

**Konsel Pluw Erens
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.30 pm
in the Memorial Hall Annexe**



Present:

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

No members of the public attended.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs John Crombie, Will Gill.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

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

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- Item 7

- JH and KG declared non-registerable interests in planning application ref PA22/08386

- RG and JG declared non-registerable interests in planning application ref PA22/08858

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REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER

JG reported that he had had a meeting with the estate director of a local landowner to discuss the potential land availability for an affordable housing scheme, and it had been agreed to hold a further meeting in January.

He also highlighted the cluster meeting to be held at St Mawes on 8th November, involving CC Olly Monk, to discuss local housing issues.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Those members who had been present approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th October as being a true record of the meeting (proposed LW, seconded JH). KG signed the minutes.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING

KG enquired as to progress with completing the installation of granite seating on Gerrans Green. RG said the matter was now in hand. It was agreed that the seating would be installed along the wall adjoining the Heritage Centre.

The clerk reported that he had made no progress in ascertaining what permissions would be required to relocate the red phone box from Rosevine to near the bench at the church lychgate, due to pressure of other work. He hoped to be able to have more to report at the next meeting.

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PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

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

Application	Address	PC decision
PA22/08386	Petersplosh, 7, Wellington Terrace, Portscatho	Support. Unanimous
PA22/08858	Land SE of Long Linhay, Treloan Lane.	Conditional support. Unanimous
PA22/09391	3, Parc Merys, Portscatho	Object. Unanimous

(JH and KG left the room during consideration of PA22/08389)

(RG and JG left the room during consideration of PA22/08858)

b) Decisions since last meeting

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA22/07521 re 7, The Square, Portscatho	Support, after 5-day protocol amendments	Approved
PA22/08423 re 21, The Lugger	Support	Approved
PA22/07699 re 32, Parc An Dillon	Support	Approved
PA22/07166 re Maralane, 29, North Parade	Support	Approved

c) Commons registrations

Members considered notifications received of three applications to register land as common land under the Commons Registrations Act 1985. It was unanimously agreed to support all three applications, refs 3017, 3020 and 3021, in the interests of the continued protection of public access (Proposed NM, seconded HH).

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

JH reported there was ongoing correspondence contact with Cornwall Council’s affordable housing department in the continuing search for possible development sites. There was general discussion again of possible sites in the Parish, and it was agreed the members of the Affordable Housing Working Group would go to physically examine the sites mentioned and take photographs, and also try to identify potential individual infill sites.

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PARISH INFORMATION BOARD

NM reported that an estimate, which he had previously circulated, had been received from the Working Group’s preferred designer. Members agreed that a more detailed estimate would give them a sounder basis for coming to a decision on the matter. NM agreed to convey this to the designer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)

RC presented a report on REACT’s recent activities. A summary of the report can be seen at Appendix 1 to these minutes. Members discussed the outcome of the cluster meeting of the five Roseland Parishes held on October 31st to consider the development of a climate action plan. There was general disappointment that no clear ideas were offered on what practical

steps Parish Councils might take, either individually or working in concert. RG said that the REACT agendas should be more focussed on achievable goals. KG said she would draft an initial Gerrans proposal for circulation and development.

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

-NM reported that the Memorial Hall committee proposed to install a projector and screen in the annexe for audio-visual presentations, and that further internal refurbishments to the main hall were being discussed, to include LED lighting, and the intention was generally to raise standards.

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ASH DIE-BACK DISEASE

The clerk presented a quote in the sum of £650 plus VAT from a local tree surgeon to carry out the necessary work to affected trees at the cricket field. The quote was unanimously accepted (proposed KG, seconded HH).

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DOGS ON BEACHES

Members unanimously agreed a draft PC submission to Cornwall Council's current consultation on its regulations concerning dogs on beaches, due for review in March 2023 (Proposed LW, seconded JH). The draft had been prepared and previously circulated by KG.

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CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE

Members considered an email from a member of the Critical Control Centre team of Cornwall Fire and Rescue, expressing concerns over CC's proposal to close the Centre and move the function outside of the Duchy, as part of its budget proposals. It was agreed the PC should write to CC supporting these concerns, and the clerk was asked to prepare a draft for review at the next meeting.

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ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLERK'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

(The clerk left the room during discussion of this matter, having previously circulated proposals to the Councillors).

It was agreed (7 in favour, 1 abstention - proposed KG, seconded LW) that the clerk should remain at SCP22 on the salary scale, but that his home working allowance be increased by £75.00 per month, backdated to 1st April 2022. Also that his duties in managing the pay and display machine and income be formalised as part of his contract, on an "hours as necessary at the same rate" basis.

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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 £8329.40 (including VAT of £151.76) be paid (proposed KG, seconded RC). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

2. Bank Reconciliation

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th October was £66,555.91

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OTHER PARISH MATTERS

1. Any urgent business

- None

2. New matters to be included on the next agenda, other than heretofore minuted

- Precept budget for 2022-2024.

3. Minor items for report only

- KG reminded members of a CC planning training event on 17th November.

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NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday, 6th December 2022 be set for the next meeting, to be held in the Memorial Hall Annexe at 7.30 pm.

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CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

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

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MEETING CLOSE

KG declared the meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

Summary of report from RC re REACT (Agenda item 10)

REACT held a meeting with most parishes from the Roseland to discuss the development of a Climate Action Plan for the Roseland on the 31st October. We had a good discussion and will develop the plan further and the arrange further meetings with the parishes to develop the plan. We propose to hold public meetings in each parish once the plan is developed further.

The solar and AD plant is progressing with consultation on grid capacity and similar constraints.

The report on the Tregony hydro site is due any day now which will confirm the viability of the hydro scheme.

There has been further discussion with the National Trust on the tree nursery which is looking promising.

End of Appendix 1