

**Konsel Pluw Erens
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.30 pm
in the Memorial Hall Annexe**



Present:

Cllrs Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), John Crombie (JC), Jane Andain (JA), Charles Emmett (CE), Ralph German (RG), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Val Neal (VN), Amelia Sumner (AS), Laura Wilson (LW); Steve Skull (Clerk), CC Julian German (JG).

Six members of the public attended.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Councillor Nev Meek.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

RG proposed (seconded JA) that the absence be approved. This was agreed unanimously.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- JA declared a non-registerable interest in planning application ref PA23/08211, to be considered under item 7 on the agenda.

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REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER

JG reported that the sale of Trewithian House was ongoing. And that as from 20th November, the streetlights managed by Cornwall Council will be turned off between midnight and 05.00 daily.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Pam Gamble raised the difficulty experienced by young local people in finding any appropriate affordable housing in the Parish, citing the example of her own family members. She said it was proving impossible for people to match the qualification criteria because of the "Catch 22" nature of those criteria. She said this had been a problem locally for the last twenty years, and she despaired of ever seeing a resolution of the problem. JG said he would try to help at Cornwall Council level.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Those members who had been present approved the minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October as being a true record of that meeting (proposed RG, seconded JH). KG signed the minutes.

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REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk expressed his thanks to KG and JC for taking and drafting the minutes of the previous four meetings, from which he had been absent.

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PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

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

| Application | Address | PC decision |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| PA23/08211 | Knightor Vineyard, Portscatho | Object. Voting: 5 object, 4 support. |

(JA left the room during the consideration of this application)

b) Decisions since last meeting

| Application | GPC comment | CC Decision |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| PA23/05606 - 26, Gwarak Gwel An Mor | Support | Approved |

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

HH said she was aware that real progress was being made with Roseland CLT's negotiations for the acquisition of land, but details were not yet in the public domain, so she was unable to be any more specific at this stage.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)

JH referred to a report received from REACT. The report is attached as Appendix 1. She also said that the late Cllr Richard Cochrane's family were considering ideas for a fitting memorial to Richard. Suggestions had included wind turbines, a marine sanctuary, or a university prize in his name.

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OTHER REPORTS

From Committee representatives, Working Groups and/or liaison members

LW reported that the design stage of the new Parish information board scheme was still ongoing.

CE reported that the AGM of Percuil River Moorings Ltd would be held on 27th November.

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PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

Councillors discussed a proposed road closure for works on 27th November between Trewithian and Gerrans. The clerk was asked to communicate their suggestions that the works should be carried out at night, or that a traffic light system be used rather than outright closure, because of the likely traffic chaos (proposed RC, seconded CE and agreed unanimously).

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PAVEMENT ACCESS

Councillors again discussed the possibility of installing a dropped kerb to the pavement on The Luggar to allow access for wheelchairs, pushchairs and mobility scooters. The clerk reported that no formal quote had yet been received, but had previously circulated a suggested design sent by Cornwall Highways. CE said the side-on access could prove problematic because people would park in front of it despite the double yellow lines. The clerk said he would raise this query with Highways.

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LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS

Councillors discussed the issue of members representing the PC at meetings of external bodies - particularly where they are expected to vote at such meetings. It was agreed that the clerk

would investigate the formal history of certain liaison relationships, take further legal advice and work towards drafting a definitive protocol, potentially to be added to the PC's standing orders in the future. The matter would be further discussed at the December meeting.

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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 £9,635.27 (including VAT of £690.43) be paid (proposed RG, seconded HH). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

2. Bank Reconciliation

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th October 2023 was £62,979.68.

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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

- Consideration of the Precept level for 2024-2025

3. Minor items for report only

- The clerk reported that the new tariff software for the pay and display machine at New Road car park had now been installed, and new signage put up.

- KG reported that the signage for the new parking restriction times in the Square, Portscatho had now been put up by Highways.

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NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 5th December 2023 be set for the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall annexe at 7.30 pm.

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MEETING CLOSE

KG declared the meeting closed at 9:15pm.

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

Report received from Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT) (Agenda item 9)

Next Tuesday (14th November) will be the showing of Cornwall Climate Care's film *Hungry for Change* at 7pm at The Harbour Club in Portscatho. Do come along if you can.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/116iAE6fdv5VOnttd7EtUBAi3X3BEYPa0/view?usp=drive_link

Veryan Tree Nursery: Simon Perry is organising a tree nursery event at Veryan Tree Nursery on Monday 13th November and if you would like to help out with weeding and tree maintenance contact Simon at simonperry21@gmail.com for more information.

REACT has set up a What's App group. If you would like more regular updates on what the group is doing and other related information on Climate Change and the Environment (with less emails) please send a text message to Simon 07530 822699 so he can invite you to join.

REACT are holding an online meeting on Tuesday 21st November (time to be confirmed). The meeting will be a chance to hear about the work that the sub committee groups have been undertaking recently on the CAP, the AD/PV array report and also the legacy in memory of Richard Cochrane. A link will be available and please get in contact via the what's app group or email to access the meeting. (If anyone has advice on video conferencing platforms we would be delighted to hear - especially as a 40 minute free zoom may not suffice for our meeting!)

Friends of the Fal have sent us an update - they meet regularly so if you are free on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month do get in contact with Sara or Fran of Friends of the Fal to find out more.

email: sroberson@friendsofthefal.co.uk

End of Appendix 1