda item at the next meeting so the report could be formally reviewed when received.

## **112008**

### **ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLERK'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

The clerk reported that all information about the official new pay scales and annual leave entitlement had now been published. A rate increase of 2% for the current year had been announced but no changes in leave were relevant to his position. He said that despite having taken on more responsibility during the course of the Covid-19, he would not seek to justify a permanent upgrade in pay scale but proposed remaining on his present salary point of SCP22, with the 2% increase applied. Pension arrangements to remain the same also. This was agreed unanimously (proposed HH, seconded RC).

## **112009**

### **PARKING**

#### **(a) PAVEMENT PARKING – OPTIONS FOR CHANGE**

Members considered responding to the current Government consultation. NM had previously circulated a completed consultation form for discussion. It was agreed that issues highlighted in the Consultation had relevance for the Parish and it was unanimously agreed to submit a response based on NM's draft with one small amendment (proposed CT, seconded JH).

#### **(b) ANY OTHER PARKING ISSUES**

At the invitation of the Chairman, JG told the meeting that he had received a number of emails from local residents reporting that the usual seasonal challenges concerning the availability of parking had been worse this year. He had been asked about the possibility of, for example, extending the period of restrictions to cover April to October or increasing traffic warden cover. Members agreed that the core problem was that there were just too many vehicles for the available space at holiday times. Any changes to the restriction regime would need to be done via a new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) with a public consultation period - a process which had proved costly when needed in the past. JG said there was now the possibility of financial help from CC in this regard. The clerk said he had enquired about extra warden hours next summer but CC had informed him they did not have the resource to provide more cover than this year on The Roseland. JH asked whether they might be able to provide cover in April, May and October if the restrictions were extended. The clerk said he would enquire. It was agreed to revisit the matter at December's meeting, when ideas for a list of changes to be included in a potential future TRO would be welcomed.

## **112010**

### **CORNWALL AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

Members considered responding to the current consultation regarding the review of the AONB Management Plan 2016 - 2021. Deadline for submissions 6<sup>th</sup> December. After a discussion, members agreed that the Review had direct implications for the Parish in terms of planning, so the PC should respond. The clerk was asked to make this an agenda item at the December meeting, and in the meantime Councillors would share their ideas as to the content of the response by email.

## **11211**

### **BENCH AT LYCHGATE, CHURCHTOWN ROAD**

The clerk reported that the bench had fallen into a dilapidated state and an examination had proved that, whilst not immediately dangerous to the public, it was now beyond repair. The consensus was that ownership was with the PC. Members agreed that the immediate replacement of the bench would be subject to the availability of funds, which have been reduced due to the effects of the current pandemic. The clerk said he would be presenting the Precept Budget at the December meeting, when a clearer forecast of the financial situation at the end of the current year would be available. It was agreed to defer any decision until the likely financial position was clearer.

**11212**

**NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 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 RC).

**112013**

**MEETING CLOSE**

CT declared the meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

End of Minutes