

## TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL

### **COUNCIL MEETING held on August 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Rockhill Business Park.**

Present: Councillors – Mrs. A Roberts (Chairman), L Allen, K Stephens, M Luke, G Tregidga, Mrs J. Burnhill, M Shand, G Hooper, K Pollard, County Councillor P Guest, Parish Clerk D Stevens and Deputy Clerk D Hawken.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs M. Rance-Matthews, Cllr Mrs A. Wills and Cllr P Highland

Declarations of Interest: Cllr M Shand declared an interest on Agenda item 8 (Finance – Monthly report)

There was six members of the public present.

#### Public Participation

Four residents of Ashley Close were in attendance to raise concerns over the planned implementation of yellow lines in the cul-de-sac. The residents in attendance were not in favour and voiced their objection with the reason being that they felt it was not required nor indeed needed. Those present could see why the proposals had been put forward for Hallaze Road. Cllr M Luke commented that a survey had been conducted and that the residents of both Ashley Close and Hallaze Road were given the opportunity to submit feedback. Highways indicated that only two residents objected. Cllr M Luke requested that the attendees write to him via email as a matter of urgency. It was suggested that a site meeting with Cormac be requested in due course.

Council then went into committee

#### **Min 67/23 Minutes of meeting held on July 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

The minutes of the meeting held on July 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by Cllr M Luke, seconded by Cllr K Stephens. All in favour.

#### **Min 68/23 Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were a few matters arising that would not be included in agenda items

- The proposed multi-agency meeting regarding the ongoing issues of excess speed on the White River Valley is yet to be diarised owing to key personnel and stakeholders on holiday. **Action: To be scheduled in due course**
- The Clerk reported that the residents of Trethowel were soon to meet, with a primary proposal to form a new 'Residents Association'. This would take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September at the Rockhill Business Park Meeting Room.
- A site visit had recently taken place at the old Stenalees Band Room to ascertain its condition and the feasibility of the Parish Council taking over the building. The next step was to arrange a meeting with

Mrs J. Vincent, one of the remaining trustees and to identify a potential user of the premises going forwards.

- The Clerk relayed to Council that the issue surrounding the inadequate condition of a garden at a Lower Molinnis dwelling has now been reported to the Cornwall Council Enforcement Team.
- A Neighbourhood Watch group has now been set up at Lower Molinnis. A request at the inaugural meeting was made that the Parish Council sign concerning dogs, adjacent to the park area, be resituated
- The flooding issue at Carbean, Carthew seems to have been resolved following a meeting between local residents and representatives from Imerys. Imerys have indeed accepted responsibility for the matter that had continually arisen from a pumping issue at Wheal Martyn Clay Works.
- The Clerk informed Council that the salt bin request at Gwithian Road will be dealt with at the forthcoming Finance and General Purposes meeting to be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, along with a full review of all existing salt bins, dog waste bins and litter bins.
- The Clerk informed Council that the overgrown vegetation on the public footpath from Stenalees, back to Penwithick has yet to be addressed.
- The reported flooding and drainage issues at Hallow, Bugle has now been passed on to Roche Parish as the matter was outside of the boundary of Treverbyn.
- The Clerk informed Councillors that the Code of Conduct refresher course for all Councillors to attend has been scheduled for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.
- Correspondence has been received from Claims Solutions Group relating to the claim against First Bus for the impact damage to the Rosevear Corner Bus Shelter. The offending party has failed to acknowledge responsibility for the damage and now legal proceedings will commence.
- Communications concerning a resident of Little Hallaze, Hallaze Road was relayed to Council. A serious flood issue has been ongoing for several years concerning running water into a residential dwelling from a public footpath between Resugga Green Lane and Hallaze Road. Cormac have responded to the issue and are waiting for Scheme Delivery to price the works to ensure a resolution to the matter.

### **Min 69/23 County Councillor's Report**

- County Councillor M Luke informed the Parish Council that he had very little to report. He did though, inform Council that he attended a Youth Council meeting that was deemed very positive and informative. It was encouraging to hear that further engagement with local schools would be proposed to expand the number of schools taking part in the scheme. Cllr M Luke informed Councillors that he had met with Sophie Hosking, Roger Gates and Cllr D Cole earlier that day. A site visit to the Geothermal Rum Distillery took place as well as a discussion on matters relating to the A30 link road, Trethurgy Feasibility Study and Devolution. Discussions also took place regarding the White River Valley concerns and Cllr M Luke informed Council that the excess speeding of vehicles in the valley was now his number one priority to remedy moving forwards.
- County Councillor P Guest had submitted a comprehensive written report, circulated by the Clerk. (See attached).

### **Min 70/23 Matters within the Parish**

- (i) Cllr M Shand thanked the Office for contacting South West Water to address the ongoing issues on Stannary Road, Stenalees which had now been rectified. However, the road surface issue that is the responsibility of Cormac, was yet to be resolved.
- (ii) Cllr G Hooper informed Council that he has received numerous reports of noise disturbance from residents residing on Roach Road, possibly emanating from North Goonbarrow pit. It seems that siren noises are heard in the early hours of the morning. It was agreed to review and monitor going forwards as it was evident that aggregate heavy plant lorries were working out of hours.
- (iii) Cllr G Tregidga informed Council that the proprietors of Penwithick Post Office have reported experiencing difficulty in receiving deliveries owing to parking issues for its delivery lorries on Penhale Road. The proposal of double yellow lines had been suggested by the proprietors, however, that would not be practical. Councillors suggested that a coned off area be considered for set delivery times, a letter to local residents and perhaps a notice inside the shop asking for the delivery area be kept clear. Cllr G Tregidga went on to report that the area of Mount Stamper once had a canal, namely the route of the 'Carclaze Canal'. Arguably, the oldest in the country dating back to 1720. It was supported that a plaque be erected to mark this historic site in conjunction with English Heritage and Cornwall Archeologically Society.
- (iv) Cllr K Stephens also reported the issue that Cllr G Hooper raised, concerning the noise disturbance being heard on Roche Road. Council agreed to write to Ann Vivian to raise concerns. **Action: Letter to Ann Vivian.** Cllr K Stephens went on to add that motorbikes are being ridden in the wooded area above the Skateboard Park. Ramps are being created for their use. It was agreed to contact Wainhomes to inform them that the top bridge is damaged. County Cllr P Guest kindly agreed to contact Peter Crawford. **Action: Parish Council and County Cllr P Guest to contact Wainhomes / Peter Crawford.**
- (v) Cllr Mrs. J Burnhill reported that South West Water had yet to fix the broken manhole plate in Carbean, Carthew. It was agreed that photographs of the issue be sent into the Office and that further contact be made to South West Water to raise the severity level of the matter owing to potential health and safety concerns. **Action: Contact with South West Water.**
- (vi) Cllr L Allen reported a potential planning enforcement breach within the White River Valley. It was agreed that the Office contact the relevant department of Cornwall Council to report this potential breach in due course. **Action: The Office to contact Enforcement.**
- (vii) County Councillor P Guest informed Council that for a short period during September going into October, he would be working within school hours for any potential diarising of appointments.
- (viii) The Deputy Clerk informed Council that notification has been received regarding several parts of overgrown vegetation on parts of Red Lane and Lower Molinnis, Bugle. Photographic evidence submitted will now be reviewed.
- (ix) The following road closure notifications have been received and relayed to Council:
  - a. Road from Carn Grey Cottage to the A391 Roundabout. Closure from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November (from 09:30 to 15:30 hours daily).

b. Drummers Hill closure. 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November (24 hours)

- (x) A resident of Stannary Road has written to Cornwall Highways concerning the large pothole that is yet to be rectified, which is causing unbearable and excessive noise. The issue is ongoing.
- (xi) The Deputy Clerk informed Council that a tree had partially fallen down recently on Treverbyn Road, Stenalees. Following numerous reports to the office, action was swiftly taken and the issue has now been resolved.
- (xii) The new replacement bus shelter at Rosevear, Bugle has now been installed. This installation took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> August.
- (xiii) The Deputy Clerk reported that the Countryside Ranger from Cormac has now inspected parts of the clay trail near to Trethewel following reports of suspected Ash Dieback. It was noted that several trees are in need of being cut back with the risk being classed as a 6-month (cat 2.2) defect. The ranger went on to confirm that the trees at Menacuddle Well will be reviewed in due course.
- (xiv) Correspondence has been received requesting the 'Bus Stop' markings be reinstated/repainted on Fore Street, Bugle (A391) owing to numerous complaints from residents who are unable to access their properties due to illegal parking on the Bus Stop whilst using a nearby Chinese takeaway. The request has been forwarded on to Rachael Tatlow of Cornwall Highways who will now investigate the costings and the priority for such works to be undertaken.
- (xv) The Clerk and Deputy Clerk recently visited Rescorla where a tree-trimming request had been submitted by a local resident. Upon a site visit, the matter has now been passed on to Western Power.
- (xvi) Following receipt of a mining survey request for Carthew Triangle, Wheal Jane Consultancy have now produced a document for our perusal. The survey does not address the information that was required concerning potential underground pipework and services. It is noted that two sinkholes are still open on the land and as a short-term fix, it was suggested that top soil is sourced to try and backfill the open ground. **Action: to contact Peter Larwood at Imerys**
- (xvii) Correspondence has been received from a resident of Lower Molinnis requesting that the hedges of a neighbouring farmers' field be cut. Communication has since been made to the farmer asking for this work to be undertaken.

### **Min 71/23 Finance**

Councillors were presented with a list of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the period ending August 29th 2023. A detailed breakdown of transactions was provided by the Clerk and it was agreed that the accounts be approved, proposed by Cllr Mrs. J Burnhill, seconded by Cllr M Luke. All in favour with one abstention (MS).

### **Min 72/23 Correspondence**

The Clerk has continued to keep Councillors informed by forwarding matters of interest and importance.

- The Deputy Clerk made Councillors aware of forthcoming Planning Training Courses for the autumn period '23, hosted by CALC. 'An Introduction to planning' and 'Planning Enforcements and Appeals' were

the two topics that were on offer. Councillors: Stephens, Burnhill, Allen and Shand in addition to the Deputy Clerk indicated that they would like to sign up and attend. **Action: Deputy Clerk to book attendees on to the designated sessions.**

- Deputy Clerk made Councillors aware of a forthcoming 'Clean Air for Cornwall Strategy' session to be held the week beginning of 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- Council were notified of two CALC Executive Board vacancies following correspondence from the Assistant County Officer. Closing date for applications would be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.
- The Deputy Clerk notified Council of a new CALC training course: 'Addressing Conflict between Employees and Members, including Code of Conduct Issues'. The session is diarised for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Cllr Mrs J. Burnhill asked to be booked onto the course. **Action: Deputy Clerk to book**
- Correspondence has been received from Children's Hospice South West to raise awareness of the Moonlight Memory Walk that will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the Lost Gardens of Heligan.
- Information has been received regarding the Cornish Lithium Community Fund. An opportunity for local groups and projects to apply for grant funding from £250 to £2,500. Further details can be obtained via the Cornwall Community Foundation (CCF) website.
- An invitation has been received to invite members to the Mid-Cornwall Climate and Ecological Hub Opening Event to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- The Deputy Clerk informed Councillors that Cornwall Council wishes to appoint one Town/Parish Council Representative and one Independent Person to its Standards Committee. Any Councillor interested would be required to apply by 12 noon on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- Correspondence has been received requesting use of a football pitch at Starrick Moor. The enquiry has been passed on to Biscovey Youth Football Club.

### **Min 73/23 White River Valley Traffic Issues**

Cllr L Allen repeated his deep concerns about the traffic issues through the hamlet. The number of accidents that have happened in the hamlet and the wider White River Valley was yet again, quoted and relayed to Council. Discussions took place regarding possible remedies, to include various electronic devices. It was agreed that the only possible and viable solution to combat the serious issue was to install average speed cameras.

Council was notified of a meeting to be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September of the residents in Trethowel. It is hoped that the residents would support the formation of a new Residents Association to which its main priority would be to formulate an action plan to address the excess speed at which vehicles are driving through the hamlet. Cllr L Allen made yet another passionate plea for urgent action to be taken.

### **Min 74/23 – Feedback on Trethurgy Feasibility Study Public Meeting**

Council came out of Committee to allow Mr M Roberts to update Council on the public meeting.

Mr Roberts expressed his delight at the number of residents that supported the public meeting. To date he has received 28 questionnaire feedback forms that were distributed at the close of the meeting to canvass and collate individual feelings and thoughts on the proposals that were contained within the report. Thanks were conveyed to the Parish Council for their support in formulating the meeting, the setting up of the equipment at the village hall and for advertising the public meeting on its various forums. Chairman Cllr Mrs A. Roberts thanked Mr Roberts for all his efforts and endeavours in the work that he has undertaken on this very matter.

### **Min 75/23 – Feedback on Geothermal Rum Distillery Tour**

Members of Council were given a detailed tour of the Geothermal Run Distillery. It was a fascinating insight into the work that had already been undertaken and hearing of future plans and intentions passionately relayed to all attendees by its founder, Mr M Clifford.

### **Min 76/23 – Feedback on Bugle Football Ground and Anesco Solar Farm Meetings**

#### **Bugle Football Ground**

Councillors were informed that a meeting had recently taken place with senior members of the West of England Bandsmen's Festival, Mr R Coad, Mr P Tucker and the Clerk (both surviving Trustees). Discussions took place on the condition of the land, the grandstand, general upkeep and its future use going forwards. The Clerk provided a potted history of its intended use as per the deeds whilst providing a rationale for how the land be considered being used for going forwards. It was agreed that a further meeting would need to take place now that initial talks and discussions had started.

#### **Anesco – Menear Solar Farm**

Chairman Cllr Mrs A Roberts started by stating her disappointment in the number of Councillors that attended the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> August. Two members of Carlyon Parish were also in attendance. Mr S Williams (Project Manager) provided details regarding the following points: a site overview, progress to date with timescales, scheme benefits, areas of specific attention that included 1) Ecology and Trees, 2) Flooding and Drainage, 3) Heritage, 4) Visual Impact and 5) Transport and Highways. A public meeting for local residents would be scheduled in the near future.

### **Min 77/23 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Mrs. J Burnhill informed Councillors that she is now in receipt of detailed comments that have been made by Mr P Webber on the amended draft Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that these comments be addressed, each in turn and to revise the draft document accordingly. Cllr Mrs J Burnhill indicated that she would provide a further, more detailed update at the next Full Council meeting. **Action point: To include as an agenda item at the next meeting**

### **Min 78/23 Emergency Items**

The ongoing issue of spam emails was reported. Advice was given by Cllr M Shand on how to deal with such unwanted emails going forwards.

The Deputy Clerk made reference to those Councillors that had recently become members who had not yet had a photo attached to their profile on the website. All Councillors were cordially asked if they would like their photo updated.

The Chairman thanked Councillors for their attendance.

Meeting declared closed at 10:18pm

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