

TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING held on July 25th 2023 at Rockhill Business Park.

Present: Councillors – Mrs. A Roberts (Chairman), L Allen, Mrs. J Burnhill, Mrs. M Rance-Matthews, M Luke, P Highland, Mrs. A Wills, M Shand, K Stephens, K Pollard, the Parish Clerk D Stevens and the Deputy Clerk D Hawken.

Before the meeting commenced, Chairman Mrs. A Roberts invited Mr K Pollard to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. He was duly and warmly welcomed by all Councillors present.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr G Hooper, Cllr G Tregidga and County Councillor P Guest

Declarations of Interest: None were forthcoming

The Clerk informed Councillors that he had received a dispensation form from Cllr K Stephens regarding his committee involvement with Bugle Village Hall. Cllr M Luke then verbally stated to Council that he was in the same situation regarding his involvement with Trethurgy Village Hall.

There was no public participation.

Min 57/23 Minutes of meeting held on June 27th 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on June 27th 2023 had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by Cllr M Luke, seconded by Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews. All in favour.

Min 58/23 Matters arising from the minutes.

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

- The multi-agency meeting regarding matters appertaining to the ongoing issues, re speeding of vehicles in the White River Valley requires immediate attention. Residents have submitted letters of complaint regarding excess speed in addition to appealing for action in implementing traffic calming measures, notably average speed cameras. **Action: To speak to R Gates, facilitating a meeting with the relevant parties.**
- The Trethewel Residents Steering Group will meet on Wednesday 26th July to discuss the aforementioned matter with particular focus on the issue within their hamlet.
- Stenalees Band Room – A meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 2nd August at 6:30pm. Representatives from the Parish Council will meet with Carol Jones, one of the remaining Trustees of the old Band Room with reference and discussions to take place on its future use.

- Trethurgy Village Hall Feasibility Study - Date of the public meeting is now scheduled for Tuesday 15th August, commencing at 6:30pm at Trethurgy Village Hall.

Min 59/23 County Councillor's Report

- County Councillor M Luke informed the Parish Council that he had been dealing with issues surrounding land at Larcombe Road, notably ownership regarding a public open space in order to get it tidied up. He reported that he had been in discussions with Persimmon Homes and Taylor Wimpey to ascertain who owns the land and who is responsible. The Clerk stated that it was imperative that clarification was required on what is what and exactly who owns what in this very area. Cllr Luke informed Council that he had been copied into emails from residents regarding the ongoing speeding issues through the White River Valley. He provided an update on a recent meeting with Imerys regarding the new partnership with British Lithium. Cllr P Highland asked Cllr M Luke about the recent Cornwall Council meeting with Wales, the creation of a new strategic partnership.
- County Councillor Mr P Guest had submitted a comprehensive written report, circulated by the Clerk. (See attached).

Min 60/23 Matters within the Parish

- (i) Cllr Mrs. A Roberts reported that the condition of excess grass around the bus shelters at Penwithick and Bugle are in a poor and inadequate state.
- (ii) Cllr Mrs. A Wills reported recent flooding issues at Carbean, Carthew. Imerys will be meeting with residents of Carbean in due course to discuss the ongoing issues. The aggregate debris on the road is of particular concern after flooding subsides.
- (iii) Cllr P Highland raised an issue surrounding the inadequate condition of a garden at Lower Molinnis. Issues reported are; rodents and the burning of rubbish in old oil drums. **Action: Parish Council to report to Environmental Health.** Secondly, Cllr P Highland informed Council that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme was in the process of being formed by the residents of Lower Molinnis with the inaugural meeting to take place early in August. Lastly, a reported fallen tree in the park of Lower Molinnis was reported and that the matter had now been dealt with.
- (iv) Cllr Mrs J Burnhill also reported the issue of flooding at Carbean. She read to Council, a letter that she had sent to Ann Vivian. A meeting with Ann Vivian was scheduled to take place imminently. Cllr Mrs A Wills stated that she would be in attendance. Lastly, a buzzing noise has been heard between the hours of 11pm and 3am from the Councillors home. Cllr Mrs J Burnhill stated that she thought the buzzing noise was coming from Gunheath Pit, (now known as Greenbarrow).
- (v) The Clerk informed Council that he had received a reply from the Highway Manager at Cornwall Council, R Tatlow relating to a salt bin request at Gwithian Road, St Austell.
- (vi) Correspondence has been received from a proprietor of a dwelling at Trethowel regarding the overhanging birch trees onto their property from the Playing Field. Cornwall County Council

- have informed the proprietor that it is their responsibility to maintain the path adjacent to the property. Under common-law, the proprietor is entitled to cut back overhanging vegetation.
- (vii) Council was informed that Imerys have confirmed that a request for vegetation to be cut back on the public footpath from Stenalees, back to Penwithick has been instructed.
 - (viii) PC Steve Tibbles reported back to Council, an issue that arose from a recent Pub Watch meeting. The matter was regarding litter and alcohol bottles/cans at the Car Park, rear of Bugle Inn.
 - (ix) Correspondence had been received from a resident of Century Close, St Austell with concerns regarding overbearing bushes that have now grown out into the pavement making it nigh on impassable.
 - (x) Flooding and land drainage issues have been reported to the Parish Council in the vicinity of Hallow, Bugle. The Old Wheal Rose railway siding floods and consequently, the neighbouring land which directly impacts on a nearby private septic tank.
 - (xi) Cornwall Streetworks Team have notified Council of a forthcoming road closure. The area concerned is at Carbean, Carthew and the closure is due to take place on 6th October between the hours of 9:30am and 3:30pm
 - (xii) The Clerk informed Councillors that a complaint has been recently made against a member of the Parish Council. The matter will be investigated internally. In recent times, these matters seem to be on the increase, where information is given to members of the public that may not be correct. Councillors were informed that a Code of Conduct refresher course is being arranged for Full Council in due course. The Clerk reminded all Councillors present that members are perceived as the Parish Council and that all matters should go through the office.

Min 61/23 Finance

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Parish Council has received a rebate on the annual insurance. Councillors were presented with a list of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the period ending July 25th 2023. A detailed breakdown of transactions was provided by the Clerk and it was agreed that the accounts be approved, proposed by Cllr Mrs. A Wills, seconded by Cllr L Allen. All in favour with one abstention (MS).

Min 62/23 Correspondence

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

- The forthcoming meeting concerning Stenalees Band Room is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd August at 6:30pm
- Geothermal distillery tour is scheduled for Wednesday 9th August at 9:30am
- A resident of Trenarren View has contacted the Council regarding weeds on a nearby footpath. Cllr M Luke informed Council that he had communicated with R Tatlow regarding this very matter and that the issue was in hand
- The Clerk informed Council of the Tree Council Branching Out fund, received from R Gates. Grants of between £200 and £2,000 are available for a range of tree planting projects across the UK.

- The Clerk read out an email reply from the Chief Executive from Cornwall Council regarding matters appertaining to urgent road safety issues on the A391 that was directly sent to the Clerk of St Austell Town Council.

Min 63/23 White River Valley Traffic Issues

Cllr L Allen made a passionate and emotive summary of the issues faced regarding excess speed along the White River Valley. He urged action to be taken before a further serious accident happens. Cllr L Allen once again called for a multi-agency meeting to be diarised. It was agreed that the Parish Council write a letter to the Chief Executive of Cornwall County Council highlighting the issue. **Action point: Letter to Cornwall County Council**

Min 64/23 Date for Meeting with residents of Trethurgy, re road improvements.

Council was informed that the public meeting regarding the Trethurgy Feasibility Study (re road improvements) would take place on Tuesday 15th August, at Trethurgy Village Hall commencing at 6:30pm. It was agreed that Residents would be informed of this very meeting via social media postings and through the distribution of flyers delivered to each household.

Min 65/23 Bugle Village Hall and Bugle Football Ground progress

Bugle Village Hall

The Clerk provided Council with feedback and an update regarding the EGM of the Bugle Village Hall that was held on Friday 14th July. The outcome of the EGM has progressed matters towards a more positive direction and signs are beginning to show that things are moving in a more cohesive and united way. Cllr K Stephens expressed his disappointment regarding the appointment of officers at the subsequent committee meeting following the EGM that was held on Sunday 23rd July. He went on to state that he wished to stand down as the Parish Council representative on the committee of the Village Hall.

Following discussions, Chairman Mrs. A Roberts was elected as the Parish Council representative of the Bugle Village Hall committee. Proposed: Cllr Mrs. A Wills, Seconded, Cllr M Shand. All in favour.

Bugle Football Ground Meeting

Council was informed that this meeting is to be held on Thursday 3rd August at Rockhill Business Park commencing at 10am. Invitees will be Chairman, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Mr P Tucker, Mr A Teague, Mr I Powell, Mr R Coad and County Councillor P Guest.

Min 66/23 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk informed Council that Mr Paul Webber had replied to his correspondence regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. He explained the delay was owing to a lack of reply from the draft plan that he compiled. Mr Webber went on to say that he was happy to meet up to discuss in due course. Cllr Mrs. J Burnhill offered to now continue communications with Mr Webber to progress the matter.

Min 67/23 Arrange meeting of Staffing Committee

It was agreed that the forthcoming Staffing Committee meeting is to be held on Monday 7th August at 1pm. A meeting of the Planning Committee would then commence directly after at 2pm.

Min 68/23 Emergency Items

There were two emergency items raised. That being, a new telephone with dual handset for both offices. It was agreed for Cllr M Shand to look into a new system.

Proposed: Mrs. A Wills, Seconded Cllr M Luke. All in favour

Lastly, the Clerk reminded Councillors of a forthcoming presentation by Anesco, regarding a proposed solar PV project at the land of Menear Farm, Menear Road, St Austell. The presentation to be held on Monday 14th August at Rockhill Business Park. **(Subsequently changed to Wednesday 16th August since the meeting took place)**

The Chairman thanked Councillors for their attendance.

Meeting declared closed at 10:33pm

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