

# TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 at Rockhill Business Park.**

**Present:** Councillors – Cllr Mrs. A Roberts (Chairman), Cllr L Allen, Cllr Mrs. A Double, Cllr B Hollis, Cllr G Hooper, Cllr M Luke, Cllr K Pollard, Cllr K Stephens, County Councillor P Guest, the Clerk D Stevens and Deputy Clerk D Hawken.

*Before the meeting commenced, a presentation was given by Mr Nick Waitz regarding the Treverbyn Community Hall Project proposal*

Chairman Cllr Mrs A Roberts welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting by asking Council to formally co-opt two new councillors: Mrs. A Double and Mr B Hollis.

**Apologies:** There were three apologies received from: Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews, Cllr M Shand and Cllr G Tregidga. Non-apology: Cllr P Highland

**Declarations of Interest:** None

There was one member of the public present, a prospective new Councillor.

## **Min 01/24 Minutes of meeting held on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by Cllr L Allen, seconded by Cllr G Hooper. All in favour.

## **Min 02/24 Matters arising from the minutes**

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

- Min115/23 – Following correspondence from Wain Homes, it has been communicated that the company would be open to transferring the open space in Bugle to the Parish Council. Small areas of the development itself have been handed over to the Management Company, however, the pond area, Beam Lane and woodland area are still in the hands of Wain Homes. It has been noted, that Wain Homes would want to transfer it all and not left with part. Legal matters would now be looked into.

- Council were informed that the Deputy Clerk's CiLCA Course had now commenced.
- Councillors were notified that the replacement bridge at Ruddlemoor had now been completed. Cllr L Allen commended on the high standard of work carried out
- Cllr M Luke informed Council that there was no further update regarding the enquiry made concerning a piece of land at Trethurgy which is owned by Imerys.
- The Clerk informed Councillors that he was in the process of seeking clarification from Cornwall Council regarding all Section 106 / CIL monies available to the Parish Council.
- The drainage issue on Roche Road, Bugle (near the car-park) has now been reported to the Highways department
- The broken wooden step on Parish Footpath 1, near to AMPS on the Bojea Industrial Estate has now been completed. The Deputy Clerk also reported that he has logged the un-lit street light in Trethowel with Cornwall Council.
- Min 121/23 – This action point has now been superseded by the planning application.

### **Min 03/24 County Councillor's Report**

- Cllr M Luke informed Council that there was not a great deal to report as things were fairly quiet at the moment. He did add that he was undertaking his usual case work as well as attend Full Council (Cornwall Council). In addition, there is some overspill from work outstanding from the back end of 2023. Cllr M Luke confirmed his attendance at the forthcoming White River Valley meeting to be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Further such meetings, including one diarised with Roger Gates, was in the pipeline.
- County Councillor Mr P Guest had circulated a comprehensive written report. (See attached). Correspondence has been received from a parishioner who has contacted the Office to request that County Councillor's written reports be included as appendices in the minutes. It was agreed that this request be adopted.

## **Min 04/24 Matters within the Parish**

- Cllr Mrs. A Double informed Council that the recent road closure announcement regarding the B3274 from the Streetworks team was in fact, incorrect. Correspondence has subsequently been sent to the appropriate contact to publish the correct information.
- Cllr M Luke informed Council that Trethurgy Village Hall committee were seeking a Treasurer.
- Cllr G Hooper informed Council that the water issue at Carbean, impacting on the B3274 was deteriorating. The Clerk informed Councillors that a meeting with Griffiths would be required where the matter can be first and foremost, discussed with them to ascertain if the issue related to their ongoing works. If not, it was then agreed to contact Imerys in due course. Highways have been kept abreast of the matter and reported by the Office on numerous occasions.
- Following on from the above, County Councillor P Guest informed Council that he was attending a Microsoft Teams meeting with Griffiths the following day at 2pm and that the Clerk/Deputy Clerk would be welcome to log on and discuss the matter above.
- The Clerk informed Council that the environmental health issue at Lower Molinnis has been reported and passed onto the Enforcement Team. An officer has now attended the site and logged a report to Enforcement
- The Office received notification of a small hole that appeared in the road at Bugle. The location is outside of the Co-op. This matter was subsequently reported to the Highways Team with a reply stating that 'it was not an immediate safety hazard'.
- Correspondence has been received regarding a loose drain cover on Treverbyn Road, Stenalees near to Warren Close. Council was notified that the matter had now been reported.
- Cllr P Highland forwarded on to the Office, correspondence that he had submitted to the Countryside Access Team regarding the condition of the footpath/lane at Lower Molinnis. The area affected is difficult to walk due to the poor surface and subsequent flooding. A reply from the Countryside Information Office stated that

planings were due to be delivered over the coming weeks to treat the appropriate area.

- Correspondence has been received from Mr Philip Eperson following the ongoing drainage issue on Caudledown Lane. Following a site meeting, it was a productive and positive step forward in trying to resolve the matter. Further such investigations were now needed from the footpath department to provide some answers and solutions that could be implemented to remedy the situation.
- The Clerk informed Council that correspondence has been received from Lucy Hall, Secretary of Biscovey Youth Football Club informing Council that their generator has stopped functioning. A quote to replace the generator is £6,000. It was agreed to signpost the club to various sources of funding in order to assist. They would be: Sport England, National Lottery, Cornwall FA, Children in Need and Alison Hernadez, Police Crime Commissioner.

### **Min 05/24 Finance**

Councillors were presented with a list of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the period January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024. A detailed breakdown of transactions was provided by the Clerk and it was agreed that the accounts be approved, proposed by Cllr M Luke, seconded by Cllr G Hooper. All in favour

### **Min 06/24 Correspondence**

- Following on from an earlier discussion regarding the water issue at Carbean, correspondence was read from the Highways Manager Rachael Tatlow. The matter is fully in hand and regular communications with the nearby property owner are a regular occurrence to ensure the issue is progressed for a positive outcome
- Correspondence has been received regarding the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Points in numerous Parish Council car-parks around the county.





## **TREVERBYN P.C. MONTHLY REPORT – County Councillor Peter Guest**

### **JANUARY 2024**

You'll be pleased to hear that this Monthly report has been submitted in a timely manner, please ignore the one that I sent to you a fortnight ago because I got my dates mixed up!

That report was a bit sparse in content coming straight after the Christmas break. We are now back into the full swing of Council business and I've been kept busy so far this year.

As you know, the new Waste Collection System began on our patch last week. This is a major piece of work and anecdotally it appears to have gone fairly smoothly so far, there are bound to be teething problems, in fact I dealt with a couple myself which were swiftly resolved. Should you be approached by any resident with concerns, the easiest way to resolve it is by using the online reporting page.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/new-food-waste-recycling-and-rubbish-service/>

Last Friday, I was at a briefing about 'Unauthorised Encampments' and what to do about them. Although it was primarily aimed at Holiday makers looking for a cheap holiday, the link that I have provided below can also be used to report any Gypsy and Traveller families who turn up unannounced. There are strict protocols in place, that kick in as soon as a report is received. If you would like more detail, I'd be happy to expand on this.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/environmental-protection/environmental-crime/report-an-unauthorised-encampment/>

Also last week, with my Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee hat on, I spoke at Full Council about the Licensing Act Policy Review we had carried out and recommending that it be adopted. It's a pretty dry piece of legislation that needs to be reviewed every couple of years and any alterations that reflect our changing times have to be accounted for. We've been working on this for a couple of months now and I was glad to see it voted for by 86 for, 0 against and 1 abstention. One major change that I advocated for was increasing the training for Staff regarding the spiking of drinks, something that would

appear sadly to be on the increase. Hopefully, this will raise awareness of this heinous practice leading to its eventual stamping out.

I had a really interesting 'Day Out' in Newlyn 2 weeks ago. I went to a Conference/Harbour tour hosted by the Cornish Fish Producers association. The fishing industry is a major contributor to the Cornish economy, for example, did you know that £50 millions worth was landed in 2022 or that up to 8,000 jobs are dependent on this sector. The conference aimed to highlight just how important fishing is to our economy and what measures can be taken to protect and expand it. It was a really worthwhile visit, absolutely freezing, but well worth it.

As you all know, I'm heavily involved with the Children & Families Committee. I spoke at length at it last week, specifically on our Children in Care provision. Sadly, the number of children coming into care for a variety of reasons is on the increase. It seems that this is a nationwide trend, but I would like to re-assure you that having worked with other local authorities 'up Country', Cornwall is head and shoulders above them, it is a very strong team filled with compassionate and very capable people. While we are on the subject of our younger generations, I will be attending the next sitting of Cornwall's Youth Council tomorrow evening. I always enjoy these meetings, they are a very knowledgeable bunch, not afraid to ask awkward questions and certainly keep me on my toes!

Alongside my committee work, I have been kept busy with residents' casework. The scale of issues vary from the relatively minor [although it isn't minor to the resident concerned.] to some quite serious and involved work. One thing that doesn't change is the volume of it that comes through to me. This to me is the most important part of my workload. To support, advocate for and generally help people is the reason that I stood for election in the first place.

As to matters 'Treverbryn' I try and visit the office at least once a week for a catch-up and a cuppa. But, if something does crop up, please don't wait for the next meeting, either drop me a line or give me a call at the time.

Peter.

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