

Konsel Pluw Erens Gerrans Parish Council



**MINUTES of the remote meeting of Gerrans Parish Council
held on Tuesday 1st September 2020 at 7.30 pm
on the Zoom platform**

Present:

Charlotte Taffinder (Chairman) (CT), Richard Cochrane (RC), John Crombie (JC), Will Gill (WG), Kate Greet (KG), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Nev Meek (NM), Valerie Neal (VN) and Mary Watson (MW); Steve Skull (Clerk), CC Julian German.

092001

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

092002

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- None

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

The only absentee was Cllr Ralph German, who had been granted a permitted period of absence until 3rd December 2020 at July's meeting.

092003

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- None

092004

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

092005

DECISIONS

Members reviewed for ratification the list of decisions made up to 6th August 2020 under the Council's Emergency Scheme of Delegation. JH proposed (seconded KG) that the list of decisions be ratified. Agreed unanimously.

092006

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from the Churchwarden of St Gerrans Church drawing the Council's attention to a proposed merger of St Mawes, St Just, St Philleigh and St Gerrans into one new Benefice under the present incumbent in St Mawes. Councillors agreed that it was not for the PC to comment on this matter but individual members may have personal comments to submit to any consultation process.

092007

ROSELAND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMUNITY TEAM

RC presented a report and update on REACT's recent activities. A summary of the report can be seen at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

092008

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.

092009

CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND

Members discussed a previously circulated quote from Cornish firm Outdoor Play People for the refurbishment and improvement of the facilities on site. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote in principle, subject to any minor final design changes required. (Proposed HH, seconded KG).

It was also agreed that the playground could now be reopened to the public as from Saturday 5th September, subject to signage of the type recommended by Cornwall Council on Covid-19 precautions being displayed. This was now considered possible because the increased risk of transmission presented by large numbers of visitors would now lessen with the end of the holiday season. It was further agreed that the same applied to the outdoor Gym equipment at Church Close (proposed WG, seconded JC). Nine members were in favour and one abstained.

092010

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CLERK'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The clerk reported that a new pay scale for the current year had only just been published, and potential alterations to annual leave entitlement had still to be decided, so members agreed to make this an agenda item at the next meeting.

092011

NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 6th October 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 MW).

092012

MEETING CLOSE

CT declared the meeting closed at 20.07 pm

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

Summary of report from RC re REACT (Agenda item 007)

The main areas the group have been focusing on at recent meetings are the CIL funding opportunities, tree planting and options to reduce plastic waste.

The concepts being explored for the CIL funding include improving clean transport options on the Roseland and a Community Energy Scheme linking suppliers and users together under a Local Generation Tariff scheme. Transport options have included improvements to public footpaths and improving connections like the ferry from Percuil to St Mawes. We have been exploring opportunities for new cycle paths but have struggled to find area that did not involve engaging with many different land owners. What is looking more promising is the opportunity for an electric vehicle car sharing scheme in Gerrans based at the Roseland Garage. This would be run using co-cars booking scheme and we would hope would be a pioneering development to show the demand for such car sharing schemes in rural locations.

The Community Energy Scheme has some interest from both suitable land owners and potential consumers. There is ongoing work mapping out the area covered by the local substation and

further engagement with farmers who have suitable buildings to install solar panels on. Tree planting developments include the development of a nursery for local trees at the field that has been planted and supported by children from Veryan primary school. As well as encouraging support for the nursery with supply of locally grown saplings, work is ongoing to support the protection and further planting of local varieties of apple trees and similar fruit trees.

The main focus for plastic waste relates to opportunities to install water refilling stations. There are taps for water refilling in Portscatho so initial discussion for the installation of the locally manufactured refill stations focused on St Mawes or St Anthony's head however the taps in Portscatho are not well signposted or very obvious. We would like to push for installations in Portscatho to support a refill station there.

End of report