

## TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL

### **COUNCIL MEETING held on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Rockhill Business Park.**

Present: Councillors – Cllr Mrs. A Roberts (Chairman), Cllr L Allen, Cllr P Highland, Cllr G Hooper, Cllr M Luke, Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews, Cllr K Pollard, Cllr M Shand, Cllr K Stephens, Cllr G Tregidga, County Councillor P Guest, the Clerk D Stevens and Deputy Clerk D Hawken.

Apologies: There were no apologies

Declarations of Interest: None

There was one member of the public present.

### **Min 103/23 Minutes of meeting held on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by Cllr M Shand, seconded by Cllr M Luke. All in favour.

### **Min 104/23 Matters arising from the minutes**

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

- The Clerk informed Council that the noise disturbance emanating from North Goonbarrow had now been resolved
- Councillors were informed that a meeting with Peter Crawford (Wainhomes) was diarised imminently
- Council were notified that Wes Pascoe was due to call in to the Office the following day and that various ongoing issues concerning Imerys would be discussed with him in due course
- Thanks would be conveyed to Wes Pascoe at the forthcoming meeting regarding completed landscaping works at Carloggas
- Work to clear overgrown vegetation on Treverbyn Road, Stenalees will be carried out imminently by our Maintenance contractor.
- It was agreed that the Office contact Cllr D Cole again to seek much-needed information on the Gypsy and Traveller information for the Parish.
- The parking of Energy Smart Commercial vehicles on Fore Street, Bugle has subsided, however, work is still being carried out at a property on Fore Street which causes intermittent problems.
- The actioning and subsequent erection of a new footpath sign on Treverbyn Road, Stenalees was in hand
- The ongoing surface water issues on the B3274 near to Carbean Farm, has been reported to Highways
- The Clerk informed Councillors that the appeal made by the Clays Practice, regarding the new Bugle Pharmacy, had been unsuccessful.
- It was agreed at the recent Planning Meeting under 'Emergency items' to award the Bugle Darby and Joan, £250 for their Christmas Lunch.

- The Office are still awaiting an invoice from A1 Grounds for the recent tree-logging work that has been carried out at Starrick Moor.
- Councillors were notified that the site clearance work on the land of the old Molinnis Institute had not yet commenced.
- The Clerk informed Council that the Deputy Clerk will be attending a CiLCA Introductory course session on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December in anticipation of starting the formal 12-month course in earnest.
- It was conveyed that the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Clerks attended the recent Community Levelling Up Programme (CLUP) session at Treverbyn Community Hall.
- Councillors were informed that the new Programme Manger of the StARR Project (Steve Wood) has yet to inform us of any convenient dates to attend a forthcoming Full Council meeting.
- Details regarding the impending Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting were relayed to Council. The meeting has been diarised for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm.
- The Clerk thanked Councillors for attending the Remembrance Parade and Service, despite the particularly bad inclement weather.
- Lastly, the Clerk informed Council that the wooden footbridge at Ruddle Moor has recently been closed off to the public owing to health and safety concerns and the extremely poor condition of the bridge.

After consultation with CALC, the Clerk then made a proposal to Committee to rescind a recent decision on a Section 137 grant application. After a summary of the circumstances and reasons why the proposal of rescinding was being made to Council, it was agreed, after much discussion, to award Mr David Michael support of 'up to £1000' to cover any financial shortfall of putting on the Treverbyn Christmas Day Lunch. This was set with the condition of seeing evidence-led income and expenditure figures whilst providing the necessary receipts and invoices. Proposed: Cllr M Luke, Seconded: Cllr L Allen. All in Favour

Cllr M Shand stated that he would like to propose laminated hymn sheets for the Remembrance Service in November 2024. All agreed to support this proposal. **Action: Remembrance Sunday 2024**

### **Min 105/23 County Councillor's Report**

- County Councillor M Luke informed Council that he attended the Treverbyn Remembrance Parade and Service. In addition, he stated that he attended the recent Penwithick Community Hall AGM. Yet again, he alluded to a difficult meeting in which he confirmed that he left the room. He reported that Cormac have confirmed that there are insufficient funds to improve the footpath on the A391 near to Carloggas. He continued to inform Council that he has recently attended the Mebyon Kernow Conference, notably discussing devolution. Cllr M Luke has also attended the White River Valley multi-agency meeting that was chaired by Mr Steve Double MP. Ongoing case work matters have been undertaken and further such Community Chest Grants have been awarded.
- County Councillor P Guest had submitted a comprehensive written report, circulated by the Clerk. (See attached). He also informed Council that the Devolution Level 2 deal had today, been ratified by Cornwall Council. He went on to report matters that had been discussed, appertaining to Mid Cornwall Metro project, with particular reference to the complementary measures that have been proposed for

Bugle. Cllr M Shand informed Councillors that street lighting was very much required on the north side of Bugle, around the area of Bilberry.

### **Min 106/23 Matters within the Parish**

- (i) The Chairman, Cllr Mrs A Roberts, thanked those Councillors that attended the recent Remembrance Parade and Service. The Chairman also thanked the Clerk for organising the event. It was proposed to donate £50 to the Community Hall for the refreshments that was enjoyed after the service. Proposed: Cllr Mrs. A Roberts, Seconded: Cllr M Shand. All in Favour.
- (ii) Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews raised a possible enforcement issue at Ruddlemoor. It was agreed that the office investigate the conditions set out in the planning application decision from Cornwall Council relating to this very property. **Action: Office to investigate planning application**
- (iii) Cllr M Luke then enlightened Council on the Imerys owned piece of land in Trethurgy, opposite the Village Hall and adjacent to the playing field. He confirmed that he had emailed Lisa Hammer at Imerys to ascertain if this piece of land would be for sale.
- (iv) Cllr L Allen asked if there had been any update from the enforcement issue that was reported on the White River Valley that he had raised in a previous meeting. Sadly, no correspondence has been forthcoming. It was agreed that the Office make enquiries with Planning at Cornwall Council. **Action, Contact Enforcement**
- (v) Cllr K Pollard raised the issue of overgrown trees, opposite the surgery on Roche Road, Bugle. It was agreed to mention this very issue to Mr Wes Pascoe. In addition, many residents are having severe difficulties in walking the road to the north of Roche Road, Bugle near to the recent Wheal Rose development of eight dwellings. It was agreed that the Office look into the conditions set out in the planning approval to ascertain if a footpath and street lighting was indeed outlined as a condition of planning consent. **Action, Office to investigate Planning Application**
- (vi) Cllr G Hooper reported 'Pecker' sounds heard in Stenalees during unsociable hours. It is unsure who is responsible. Griffiths or the Lithium Plant could be possible sources. Cllr G Hooper continued to report the footpath sign is missing at the top of Stenalees, near to Bluebarrows. The Clerk informed Council that another Caravan has been installed on the Bluebarrows site. **Action: to report to Enforcement**
- (vii) Cllr P Highland informed Council that the traffic stop light signal was not operating at Molinnis Crossing. It was causing train drivers to sound the horn at the crossroads. This was an issue, particularly during unsociable hours such as 6am. **Action: to contact Network Rail**
- (viii) Cllr G Tregidga reported that a large volume of water has been running through Penwithick of late, potentially, from a private lane. It is unconfirmed; however, the possible owner of the aforementioned lane could be Mr P Clemes. **Action, to contact Mr P Clemes.** Cllr G Tregidga also informed Councillors that residents have not been receiving the type of new rubbish collection bins that they had requested.
- (ix) Cllr M Shand reported difficulties surrounding site work that had been undertaken by Griffiths on Stannary Road relating to utility supplies. Other issues reported were uneven pavements and loose/moving Openreach manhole covers on the same said road.

- (x) The Clerk agreed to forward on a recent email received from a resident of Stannary Road to Rachael Tatlow, Highway Manager at Cormac.
- (xi) Another resident of Stannary Road has written to the office thanking the Parish Council for the new repaired bench along the A391.
- (xii) The Clerk informed Council that the broken footbridge in Ruddlemoor has been reported and that works to repair or indeed replace the bridge would commence in due course.
- (xiii) Information was relayed to Councillors that a resident at a property in Carthew, recently had an unfortunate encounter with a member of the public who was carrying a firearm. The police are duly dealing with the matter.
- (xiv) The Chairman and Deputy Clerk had recently carried out an inspection of all Parish Council owned bus stops, parks, open spaces and noticeboards.
- (xv) Notification of a road closure:
  - Treverbyn Road, Stenalees. 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November (24 hours)

### **Min 107/23 Finance**

The Clerk made a recommendation to Council, to transfer the recent CIL Payment to the reserve business account. Councillors agreed to this recommendation. Proposed: Cllr M Luke, Seconded; Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews. All in Favour.

It was proposed that the Office would contact Roger Gates to enquire what Section 106/CIL money was available within the Parish. **Action: to contact Roger Gates**

Councillors were presented with a list of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the period November 28<sup>th</sup> 2023. A detailed breakdown of transactions was provided by the Clerk and it was agreed that the accounts be approved, proposed by Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews, seconded by Cllr G Tregidga. All in favour

### **Consideration of Precept 2024**

The Clerk provided Council with a budget forecast that was presented to the Finance and General Purposes Committee in recent weeks. The proposal put forward by the Committee to Full Council was to increase the precept by 25%. Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr G Hooper. All in Favour.

### **Min 108/23 Correspondence**

- Details were provided for the next Community Area Partnership (CAP) Meeting to be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm at Treviscoe Community Hall
- The next Imerys Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting is to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. Location: Imerys British Lithium Pilot Plant.
- Information was relayed to Council regarding new food waste and recycling collections for Mid Cornwall

- The Clerk read a letter regarding information appertaining to a new DHSC Defibrillator Scheme.
- Correspondence was relayed to Council relating to a stakeholder event regarding electric vehicle charging in Cornwall. The event would take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 11am
- The Clerk reminded Councillors that the new Spring 2024 CALC courses had been circulated via email for anyone wishing to enrol on any of the courses.
- Email correspondence was relayed to Council regarding proposed changes to Cornwall Homechoice that would be going out for public consultation in due course.
- Lastly, The Clerk announced that NALC have agreed the Local Government Services Pay Agreement for the period April 1 2023 to 31 March 2024.

#### **Min 109/23 Treverbyn Hall AGM Feedback – Cllr P Highland**

Cllr P Highland informed Council that he had yet to receive the minutes of the Treverbyn Hall AGM that he had requested. However, County Councillor P Guest had a copy to hand. Upon first glance, it was duly noted that the draft accounts showed an operating deficit of £26, 476. Despite a healthy balance in the account, this concerning deficit is deemed unsustainable. The election of trustees also took place at the AGM.

#### **Min 110/23 Bugle Skateboard Park – Presentation by Cllr M Shand**

Cllr M Shand gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on his thoughts, regarding the redevelopment of Bugle Skateboard Park. It was agreed that in order to galvanise support for the project, it was imperative to gain community involvement. The two main proposals put forward would be to design a pump track area within the vicinity and to install Parkour equipment in the existing skateboard park area, Suggested sources of support were stated from: Alison Hernandez (Police and Crime Commissioner) and Proceeds of Crime. Concerns raised by Councillors were; condition of Beam Lane, access issues, parking, Barry’s Field, ongoing ASB issues and graffiti.

After much debate and discussion, Councillors were asked for their individual feedback on the proposed project. Nine in favour and two were ‘maybe’. No objections.

#### **Min 111/23 Feedback from Cllr’s attending the CALC Course – Enforcement and Appeals**

The Vice-Chairman Cllr M Shand provided Council with a full debrief of a recent Planning course attended (Appeals and Enforcement), hosted by CALC. Cllr G Hooper, Cllr K Stephens and the Deputy Clerk were also in attendance. It was noted and acknowledged that the Cornwall Council Enforcement system does not work in its current format. At the very least, Clerks should be notified at to the progress of a complaint. Often, County Councils hide behind GDPR but the harsh reality is that there is a lack of staff able to feedback progress reports to Parish and Town Councils. It was agreed that this matter be raised at the next CALC Small Councils meetings to find a uniformed and united way forward to address this very issue with Planning at Cornwall Council.

**Min 112/23 Feedback on the White River Valley Meeting**

Councillors were fully briefed as to the contents of a recent multi-agency meeting that was instigated to discuss the various issues surrounding the White River Valley. It was noted that a follow up meeting would take place in the new year and that our MP, Mr Steve Double, would be writing to residents along the White River Valley requesting that they complete a pre-populated survey.

**Min 113/23 Emergency Items**

The Clerk read a letter that was received from Cornwall Council, appertaining to the future of the Old Carclaze School building. It was agreed to include this matter as an agenda item at the next Full Council meeting. **Action: Agenda item on 12.12.23**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked Councillors for their attendance.

Meeting declared closed at 10:12pm

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