

**Konsel Pluw Erens
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.30 pm
in the Memorial Hall Annexe**



Present:

Cllrs Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), John Crombie (JC), Jane Andain (JA), Chas Emmett (CE), Ralph German (RG), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Val Neal (VN), CC Julian German (JG)

One member of the public attended.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Steve Skull (Clerk), Councillor Laura Wilson (LW)

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

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

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- None

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REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER

The 20mph limit publicised for Gerrans will be going ahead. There is a survey regarding Roseland Community Transport in this month's Roseland Magazine.

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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 Meeting held on 5th September as being a true record of that meeting. KG signed the minutes.

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REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING

- The Clerk sent an update regarding the matters he had dealt with during the month. This is attached as Appendix 1.

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PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications

None this month

b) Decisions since last meeting

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA23/06004 & 06005 re 21 The Luggar	Support	Approved

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

HH went to a meeting with Roseland CLT last week. Detailed costings have been obtained for the land and there are meetings with the Land Agents regarding a final price. She has been invited to be chair of the CLT from next year and will take over from Brian Chenoweth.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

(i) Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT) was meeting at the same time as GPC so there was no report this month. JH will request that they have a meeting at an earlier date in future so members can attend and there will be a report.

(ii) Mid-Cornwall Climate and Eco Hub - this item is on the agenda for REACT.

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OTHER REPORTS

From Committee representatives, Working Groups and/or liaison members

NM reported that the Memorial Hall is moving forward with the new lighting and also that the Heritage Centre will close at the end of October.

LW's report from the Community Area partnership is attached as Appendix 2

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PAVEMENT ACCESS

Councillors discussed the possibility of installing a dropped kerb to the pavement on The Luggar to allow access for wheelchairs, pushchairs and mobility scooters. Cornwall Highways Manager had advised this would be possible without a Traffic Regulation Order. The Clerk advised that such a project would be an appropriate use of CIL money. Councillors agreed to seek quotes for dropping the kerb around the corner to the slipway so that the issue of 'hanging up' might also be addressed.

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LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS

CE agreed to act as the PC's liaison member of Percuil River Moorings Limited.

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MEMORIAL BENCH

Councillors agreed to allow the installation and dedication of a new memorial bench on The Luggar. The Clerk will liaise with the family regarding arrangements.

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ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN – year ended 31st March 2023

Councillors unanimously approved the Notice of Conclusion of Audit and the External Audit Report and Certificate from the Council's auditors (proposed RG, seconded JC).

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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 £6,220.08 (including VAT of £604.21) 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 September 2023 was £57,960.95

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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

- None

3. Minor items for report only

- A wall at the top of Hetherington's Ope opposite Cranmere is falling. If necessary the Clerk will write to the property owner.

- The drain at the bottom of the footpath from New Road to The Square may be blocked. JG will report to Highways. KG reminded councillors anyone can report issues to CC via the 'Report Something' area of the website.

- JH mentioned that a part ownership house at Gwarak-Gwel-an-mor is for sale at what appears to be an unaffordable price. JG will investigate.

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CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

One application had been received from Miss Amelia Sumner and circulated to councillors. Miss Sumner explained why she would like to join the council and how she might contribute to the community. Following a secret ballot, she was elected as a co-opted member and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. KG offered the congratulations of the Council to Amelia, and welcomed her to the role.

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NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 7th November 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 8:15pm.

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

Report from the Clerk (Agenda item 6)

I can report the following matters dealt with arising from minutes of the last few meetings, or otherwise of relevance. All decisions were taken in consultation with the Chair, and in line with governance.

1. At New Road car park:

(a) the new arrangement with a subcontractor collecting and banking the pay and display machine takings is working smoothly now that we have sorted out the necessary banking admin.

(b) a quote of £450 from our usual contractor to repair the latest vehicle damage to the Cornish hedge has been accepted.

(c) our footpaths maintenance contractor has cleared a strip on NT land below the Eastern boundary Cornish hedge to afford us access to maintain our drains.

2. Our contractor has also strimmed back overgrowth along the length of Eshcol Lane.

3. The noticeboard at Trewithian has been cleared of overgrown brambles.

4. A complaint from the site supervisor for Gerrans Primary schools regarding ivy in our playground overwhelming their fence has been addressed and resolved.

5. A reported fallen tree blocking a footpath at Polingey has been removed.
6. Blockages at Percuil toilets occurring during the bank holiday/regatta weekend were commercially jetted and a camera investigation was ordered because of other recent blockages. The investigation revealed tree root ingress, and work to clear this has been requested at a basic cost of £185.00.
7. The new replacement defibrillator for Gerrans, funded by the PC, has now been delivered and installed. A letter of thanks from the Roseland Surgeries Patients Group has been received and circulated amongst members.
8. The new operators of the beach cafe at Tatams have informed us that they intend to close the outlet during the winter months, while carrying on the trade from within their other site underneath the Harbour Club. This will not affect the operation of the public toilets.

End of Appendix 1

APPENDIX 2

Report from the Community Area Partnership (Agenda Item 10)

LW attended the Climate sub-group from CAP.

CC is doing review on local energy.

Local Energy Partnership/Action Plan: Cornwall covers the energy system for Cornwall and is looking at the full energy system. Data is being gathered with intention to develop an Action Plan. There will be work with PC's and businesses across the country to develop the plan by Mid 2024.

There is information and a survey available online : see Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Area Energy Plan /Let's Talk Cornwall

A residents' panel (circa 50 residents) to gather additional viewpoints will be formed

Mid- Cornwall Eco Hub; open from 30th Sept in response to get more info out to people and ideas across groups. There is physical space for the public to come to as well as groups within the environmental sector. It is to help understand more about the climate crisis and what you can do about it.

Tregony PC is doing a lot of eco projects: sustainable transport etc

On the CC website there's also a sustainability guide.

REACT also want to get more heads together

End of Appendix 2