

**Konsel Pluw Erens
Gerrans Parish Council**

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.30 pm
in the Memorial Hall Annexe**



Present:

Cllrs Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), John Crombie (JC), Richard Cochrane (RC), Ralph German (RG), Will Gill (WG), Helen Hastings (HH), Joanna Holah (JH), Val Neal (VN), Laura Wilson (LW); Steve Skull (Clerk).

2 members of the public attended.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Nev Meek, CC Julian German

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES

- RG proposed (seconded VN) 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

- No report this month

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr Steve Hooper gave notice that the cricket field would be scarified to combat an infestation during September/October. He also enquired about the trees affected by ash die-back disease. The clerk said he would be in discussions with a local tree surgeon in the coming month.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Members approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd August as being a true record of the meeting (proposed JC, seconded VN). KG signed the minutes.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS - MATTERS ARISING

a) Members considered the response received from the leader of Cornwall Council to the PC's follow-up letter of 24th August expressing their discontent with the reply from her office to an original letter of 9th July, stating concerns about the withdrawal of Cornwall Council funding from the Royal Cornwall Museum (RCM). (August minute 082206 refers). It was appreciated that this time the response was from the leader in person, but members remained concerned that there remained no guarantee as to the future viability of the RCM.

b) KG suggested that members themselves take responsibility for removing inappropriate or out of date notices from the Parish boards.

c) The clerk said that there had not been time in a busy month for him to make the necessary enquiries about the practicality of relocating the red phone box currently sited at Rosevine.

JH said she had been assured by a local contractor that it could be done successfully. Members agreed to give thought to potential alternative locations and uses, and to discuss the matter again at October's 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
PA22/05494	34, Churchtown Road, Gerrans (Revised plans)	Support. 8 support, 1 abstain.
PA22/07166	Maralane, North Parade, Portscatho	Support. Unanimous
PA22/07521	7, The Square, Portscatho	Support, but with provisos. 6 support, 3 object

b) Decisions since last meeting

Application	GPC comment	CC Decision
PA22/05720 re 21, The Luggar	Support	Approved
PA22/05154 re 21, Parc An Dillon Road	Support	Approved

c) REGISTRATION OF HOLIDAY LETS

Members unanimously approved a draft response, previously circulated by KG, to HM Government's call for evidence on developing a tourist accommodation registration scheme. (Proposed KG, seconded HH). The clerk was asked to submit the response.

d) COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID FOR ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV'S)

Members unanimously approved a draft completed form, previously circulated by KG, nominating the Fishermen's Shelter on the Luggar as an ACV (Proposed HH, seconded VN). The shelter had been previously listed, but listings expire after five years. The clerk was asked to submit the form.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED

HH reported she had received confirmation from the National Trust that legal covenants prevented them from making certain sites in the Parish available for development. Members supported her proposal to write to seek final confirmation that there would never be any prospect of their making any of their land on the Roseland available for affordable housing. JC reported that he had so far to receive any response to his attempts to contact Cornwall Council's affordable housing department, but would continue to try. He also suggested it would be worth establishing the ownership of every parcel of land in the Parish, via the Land Registry. HH had brought a large-scale map to the meeting, and Councillors agreed to share what knowledge they already had after the meeting's close.

JC also suggested that the PC, via the Community Land Trust and for the record, should make a formal proposal to a particular local landowner for plots of land based upon 100% affordable development. This was seconded by JH and voting was 8 in favour and 1 against.

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PARISH INFORMATION BOARD

WG, LW and VN reported that good progress was being made in the development of the proposed new board, and more details would be available at October's meeting.

092210

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.

He also highlighted a proposed cluster meeting of the five Roseland parishes to consider the development of climate action plans. He said he would be in a position to present more detail at October's meeting, and was hoping for engagement by Councillors in the process.

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

-None

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PAY AND DISPLAY MACHINE AT NEW ROAD CAR PARK

The clerk produced a quote from the manufacturers in the sum of £5,365 plus VAT for a new machine to replace the existing one which has been vandalised beyond repair, to include installation. Members agreed unanimously (proposed KG, seconded JH) that the quote be accepted subject to approval by the PC's insurers.

092213

DOGS ON BEACHES

KG had reproduced and previously circulated the questions from Cornwall Council's current consultation on its regulations concerning dogs on beaches, due for review in March 2023. Members agreed to fill in the form individually with a view to agreeing a PC response at October's meeting.

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A MAYOR FOR CORNWALL

Members agreed to postpone discussion of Cornwall Council's proposal pending the outcome of current lobbying of Parliament by the CC's leader and the Cornish MP's.

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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 £6,772.72 (including VAT of £310.56) be paid (proposed RG, seconded WG). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

2. Bank Reconciliation

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th August was £40,252.45

092216

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE COUNCIL

The clerk said that, as he was about to move house, and he worked from home in his PC role, the official contact details for the Council would need to be changed, as from 1st October, to: 1, Mill Wheel, Cosawes Park, Perranarworthal, Truro TR3 7QR. A new telephone number would be advised in due course. Members voted unanimously to approve this change (proposed WG, seconded VN).

092217

OTHER PARISH MATTERS

1. Any urgent business

- None

2. New matters to be included on the next agenda

- The clerk reported that he had been notified by Cornwall Council that no requests had been received for a formal election to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Chris Pope, and so the PC was authorised to do this by co-option. He would put it on October's agenda.

3. Minor items for report only

- HH mentioned an email to the Council received from a member of the public about contravention of parking regulations at the slip at Porthcurnick. KG and the clerk commented that, whilst the PC can draw these matters to the attention of the enforcement authorities, it is also possible for any member of the public to use Cornwall Council's "report it" facility to report issues of concern directly to the authorities.

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NEXT MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 4th October 2022 be set for the next meeting, to be held in the Memorial Hall Annexe at 7.30 pm.

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MEETING CLOSE

KG declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

End of Minutes

APPENDIX 1

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

REACT presented at the Tregony Heavy Horse Show which went very well. Good interest from lots of people at the show. We had posters for the Solar and AD scheme, the Tregony Hydro work, the tree nursery and the Infra-red camera.

REACT are pushing forward with a Roseland Climate Action Plan. We are hoping to engage all the parishes across the Roseland as we develop the plan. We hope to get representatives from each parish council to contribute to the plan. A first meeting is planned for the 31st October but we hope to circulate a draft of the plan for feedback before this. The plan will include both protection of the natural environment and reduction of our greenhouse gas emissions.

The Solar and AD scheme is progressing a bit more slowly than we were hoping but we have identified a number of possible sites and are visiting sites this week.

The Tregony Hydro site is still waiting for more precise site measurements of the height difference.

Our next meeting is planned for the 27th September in St Just in Roseland at 6pm.

End of Appendix 1