

TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING held on May 28th 2024 at Rockhill Business Park.

Present: Councillors – Cllr Mrs. A Roberts (Chairman), Cllr L Allen, Cllr P Highland, Cllr B Hollis, Cllr G Hooper, Cllr Mrs. J Killacky, Cllr M Luke, Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews, Cllr K Pollard, Cllr M Shand, Cllr K Stephens, Clerk D Stevens and Deputy Clerk D Hawken.

Apologies: There were three apologies received from: Cllr Mrs. A Double, Cllr G Tregidga and Cornwall Councillor P Guest

Declarations of Interest: None

Members of the public present: There were no members of the public in attendance.

Min 45/24 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

Min 46/24 Minutes of meeting held on April 30th 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on April 30th 2024 had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews, Seconded by Cllr Mrs. J Killacky. All in favour.

Min 47/24 Matters arising from the minutes

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

Min 28/24 – EcoBos meeting. A new revised date for attending a Parish Council meeting has not been forthcoming as of yet. The Office will endeavour to cement a date in due course.

Min 36/24 – Carloggas Downs. The Deputy Clerk informed Council that the poor condition of the road leading to Carloggas Downs had been reported to Jeremy Elvins and subsequently passed onto the relevant department.

Min 36/24 – Potential planning activity on Treverbyn Road. Councillors were informed that this matter has now been reported.

Min 36/24 – Missing Road Sign at Lower Molinnis. Councillors were informed that this matter had now been reported to the relevant department at Cornwall Council.

Min 36/24 – Jo Rusbridge has been contacted regarding litter picking equipment. Confirmed she was still in receipt and will drop it back to the office in due course.

Min 36/24 – Dog waste bin for Stoney Lane, the replacement sign at Ruddlemoor Green and the car-park sign at Trethurgy Village Hall has been actioned by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and will be ordered on bulk with other items of expenditure.

Min 38/24 – The Deputy Clerk provided an update as to where things were with the new noticeboards. Three quotes were currently being obtained before a decision is made.

Min 48/24 Annual Council Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 14th May 2024 were circulated in advance of the meeting for ratification by Full Council. They will be approved in full at the Annual Council Meeting in 2025. Proposed: Cllr M Luke, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews. All in Favour

Min 49/24 Cornwall Councillor Reports

- Cllr M Luke had submitted a written report in advance of the meeting which was circulated via email to all members in advance. (see attached). There were no questions from Councillors on its content
- Cornwall Councillor Mr P Guest had not submitted a written report in advance of the meeting

Min 50/24 Matters of interest within the Parish

- Cllr Mrs. A Roberts informed Council that there appears to be some development work being undertaken near to the bridge on Treverbyn Road, Stenalees. The matter could be Imerys/Alun Griffiths related

- Cllr M Shand reported that the pavement is being severely encroached with overgrown vegetation on Stannary Road, just north of Parish Footpath 12. **Action: Office to report**
- Cllr G Hooper reported that the footpath sign has been knocked over, directly opposite the entrance to Caudledown Lane on Stannary Road. Council was informed that the matter has already been reported.
- Cllr K Stephens commented that road signs on Roche Road and in general around the Parish when roadworks are in operation, were obstructing pavements which in turn, was forcing pedestrians to use the road.
- Cllr Mrs. J Killacky raised the issue of poor road markings on the mini-roundabout on Treverbyn Road, St Austell. It was suggested that the white road markings required re-painting to ensure the safety of all concerned. **Action: Office to report to Highways**
- Cllr P Highland informed Council that road markings in the area of Bugle Square have slowly disappeared over time. **Action: Office to report to Highways.** Cllr P highland went on to report that the entrance to Red Lane has not been tidied up as promised. Some of the potholes have indeed been filled in but there are still other issues outstanding. It was agreed that the office write another letter to the contractors of the new development requesting further action. **Action: Further correspondence**
- Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews raised a planning issue relating to a potential change of use on a premises in Ruddlemoor. It was agreed that the Office make further enquiries into this matter. **Office: Contact Cornwall Council Planning.**
- The Deputy Clerk informed Council that the draft license relating to the Greenspace at Ruddlemoor had now been received. It will be perused and subsequently signed off in due course.
- The Clerk has received an enquiry from Clays Veterans FC regarding the possible future use of Molinnis Park, Bugle. Dialogue has been opened with the Clerk and Mr P Tucker as the two remaining trustees of the aforementioned land.
- Council was notified that the road leading to Carloggas Downs has been reported to Imerys for immediate improvements. Several members of the public have complained about the condition of this very road.

- The Deputy Clerk informed Council of the current status of the old Carclaze Infant School following correspondence from the Assets, Capital and Commercial Services department at Cornwall Council. Notification has been duly given that the site will now be auctioned off at the end of the summer period. Covenants will be stipulated to protect the façade of the building and in addition, a small car-park of up to 5 car parking spaces will be provided for use by the methodist Chapel.
- Councillors were provided with an update regarding the recent B3274 Highways meetings. A summary of the recent feasibility study report was relayed with next steps outlined.
- The Deputy Clerk informed Council that the recently named new road off of Stannary Road (Bunny Road) has been given the Cornish translation of 'Fordh Vonni'.
- The following closures were relayed to Councillors:
 1. Event order: West of England Bandsmen's Festival, Bugle. 15th June between 09:30 and 20:00
 2. Parish Footpath 34 from 26.05.24 to 25.05.25
 3. New Road, Roche. Extended road closure to the 7th June
 4. B3274 between Stannary Rd and Carbean, Carthew. 16th Sept to 31st October

Min 51/24 Finance

Councillors were presented with a list of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the period May 28th 2024. A detailed breakdown of transactions was provided by the Clerk and it was agreed that the accounts be approved. Proposed: Cllr M Luke, Seconded: Cllr L Allen. All in favour

External Audit

The Clerk informed Council that the external audit report for the period April 2022 to March 2023 had been received. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the report. Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr M Luke. All in Favour

Section 137 Grants

1. **Wheal Martyn** - Application for a grant towards a defibrillator, specialised casing and subsequent electrical costs. Quote amounted to £2,187.60 (inc. VAT). After much debate and discussion, the decision was to defer the application until the end of June pending further quotations.
2. **Bugle Cricket Club** – New mobile pitch covers. Quote of £3995.00 + VAT from Durrant Cricket and this includes delivery and installation. After much debate and discussion two proposals were tabled. *Proposal A*) A pledge of £500 towards the cost of the new pitch covers. This was on the proviso that match funding was in place (in full) and secondly, the outcome of the recent planning application had been determined. *Proposal B*) To defer the application. Proposed: Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews, Seconded: Cllr P Highland.

It was **RESOLVED** by six votes to five to proceed with **Proposal A**.

Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr K Stephens.

3. **Penwithick Charity Day** – Grant application for the sum of £200 to support a charity day to raise money for three charities – The Veterans Charity, Combat Stress Charity and The Brain Tumour Charity. Owing to the fact Section 137 grants cannot be made to an individual, it was **RESOLVED** to defer the awarding of the grant until after the event and subsequently make a direct donation to the above-named charities.

Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews. All in Favour

Min 52/24 Correspondence

The Clerk informed Councillors of the following correspondence:

- Notification was relayed to Council regarding the next phase of street lighting to be turned off or dimmed. Treverbyn Parish was next on the list of Councils to be included in the scheme. Cllr M Shand made it known that he is very much against the scheme, with the main reason being people's safety.

- Councillors were informed that the Clerks would be attending the forthcoming Smaller Councils Clerks Online Meeting on the 4th June
- Correspondence has been received regarding an invitation to the Mayor Making Ceremony of St Austell Town Council on Wednesday 12th June
- Councillors were reminded that a CALC News Round-up email had been circulated for their perusal
- An exhibition at Wheal Martyn, namely 'Expression of Salt and China Clay Traces' was relayed to Councillors. The event runs until the 1st July
- Notification has been received from Ocean Housing to inform the Council of their intention to sell 33 Carnsmerry, Bugle.
- The latest parish statistics from Citizens Advice Cornwall was communicated to Councillors.
- The latest bulletin regarding CALC finance Courses was relayed to Councillors. Any member wishing to attend would need to contact the office
- CALC 'Out and About' sessions have now been diarised and published. The various dates and locations were relayed to Councillors
- Notification of a Town and Parish Council Budget Update meeting has been received. This meeting is to take place on the 3rd June at 10am.
- Cllr Linda Taylor, the Leader of Cornwall Council, is hosting a 'Listening to Residents' session at St Stephen on the 18th June. This is to be held in The Bell Theatre, Brannel School, starting at 7pm

Min 53/24 Staffing / Finance and General Purposes Meeting Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the circulated minutes of the recent Staffing / Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting. Furthermore, it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the recommendations and decisions that were made by the aforementioned Committee.
Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr L Allen. All in Favour

Min 54/24 Neighbourhood Development Plan

With a successful and positive recent meeting with Mr Paul Webber, the next stage of the development plan will be to define settlement areas within the certain hamlets and

villages around the Parish in readiness for the next meeting. **Action: Office to draw up settlement areas**

Min 55/24 Emergency Items

There were no emergency items submitted in writing prior to the commencement of the meeting

Min 56/24 Confidential Items

There were no confidential items raised

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

Meeting declared closed at 9:20pm.

..... (Chairman)

..... (Date)

Cornwall Councillor Report – M Luke

Last month, I reported that Treverbyn Parish Council had objected to the planning proposal for a 17.5mw solar farm and associated battery storage units on greenfield land, near the local recycling centre. I can confirm that I have had meetings with planning officers to ensure that they are fully aware of the concerns raised by parish councillors.

The Parish Council has also raised concerns about the pre-application submission to Cornwall Council for 12 residential units on land to the north of Bojea Industrial Estate, and near to the Sustrans trail between Wheal Martyn and St Austell. The land in question had recently been consented for commercial units. I share their concerns.

I have attended a range of meetings, including the most recent Full Council meeting of the unitary authority. Motions debated includes concerns about proposed changes to Universal Credit and PIPs (Personal Independence Payments) and the need to treat mental illness on more of a par with physical illness; and housing justice and the need to end subsidies for holiday homes.

Locally, I was pleased to be at a meeting of the Eden Neighbourhood Forum for a welcome update on the geothermal plant at The Eden Project and the positive progress relating to the new greenhouses and other buildings.

I was also present at the Annual Meeting of Treverbyn Parish Council and the most recent meetings of Penwithick Community Hall and Trethurgy Village Hall, where I was pleased to organise a wonderful local history talk (about the St Austell area and the Second World War) with Lyndon Allen. In addition, I visited the open day at Lanhydrock House, which had been organised by mid Cornwall Scouts.

I have continued to deal with numerous pieces of casework and, over the last month, I promoted the now-closed consultation into the proposed 20mph limits for the villages of Treverbyn Parish.

As a Cornwall Councillor, I am allocated £3,000 to grant to local community organisations each year. I can confirm that, for 2023-24, I supported the St Piran's Day celebrations in St Austell, children's workers through the local Methodist Church, St Blazey Amateur Operatic Society, Biscovey Youth Football Club, art café through the Treverbyn

Community Trust, Friends of Rescorla (Rescorla Centre), Trethowel Residents Association and Citizens Advice Cornwall.

The new allocation for 2024/2025 has just been made available to me. If you are involved with a local organisation that would like to be considered for a grant, please get in contact with me.

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