

**Konsel Pluw Erens  
Gerrans Parish Council**



**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30 pm  
in the Memorial Hall Annexe**

Present:

Cllrs Kate Greet (KG) (Chairman), John Crombie (JC), Jane Andain (JA), Helen Hastings (HH), Nev Meek (NM), Val Neal (VN) Laura Wilson (LW).

Two members of the public attended.

**092301**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Steve Skull (Clerk), Councillors Ralph German (RG), Joanna Holah (JH), CC Julian German (JG)

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ABSENCES**

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

**092302**

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

- None

**092303**

**REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER**

There will be a Community Capacity Fund grant application workshop meeting at 11am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, advising on how to apply for grants up to £25, 000. Community organisations are encouraged to attend, details on Cornwall Council web site.

**092304**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Mr Steve Hooper reported that there is one ash tree at the cricket field that may have dieback.

**092305**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Those members who had been present approved the minutes of the Meeting held on 1st August as being a true record of that meeting. KG signed the minutes.

**092306**

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

- None.

**092307**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**a) Applications**

Application	Address	PC decision
PA23/06004 and PA23/06005	Roseland Cottage, 21 The Luggar, Portscatho	<b>Support.</b> Unanimous
PA23/05606	26 Gwarak Gwel An Mor, Portscatho	<b>Support.</b> Unanimous

Councillors agreed that the changes in the retrospective planning and listed building consent applications at Roseland Cottage for the installation of two new windows and repositioning of Air Source Heat Pump were an aesthetic improvement in the Conservation Area.

**b) Decisions since last meeting**

<b>Application</b>	<b>GPC comment</b>	<b>CC Decision</b>
PA23/04727 re 13 Clifton Terrace	Support	Approved with amendments

**092308**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND LOCAL HOUSING NEED**

HH has been in contact with Roseland CLT and much work is going on behind the scenes to move the project forward.

**092309**

**PARISH INFORMATION BOARD AT NEW ROAD CAR PARK**

LW reported that the project is underway and should be completed over the next few months.

**092310**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

**Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)**

- JC read out a report from REACT's regarding the ongoing review of the feasibility study in reducing energy consumption and the development of a Climate Action Plan template for the Roseland. There was a lot of interest in joining REACT at Tregony Heavy Horse Show and the group will recommence thermal imaging surveys in the autumn. The report is attached as Appendix 1.

**092311**

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

VN reported that a section of the wall in New Road car park has fallen into the neighbouring field and will need repair once there is less traffic. However this field, which is owned by the National Trust, is very overgrown and preventing the access for clearing the drains.

NM reported that the renovation work on the Memorial Hall will commence early next year.

**092312**

**PROPOSED SEAWEED FARM IN GERRANS BAY**

KG had checked if a licence application had been submitted to the Marine Management Organisation but this has not happened yet.

**092313**

**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 £10,785.92 (including VAT of £904.52) be paid (proposed JA, seconded KG). A schedule of all the payments is available from the clerk.

**2. Bank Reconciliation**

The reconciled bank balance as at 25th August 2023 was £44, 974.25

**092314**

**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**

- NM reported that the Parish noticeboard at Trewithian is becoming overgrown with brambles.

**092315**

**CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

One application had been received from Mr Charles Emmett and circulated to councillors. Mr Emmett explained why he would like to join the council and how he might contribute to the community. Following a secret ballot he was elected as a cop-opted member and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. KG offered the congratulations of the Council to Charles, and welcomed him to the role.

**092316**

**NEXT MEETING**

It was unanimously agreed that Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 be set for the next meeting of the Parish Council, to be held in the Memorial Hall annexe at 7.30 pm. Apologies were received in advance from LW.

**092317**

**MEETING CLOSE**

KG declared the meeting closed at 8:00pm.

**End of Minutes**

**APPENDIX 1**

**Report received from Roseland Environmental Action Community Team (REACT)  
(Agenda item 10)**

- 1) An article has been included in this months' Roseland Magazine, updating the community on the results of the feasibility study investigating ways our community might reduce energy emissions and costs on the Roseland via local generation of 'green' electricity.
- 2) REACT's working group on this feasibility study and energy for the Roseland has held its first meeting to go through the 100-page report, identify its key points and to establish what needed further clarification. A second meeting is planned for later this month and efforts are currently focused on the solar panel proposals (as the financials of the Anaerobic digesters at dairy farms will need further work to confirm viability). Several suitable rooftop sites and two well-screened locations for (vertical) land arrays of solar panels have been identified. The potential for local electricity sales from these few solar panel sites could be 10% of the local domestic demand, and using the Local Generation Tariff can reduce our daytime unit costs by up to 35%.
- 3) REACT's working group on a template Climate Action Plan also met this month. The group has started developing a template Climate Action Plan, based on Cornwall Council's suggestions, which REACT will share with Roseland PCs. The aim is to offer it as a template/tool that could be adapted by PCs to each parish council's circumstance and priorities.
- 4) REACT had a stall at the Tregony Heavy Horse Show to showcase to the community what REACT does and to discuss climate action with members of the community, and there was a lot of interest and new members signing up.
- 5) Tregony Heavy Horseshow also increased the number of residents REACT has listed requesting a thermal imaging survey of their home. REACT will recommence its provision of free thermal imaging surveys this autumn. Last year, this was a very popular service provided by REACT- so much so that we weren't able to carry out all the surveys requested, as we only have one camera.

**End of Appendix 1**