

**Konsel Pluw Erens  
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30 pm  
in the Memorial Hall Annexe**



Present:

Cllrs Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), John Crombie (JC), Richard Cochrane (RC), Will Gill (WG), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Val Neal (VN), Laura Wilson (LW); Steve Skull (Clerk), CC Julian German

3 members of the public attended.

**102201**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Helen Hastings, Ralph German.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES**

- WG proposed (seconded JC) that the absences be approved. This was agreed unanimously.

**102202**

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

- None

**102203**

**REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER**

JG drew attention to proposed cluster meetings in October and November involving Cherilyn Mackrory, MP and CC Olly Monk. Dates to be confirmed.

He also referred to doubts being raised about the future of the Critical Control Centre team of Cornwall Fire and Rescue. Members agreed that this would be discussed at November's meeting.

**102204**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A member of the public mentioned that the surface of Eshcol Lane was slippery by the nursing home where work was being carried out. The clerk said he would investigate.

**102205**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Those members who had been present approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September as being a true record of the meeting (proposed JC, seconded WG). KG signed the minutes.

**102206**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING**

The clerk reported that the insurance claim for the vandalised pay and display machine at New Road car park had been agreed, and he was currently involved in the order process for the replacement machine approved last month.

## 102207

### PLANNING MATTERS

#### a) Applications

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

Application	Address	PC decision
PA22/07699	32, Parc An Dillon Road, Portscatho. (Revised PA22/11115)	<b>Support.</b> Unanimous
PA22/07910	23, Treventon Road, Portscatho.	<b>Object.</b> Unanimous
PA22/08079	Portbean Barn, Lower Farm, Trewithian.	<b>Object.</b> Unanimous
PA22/08507	Poldalla, Well Lane, Gerrans.	<b>Support.</b> Unanimous

#### b) Decisions since last meeting

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA22/05494 re 34, Churchtown Road, Gerrans.	Support	Approved

## 102208

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

JC reported that he had now been in contact with Cornwall Council's affordable housing department, and also with the head of CC's farms department in the continuing search for possible development sites. He also said he was continuing his communications with private landowners, but finding suitable and available land was proving problematic.

## 102209

### PARISH INFORMATION BOARD

NM reported that good progress was still being made in the development of the proposed new board. He said he was working on a draft text, and contact had been made with a potential designer, VN had created a map for the centre of the board, and LW and WG had found local businesses very supportive of the project.

## 102210

### ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

#### - Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)

RC presented a report on REACT's recent activities. A summary of the report, which includes confirmation that a cluster meeting of the five Roseland parishes will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> to consider the development of climate action plans, can be seen at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

## 102211

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

-NM reported that the Memorial Hall committee welcomed the PC's proposal to apply to have the Heritage Centre listed as an Asset of Community Value.

- WG reported on the most recent meeting of the Gerrans and Portscatho Platinum Jubilee Committee, at which it was agreed that the legacy funds should be used to provide children's swings in Church Close. The clerk and WG agreed to liaise in the matter of identifying potential suppliers. KG mentioned that there were enquiries at the meeting about progress with installing seating on Gerrans green. JG commented that he thought the matter was in hand.

## 102212

### RED TELEPHONE KIOSK AT ROSEVINE

The possibility of removing the box to another location in the Parish was discussed. The clerk was asked to investigate the practicalities of re-siting it near the lych gate at St Gerrans church.

## **102213**

### **DOGS ON BEACHES**

Members again discussed Cornwall Council's current consultation on its regulations concerning dogs on beaches, due for review in March 2023. It was agreed that KG would draft and circulate a consensus submission to the consultation for approval at November's meeting.

## **102214**

### **PARKING**

Members considered submitting an expression of interest in funding under the Truro and Roseland Community Network Highways Scheme for the financial year 2022/2023. It was agreed to ask the clerk to re-present the same request as originally submitted for the 2021/2022 round of funding.

## **102215**

### **CRICKET FIELD GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Members discussed a previously circulated request from the Secretary of Gerrans Cricket Club for a contribution towards the cost of essential remedial groundworks at the cricket field, which is owned by the PC and leased to the club. It was unanimously agreed in principle (proposed KG, seconded WG) that the PC would make a contribution, the amount of which to be decided once the final invoiced cost was known and the calculations for the Precept budget had been made. The matter would be further discussed at December's meeting.

## **102216**

### **WALL AT GERRANS GREEN**

Notification had been received from the occupants of a property next to Gerrans Green of intended works to remedy a crack in the adjoining wall. It was agreed unanimously that the clerk should be asked to confirm, without prejudice, that the Council had no objection to the works described (proposed NM, seconded LW).

## **102217**

### **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN Y/E 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

The clerk reported he had received and published online the Notification of the Conclusion of Audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for y/e 31st March 2022, Audit Report and Certificate from the PC's external auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP. The auditors found that the information in the Return was in accordance with proper practices and no matters of concern were raised. The Notification and Report had been previously circulated by email and were unanimously approved (Proposed JC, seconded KG).

## **102218**

### **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 £5,262.47 (including VAT of £182.87) be paid (proposed JC, seconded NM). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

#### **2. Bank Reconciliation**

The reconciled bank balance as at 25<sup>th</sup> September was £50,090.17

## **102219**

### **OTHER PARISH MATTERS**

#### **1. Any urgent business**

- None

#### **2. New matters to be included on the next agenda**

- None, other than heretofore minuted.

#### **3. Minor items for report only**

- NM reported he had received a complaint from a member of the public about excessive speed of traffic in Churchtown Road. He also reported that a portion of the Cornish hedge at Gerrans green had been damaged.

**102220**

**NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 be set for the next meeting, to be held in the Memorial Hall Annexe at 7.30 pm.

**102221**

**CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

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

**102222**

**MEETING CLOSE**

KG declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

**End of Minutes**

**APPENDIX 1**

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

REACT met on the 27th September

We have agreed a meeting on the 31st October to meet with parish councillors across the Roseland to develop the Climate Action Plan. A draft has been circulated and attendees from most parishes have already confirmed they will be attending.

The solar and AD scheme has progressed with a visit to a number of possible sites. The owners were all keen and there is good potential for the energy scheme.

The Tregony hydro study has been paused is now restarting with detailed height measurements and consultation with the Environment Agency.

A good discussion has been held with the National Trust and we may well collaborate on the tree nursery going forward.

Our next meeting will be on the 20th October.

**End of Appendix 1**