

TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 26th November 2024 at Parish Offices, Rockhill Business Park.

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

Apologies: Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews

Declarations of Interest: None recorded.

Members of the public present: Five members of the public were present, which included a prospective new Councillor.

Min 115/24 Public Participation

One member of the public spoke regarding parking and the speeding of vehicles in the village of Bugle, notably on Rosevear Road. The member of the public aired serious concerns regarding issues appertaining to the access difficulties to their property which has been highlighted in recent times owing to a medical emergency.

Cllr P Highland proposed that a CAP wide parking officer be looked into. Cornwall Councillor P Guest would check the legality of hiring such an officer and feedback the outcome. **Action: The Clerk to provide the resident with the relevant contact details of the Highways department**

Min 116/24 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on October 29th 2024

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on October 29th 2024 had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by Cllr Mrs A. Double, Seconded by Cllr B Hollis. All in favour.

Min 117/24 Matters arising from the minutes

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

- Min 105/24 – A follow-up email has been sent to A1 Tree and Grounds relating to the agreed and accepted quote for land clearance at Molinnis Institute. No reply has been forthcoming for a second time. It was **RESOLVED** to obtain further quotes from alternative contractors. Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. A Roberts. All in Favour
- Min 105/24 – It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk provides an oral report regarding the recent CALC AGM in the designated agenda item later in the meeting.
- Min 107/24 – It was agreed to discuss the recent Highways meeting of the residents of Bugle, in the designated agenda item later in the meeting.
- Min 107/24 – The transfer of remaining funds from the Ruddlemoor Village Green Association have yet to be transferred to the Parish Council, as agreed. **Action: Clerks to contact Gill Wilson**
- Min 107/24 – Recent site maintenance work at Trethowel Recreation Ground had been reported to Councillors. There were still Health and Safety concerns regarding the south entrance though. It was relayed that Cornwall Council were not anticipating that any further work would be undertaken on site prior to devolvement
- Min 107/24 – Councillors were notified that parts of Chynoweth Lane had now been repaired and patched with tarmac. Matter now resolved.
- Min 107/24 – The proposed volunteer day at Carn Grey Quarry diarised for the 21st November, was postponed owing to adverse weather.
- Min 108/24 – The agreed Section 137 grant to Bugle Information Hub has yet to be paid, owing to the terms of the grant policy of not being able to make a payment to an individual person. Discussions were ongoing with Fiona Hunt and Bugle Village Hall to find an alternative payment method.
- Min 108/24 – It was noted that Treverbyn Community Trust have now applied for a grant from the Treverbyn Parish Community Fund.
- Min 108/24 – A letter of thanks has been received from Mrs Oxenham, re the municipal payment for the upkeep of the Stenalees Bus Shelter.

- Min 108/24 – Online Banking – The Deputy Clerk would soon be diarising a meeting with the Chairman and the two account signatories to undertake a telephone call meeting with Lloyds Bank to progress the matter of online banking.

Min 118/24 Cornwall Councillor Reports

Cornwall Councillor M Luke apologised to Councillors that he had left his diary at home and would try his best to provide an oral report. He started off by informing Councillors that not much has happened of late, particularly as he had been away on holiday. He has though, aware of a meeting regarding the Old Carclaze Infant School, attended Trethurgy Fete and has undertaken ongoing casework. Owing to a holiday, he could sadly not attend the recent Highways meeting with Rachael Tatlow. Cllr M Luke did inform Council that the overgrown foliage on the distributor road from the Scredda Roundabout to the ESAM Building has been actioned, but not to an acceptable standard. Lastly, he has undertaken further licensing work.

Cornwall Councillor P Guest submitted a comprehensive written report prior to the commencement of the meeting which was duly circulated to all Councillors in advance (see attached). There were no questions asked on its content.

Cllr Mrs. A Double proposed to note the written report from Cornwall Councillor P Guest. It was seconded by Cllr Mrs. A Roberts. All in Favour

Min 119/24 Matters of interest within the Parish

- Cllr G Hooper thanked the Clerks for their prompt action in getting two fallen trees removed, that were blocking two nearby public footpaths following adverse weather.
- Cllr B Hollis reported the localised flooding on the road at Carbean, adjacent to the Sawles Arms during spells of heavy rainfall. The Clerk provided an historical appraisal of this issue and informed Council that the issue would yet again, be reported to Highways. **Action: Clerks to contact Highways**
- Cllr P Highland informed Council that the speed limit signage at Molinnis had yet to be changed, as agreed, by Highways. The street signage had also yet to be replaced. Both matters to be reported, yet again, for actioning. **Action: Clerks to report.**

- Cllr Mrs. A Double expressed her thanks to the Clerk for the time and effort that went into arranging the Parish Remembrance Parade and Service. Cllr M Shand commented on the excellent quality of the order of service booklets.
- Cornwall Councillor P Guest expressed his thanks to those that presented wreaths on his behalf at the aforementioned Remembrance Service.
- Cllr G Tregidga provided Council with an oral report following the Penwithick Community Hall AGM. In addition, he informed Councillors of a Cornish Devolution paper that has just been published. It was suggested that a Devolution meeting takes place in the new year with interested parties.
- The Clerk read correspondence regarding a salt bin request from a resident of Pentille Gardens, St Austell. It confirmed that Cornwall Council no longer fund new salt bins.
- Information was relayed to Councillors regarding a proposed new self-driven tour in the St Austell area which includes the Parish of Treverbyn. Called the 'Mines, Minerals and Misfortunes of St Austell Bay', it aims to tempt drivers off the A390 to visit the Treffry Viaduct, Eden Project, Charlestown and the Wheal Martyn Clay Museum.
- The Clerk relayed action and follow up points received from Rachael Tatlow following a recent meeting. This included local road closures, planned maintenance, overgrown verges, vegetation overgrowth and parking issues to name but a few.
- Information was relayed regarding a forthcoming road closure, that being, Hensbarrow Hill from the 18th November for 3-4 weeks.
- The Clerk informed Council that the Community Levelling Up Programme Interim Report has now been received for CAP9 (China Clay Area and Luxulyan).
- Road Closure announcement:
 - Roche Road, Stenalees - 6th January to 26th January (24 hours)

Min 120/24 Finance

Councillors were presented with a list of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the period November 2024. A detailed breakdown of transactions was provided by the Deputy Clerk and it was **RESOLVED** that the accounts be approved.

Proposed: Cllr M Luke, Seconded: Cllr G Hooper. All in favour.

Transfer of CIL money

It was **RESOLVED** to transfer the recent CIL payment received (£10,127.32) to the Business Reserve Account. Proposed: Cllr M Luke, Seconded: Cllr M Shand. All in Favour

Donation to Treverbyn Community Trust

It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation to Treverbyn Community Trust for the refreshments received following the recent Remembrance Parade and Service. It was agreed to make a donation of £100. Proposed: Cllr G Hooper, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. A Roberts. All in Favour.

Confidential Waste Collection

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with Biffa in the engagement of providing confidential waste bins (x2) and subsequent collection for off-site shredding. Proposed: Cllr Mrs. A Double, Seconded: Cllr M Shand. All in Favour.

2025/2026 Precept

Much discussion and debate took place regarding the 2025/2026 precept. Following a resolution made at a previous Full Council meeting to increase the precept by 20%, new and updated financial information was provided to Councillors with additional information on the new Labour Government budget, recent CALC meeting with Cornwall Council, Devolution costs, increased Employers National Insurance Contribution costs, NALC Salary increases, May 2025 Election costs to name but a few.

After much debate, it was **RESOLVED** to increase the precept by 25% for the forthcoming fiscal year and not 20% as previously agreed. Proposed: Cllr M Luke, Seconded: Cllr G Hooper. All in Favour.

Min 121/24 Emergency Staffing Committee Meeting dated 20th November.

It was agreed to move this item further down the agenda, to be discussed under 'Confidential Matters'

Min 122/24 Correspondence

The Deputy Clerk informed Councillors of the following correspondence (for information only):

- CALC – Information Sharing: Hedgerow management and Burial consultation papers.
- The forthcoming China Clay Area and Luxulyan Community Area Partnership meeting will take place on Monday 2nd December, commencing at 7pm with the venue being: Indian Queens Victory Hall.
- Imerys Christmas Community Liaison Group Meeting: 12th December, 3:00-4:00pm at Par Moor Centre.
- CALC Clerks to Smaller Councils Meeting: Wednesday 27th November.
- The latest Road Safety Survey has been launched. The survey can be found on 'let's Talk Cornwall'.
- Cornwall Council Budget Stakeholder Online Meeting: 12th December at 6:30pm
- A reminder was provided to all Councillors regarding forthcoming CALC training courses up to and including the end of January 2025
- NALC Legal Bulletin for November 2024.
- Two thank you cards were read that had been received from Mrs Oxenham and Mrs Rowett.
- Visit Cornwall – Two-day Tourism Summit to be held on the 15th and 16th of January.
- Christmas waste collections for residents – Changes to collection dates over the festive period.

Min 123/24 Devolution

The Clerk provided a verbal update on all matters appertaining to the Devolution proposals. The draft Terms and Transfer Plan for the Trethewel Recreation Ground had now been received from the legal department at Cornwall Council. The next step for the Parish Council would be to engage the services of a Solicitor. It was proposed to obtain quotes from local Solicitors for this very service with an agreement from Councillors that

the choice of who is engaged is left in the hands of the Clerk. Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. A Double. All in Favour

Min 124/24 Community Speed Watch

Cllr G Tregidga provided an oral update on a recent meeting that took place at Bugle Village Hall on matters concerning parking and the speeding of vehicles in the village of Bugle. 35-40 people attended that included a PCSO and four Parish Councillors. It was reported that eight residents were willing to form the inaugural Community Speed Watch Group in this very area with Cllr G Tregidga taking the next steps by holding a meeting on Friday 29th November with regional co-ordinator Elaine Fell. Also in attendance at this very meeting on Friday, will be Cllr L Allen who is leading on the Trethowel Community Speed Watch Group.

Min 125/25 Old Carclaze Infant School

The Clerk read correspondence from Catriona Smith, Chief Valuerich from the Assets, Capital and Commercial Services department at Cornwall Council. In a lengthy update, several exploratory options had indeed been explored by the legal services team regarding an easement on land at the Old Carclaze Infant School site to potentially manage five off-road car parking spaces. Regrettably, with every option explored, there were no viable options to progress this matter. It was **RESOLVED** not to pursue the matter any further. Proposed: Cllr Mrs. A Double, Seconded: Cllr G Tregidga. All in Favour

Min 126/24 Cornwall Association of Local Councils - Annual General Meeting

The Deputy Clerk provided an oral report on his attendance at the recent CALC AGM. The CALC Directors were re-appointed and financial accounts approved for the fiscal year '23/24. Regrettably, Sarah Mason was unable to attend through illness and the planned discussions regarding virtual meetings and proxy voting were deferred. Equally, the virtual presentation that was due to be given by Jamie Whitford-Robson, Cornwall Council's Emergency Management Manager, was deferred owing to technical difficulties with the live stream. Once the deferred items are rescheduled and duly attended, the Deputy Clerk will report back to Full Council at a later date.

On the very subject of virtual meetings and proxy voting, the Chairman Cllr Mrs. A Roberts canvassed the opinions of each Parish Councillor present on the proposals outlined in the Government consultation. Each Councillor was requested to state their view on this subject matter. The vote was unanimous, and it was recorded that Council were not in favour of virtual meetings, nor proxy voting.

Min 127/24 Treverbyn Community Hall Annual General Meeting

Cllr P Highland apologised that sadly, he was unable to attend the Treverbyn Community Hall AGM. He was though, in the process of trying to obtain the minutes.

He did though, report on his attendance at the Bugle Village all AGM instead. He provided his thanks to Cllr K Pollard for all his hard work and efforts in all that he does for the hall. Cllr P Highland reported that the running of the hall is progressing nicely and that the finances are healthy, notably the sizeable increase in the hiring of the hall income. Notable increases in expenditure compared to the previous year were noted, however, these were deemed essential maintenance costs. The hall is still in need of appointing a Secretary and Treasurer. Lastly, it was noted that the hall has not received their annual income from their solar panel energy agreement. This would be approximately £1,200. To conclude, Cllr P Highland confirmed it was a positive meeting.

Min 128/24 Dates of Meetings for 2025

A 2025 calendar of meeting dates for publication were circulated to all members in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the proposed dates. In addition, it was agreed to hold the December 2025 meeting on the 16th December and not the 9th. Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. A Double. All in Favour

Min 129/24 Emergency Items

- The Deputy Clerk relayed information regarding the forthcoming Councillor's Christmas Meal.
- It was agreed to hold the Councillor co-option interviews on Tuesday 10th December at 5pm

- It was agreed to hold a Staffing Committee Meeting with the Deputy Clerk on Friday 6th December at 1:30pm
- Office closing during the festive period. It was **RESOLVED** that the Office closes inclusively from Monday 23rd December through until Friday the 3rd January. The Office will reopen as normal on Monday 6th January 2025. Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. J Killacky. All in Favour

Min 130/24 Confidential Items

Council then went into closed committee to discuss the following:

- Staffing

**The Clerk left the room*

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Emergency Staffing Meeting as a true and accurate record and implement the agreed decisions.

Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr L Allen. All in Favour

**The Clerk re-entered the room*

Both the Chairman and Clerk then signed the aforementioned minutes.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:45pm

..... (Chairman)

..... (Date)

P GUEST - TREVERBYN P.C. MONTHLY REPORT

NOVEMBER '24

I'm sure that I only wrote a report to you the other day! They say time flies when you're enjoying yourself, so I must be!

You will know that I've been a bit under the weather in the last couple of weeks, I'm on the mend and just about firing on all cylinders, but it has meant that I've fallen behind on my casework.

I'm ploughing my way through it now and should be back up to speed by the end of the week.

I was sorry to miss the public meeting about speeding in the village, but I did speak to Cllr Tregidga and he has given me a brief overview of what was discussed, I also believe that it is an item on tonight's agenda.

Again, for the same reason, I was unable to attend the Village Hall A.G.M. but I'm sure that I will be briefed on what went on.

One local matter that you may have missed is the dismissal by H.M. Planning Inspectorate of the appeal by the potential developers of the area near Bugle Cricket pitch. You will recall that this application was opposed by the Parish Council, a number of local residents, Cornwall Council and myself, so I am delighted with this decision and look forward to watching Bugle C.C. at home next season.

While we're on the subject of planning, I spent a long day in County Hall last Thursday sitting on the Strategic Planning Committee hearing 2 contentious applications that attracted quite a lot of local and press interest.

The first was a large solar farm application near Trispen that attracted about 70 demonstrators protesting against it. Morally, they had a very good case given the proliferation of solar farms popping up all over the County, however from a legal standpoint given both previous case histories and the Governments current stance on renewable energy, they were on thin ice.

Also, the fact that the farmer in question stated that he had no intention of farming the land, and that the main reason for objection was loss of food production, I genuinely felt that any decision to reject this application would result in the developers lodging a successful appeal and costs being awarded against Cornwall Council. I was the lone voice and the application was rejected by a vote of 8-1.

I do have concerns about the number of solar applications coming before us, but to avoid accusations of predetermination, I have to treat each application on its own merits. Some opponents will have stronger arguments than other.

The second application was nearly as feisty! It was for a new Holiday Park in Newquay. We had a lot of objections regarding visual impact, traffic, environmental concerns and oversaturation of the tourist market, but weighed against this was the support of Newquay Town Council and the main point that swung it for me to support the application was the creation of 97 full time, 113 part time and 111 seasonal jobs all paying above the National Living Wage rate. Despite opposition from the local Parish Council and our local M.P. We got the application approved.

It was a long day and I think I've been removed from a couple of peoples Christmas Card lists, but I'm quite comfortable with my stance on both applications as I was firstly trying to save Cornish taxpayers from a hefty legal bill and secondly, I will always support economic growth and job creation for our residents.

As you may know, I am the Vice Chairman of the Cornwall Adult Education Services Board of Governors. There is currently a public consultation running on the proposed closure of some of our centres and I am currently working with and talking to students and more importantly the staff potentially affected by these changes. One centre currently under threat is the St Austell site in Robartes Place, however, if you read beyond the headlines, you will see that the proposal recommends running courses out of Cornwall College approximately half a mile away. It is currently a consultation and all responses to it will be considered. I'd be happy to discuss this in more detail with anyone interested.

I'll be joining you tonight having spent the day at Full Council in Truro. The main item on the agenda will be our support for Farmers protesting about the proposed changes to

Inheritance Tax. The motion has attracted cross party support and we are expecting quite a few of the farming community who will be demonstrating against the Governments planned changes to the law.

There may be another motion discussed which calls for us to reinstate a Community led housing early stage feasibility fund, which until we left the E.U. was paid for by Brussels. This opposition motion calls for us to take £208k out of our reserves, an action that in the opinion of our Finance Officer would leave our levels of reserves at risk. No suggestion of how this money will be replaced has been given and what they actually want to do with the money is extremely vague. I don't expect the motion to get very far, in fact, it may be thrown out and passed on to the relevant Officers and Committees to look at instead.

I think that is enough 'Politics' for one report and I will now move on to other matters.

We are rapidly approaching the festive season and with that in mind, I'm looking forward to attending as many Christmas fayres and functions as possible. It's the time of the year when communities come together, which is always enjoyable and raises much needed funds that the various community groups require to keep running throughout the year. I will do my best to attend and support as many as possible and I would encourage you to do the same. You never know, you might win a raffle prize or be inspired to take up a new hobby or join a group!

As always, please do not wait for our regular meetings to raise an issue with me. Feel free to contact me at any time.

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