

TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING held on April 30th 2024 at 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. M Rance-Matthews, Cllr K Pollard, Cllr M Shand, Cllr K Stephens, Cllr G Tregidga, Cornwall Councillor P Guest, the Clerk D Stevens and Deputy Clerk D Hawken.

Apologies: There were two apologies received from: Cllr M Luke and Cllr Mrs. J Killacky

Declarations of Interest: None

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

Min 32/24 Public Participation

No members of the public present.

Min 33/24 Minutes of meeting held on March 26th 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on March 26th 2024 had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by Cllr Mrs. A Double, Seconded by Cllr Mrs M Rance-Matthews. All in favour.

Two minor mistakes in the Minutes were relayed to Councillors. They have subsequently been corrected and the minutes, to be signed by the Chairman under this agenda item, is the corrected version are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Min 34/24 Matters arising from the minutes

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

- Min 15/24 - Chapel Court, Penwithick. The Office submitted correspondence to Ocean Housing in relation to the street lights not currently working at Chapel Court, Penwithick. A reply has now been forthcoming to say that the matter is in hand and the two relevant stakeholders will soon collaborate to remedy the issue.

- Min 28/24. EcoBos were due to attend the meeting this evening, however, they postponed at short notice. A new date has been presented to them, however, no confirmation has yet to be received.
- Min 28/24. It was commented that only one Councillor has responded to an email that was circulated regarding the advertising of CALC courses for the months of March/April.
- Min 28/24. Details appertaining to a recent meeting with Biscovey Youth Football Club would be relayed to Councillors later in the meeting under a designated agenda item
- Min 29/24. A date for the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee to meet with Mr Paul Webber (Consultant) would be discussed under a later designated agenda item.

Min 35/24 County Councillor's Reports

- In view of Cllr M Luke's absence, no report was forthcoming. In addition, there was no written report submitted in advance of the meeting. Cllr Mrs. A Double expressed her disappointment that no written report had been submitted, yet again.
- County Councillor Mr P Guest had submitted a comprehensive 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.

Min 36/24 Matters of interest within the Parish

- Cllr M Shand informed Council that the condition of the road leading to Carloggas Downs is in a poor state. **Action: Office to contact Imerys**
- Cllr G Hooper informed Council that it would appear on the surface, some planning activity in the vicinity of Treverbyn Road, near to the school. In addition, there is still a missing footpath sign near to the Old Rectory. **Action: Office to investigate both matters**
- Cllr G Tregidga informed Councillors that there is an 'uneasy' feeling around Penwithick regarding the Manor Park Planning Application that was discussed at a

previous meeting. Furthermore, Cllr G Tregidga informed Council that many residents in the Parish have commented on the lack of knowledge and understanding on the candidates standing to be elected for the Police and Crime Commissioner in a matter of days.

- Cllr P Highland informed Council that there is a missing road-name sign at Molinnis, near to the crossing. **Action: Office to investigate.** Furthermore, Cllr P Highland commented on the excellent 'litter pick' team that had been in operation near to Penhale and Carloggas, as seen on social media. Conversations then took place to ascertain whether Treverbyn could have its own team. If so, equipment would be required. Bugle Skateboard Park would be a good starting place. It was believed that J Rusbridge still had on loan, litter-picking equipment that was the ownership of the Parish Council. **Action: Office to contact J Rusbridge**
- Cllr Mrs. A Double informed Council of the ongoing parking issues at Carnsmerry, Bugle. The Clerk informed Council that the issue was in hand through the Office as well. It was noted that it is indeed illegal to pavement park and any parking of vehicles in extreme close proximity to residential driveways was in fact, inconsiderate. Visual images of the situation was displayed on the projector.
- Cllr K Stephens informed Council that nothing has been done regarding rubbish, particularly in the Bugle area. The Clerk informed Cllr K Stephens that the Parish Council had hired the services of a local maintenance contractor to undertake a full litter pick of the Skateboard Park in recent weeks. The need was urgent owing to the broken glass elevating it to a severe health and safety issue. The rubbish was left by the designated bin for collection. It was not collected and subsequently, the contents of the black bags were strewn across the park again. Furthermore, the maintenance contractor was asked for a second time, to pick up all the rubbish. Cllr K Stephens added that he offered to coordinate a litter pick team in the past but his offer was not taken up.

After much discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr K Stephens and Cllr P Highland would create the formation of a 'Treverbyn Parish Litter-Pick Action Team'.

- Cllr L Allen provided Councillors with an update following a recent B3274 Highways Meeting. It was noted that further evidence of speeding vehicles in the Trethewel area would be required to aid any installation of average speed cameras. In addition, Cllr L Allen added that a dog/waste bin was still required for 'Stoney Lane' on the Sustrans Trail, south of Trethewel. **Action: Dog/Waste Bin required**
- Cllr M Rance-Matthews enquired about the ownership of the bench outside of Penwithick Social Club. The Clerk confirmed that it was not the responsibility of Treverbyn Parish Council. Furthermore, the said Councillor enquired about the missing sign at Ruddlemoor Green. It was relayed that the matter was in hand. **Action: Replacement sign**
- The Clerk informed Councillors that a deer had recently encountered difficulty at Carbean. The matter was resolved as a matter of urgency.
- It was brought to the attention of Council of another open market advert for the private renting of gypsy caravans within the Parish.
- Correspondence has been received relating to the inability to see road signs near the Bowling Green junction to Treskilling. Overgrown vegetation is causing considerable consequences for larger vehicles not being able to see the aforementioned road signs. The Deputy Clerk read a response from Cornwall Council saying that the matter will be investigated and addressed.
- Information relating to excess rubbish at The Nook, Bowling Geen was read to Councillors. The matter is in hand with confirmation stating the issue is arising owing to a lack of registered properties at the site in question.
- Information was relayed to Council regarding the 20mph consultation in the China Clay Area, notably within the Parish of Treverbyn
- Correspondence has been received from a resident of Meadow Rise, Penwithick informing the Parish Council that there is landscaping work being carried out at the entrance to the cul-de-sac. This small area of land has been cleared and a digger brought in. The resident was enquiring as to whether there was any imminent planning development for this area.
- A resident of Bugle has written to the Parish Council complaining about parked cars near to the Working Men's Club. The matter is ongoing and communication has taken place with the Police and Enforcement.

- The replacement Car-park sign at Trethurgy Village Hall is in hand following written permission from the owners and will be completed alongside other signage orders that are required around the Parish
- It was noted that Mr Steve Wood from the StARR Project has been contacted yet again regarding the broken footbridge at Lower Molinnis. Mr Wood has been invited to attend a forthcoming meeting to discuss the project and the repair of this very bridge can be discussed directly with him in person.

Min 37/24 Finance

Councillors were presented with a list of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the period April 30th 2024. A detailed breakdown of transactions was provided by the Clerk and it was agreed that the accounts be approved. Proposed: Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews, Seconded: Cllr M Shand. All in favour

Bugle Car-Park

The Clerk brought to the attention of Council, correspondence from Cornwall Council regarding the chargeable cleansing of devolved land at Bugle Car Park. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quoted price to deliver waste cleansing services from 1st April 2024 to 31 March 2025 for a sum of £236.99 exclusive of VAT. Proposed: Cllr Mrs. A Double, Seconded: Cllr L Allen. All in Favour

Council Insurance

It was **RESOLVED**, in principle, to accept the quote from Clear Councils to renew the Councils Insurance from 1st June 2024 for a premium of £1512.79. It was noted that this quote was an offer to renew on a 3-year long-term understanding in exchange for a small discount on the policy. It was suggested that the Office contact Clear Councils to try and negotiate a cheaper quote, if at all possible. Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. A Double. All in Favour.

Min 38/24 Correspondence

The Deputy Clerk informed Councillors of the following correspondence:

Min 39/24 Neighbourhood Development Plan

It was **RESOLVED** to arrange a meeting amongst the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee and Consultant Mr Paul Webber for Monday 13th May 2024 at 6:30pm

Min 40/24 – Recent CAP Meeting

A detailed report was provided to Councillors following a recent CAP meeting held at St Stephen. The following agenda items were discussed: 1) Police Report – Sector Inspectorate Matt Trevivian, 2) Wildanet – Update on construction works, 3) Cornwall’s Local Plan and Call for Sites, 4) Voluntary Sector Forum. The 2021-25 Highways Scheme was discussed, as was an update on CCF/CLUP funding applications. Members of the Public also brought up topics of conversation that included several Imerys related matters.

Min 41/24 – Biscovey Youth Football Club

Following a recent meeting with Committee members of Biscovey Youth Football Club, Councillors were updated with a full report on matters appertaining to the club in general and the subsequent land at Starrick Moor. A vast number of improvements have been made on site. New drainage is being installed, as well as plans for a new pitch at the bottom end of the site. A new portacabin is now in situ and the kitchen is in the process of being modified. The shower/changing room block is now 90% complete. A mains water supply is currently being looked into to improve this area of utilities. Various fundraising events have been held in recent months. The main priority for the immediate future is an upgrade to the toilets (with a mains water supply) and a canteen area. There are currently 160 players involved within the organisation.

Min 42/24 – Annual Council Meeting

Councillors were informed that at the conclusion of the meeting, documentation would be distributed in readiness for the Annual Council Meeting to be held on 14th May. Included in the pack: Nomination form for Chairman / Vice-Chairman, Expression of Interest forms for various Committee representations, several draft polices, revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Civility and Respect Pledge and Income and

Expenditure Accounts (year ending 31st March 2024). Councillors were informed that nomination and expression of interest forms are to be completed and returned by Tuesday 7th May at 3pm.

Owing to the sheer volume of business to be transacted at the Annual Council Meeting, it was proposed and subsequently agreed upon that the meeting commence at 6:30pm on the 14th May, with the Planning Meeting being conducted directly afterwards.

Min 43/24 Emergency Items

Cllr P Highland left the room owing to an interest occurring under this agenda item.

An in-depth discussion took place amongst Councillors regarding a new Maintenance Contractor following interviews conducted by the Staffing Committee. A detailed and comprehensive report was provided to Councillors on the process and subsequent findings from the candidates. After much debate, a recommendation was tabled to appoint the Habitat Restoration Company as its Maintenance Contractor for a period of 12 months. Proposed: Cllr K Stephens, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews. All in Favour (those present).

Cllr P Highland returned to the room and retook his seat.

Cllr M Shand provided an in-depth explanation on the preferred use of the designated Parish Council email address. He gave an insight into its advantages as well as a proposal to adopt a '.gov' email domain going forwards. It was agreed to follow this up with the relevant committee after the Annual Council Meeting.

Min 44/24 Confidential Items

There were no confidential items raised

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

Meeting declared closed at 9:44pm.

..... (Chairman)

..... (Date)

TREVERBYN P.C. MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL '24

Cornwall Councillor Peter Guest

April seemed to fly by, the weather was lousy and now that the children have gone back to school it seems to have improved!

Given the Easter break and school holidays normally coincide with an easing of workload and committee meetings, I've still been kept fairly active throughout the month.

At April's Full Council, the state of N.H.S. Dentistry, especially the provision for children was debated. Although well meaning, we at Cornwall Council are limited as to what we can actually do apart from writing a stiff letter to Government asking for action. What [along with the Cabinet Member for Health] I did manage to do was have an addition on something we can do. And that is to consider adding fluoride to our water.

We are doing a lot of good work on the prevention of tooth decay in our youngsters and there is strong evidence that fluoridation will help with that. Later on this year, one of our scrutiny committees will look into this suggestion in greater depth.

At the Annual Conversation [Cornwall Youth Councils yearly meeting] I was tasked with mentoring the group whose piece of work this year is on staying and feeling safe. We had a fruitful meeting and I've been given plenty of homework by them. This piece of work is likely to last a couple of months and I will report back to you once it is complete.

Along with this Parish Council, an interesting and fruitful discussion was held with the company dealing with the current Gypsy & Traveller Policy Consultation. Following this P.C.s eloquent submission to the consultation, further clarification and information was provided to the firm which we hope they find useful.

I recently attended an event in Par to mark the completion of the STARR project. This is/was a major project to manage the flood dangers specifically in the Par/St Blazey area but including a certain amount of work in the Molinnis area as it was our water that was getting the blame! I think the proof is in the pudding and given the amount of rainfall that

we have had this year, the fact that there have been no major flooding events speaks for itself.

Recently, I spent an enlightening evening with the Secretary of State for Education Gillian Keegan M.P. at Bodmin Jail [insert your own punchline here!] We discussed education, skills and training before hogging the debate by reminiscing about growing up in Liverpool. It's not often that you see 2 Scouse Tories in the same room, but this was one of those occasions!

On this coming Thursday, I will be pulling an all-nighter at the Carn Brea Leisure Centre monitoring the count following the Police & Crime Commissioner election. While we are on that subject, I'm glad to see that I managed to persuade our Electoral Services to reverse their decision to close the polling booth at Ebenezer. It will now be open for this and future elections. The alternative would have been for the residents of Lockengate having to travel a couple of miles down a busy road with no pavements to Bugle Village Hall in order to exercise their democratic right. This would have been a totally unacceptable situation, but ably assisted by a Parish Councillor from Luxulyan P.C. [who also happens to be a resident of Lockengate] we managed to apply enough pressure to retain the Polling Booth at the Danish Crown Factory.

I'm pleased to see that work has resumed on the A30 Link Road. They aren't that far behind schedule and it is hoped that with a decent run of dry weather they can get back on track.

I was pleased to attend the Grand Opening of TR7, the indoor skate park situated at Victoria with Steve Double M.P. This was made possible due to a major Shared Prosperity Fund Grant which we managed to obtain. I'm confident that this new facility will be a roaring success and I would encourage you to pop over and have a look, or even a go!

The grant application for the Bugle Library of Things Mobile Van has progressed to the next stage and will now be considered by the funding panel of Cornwall Council. Again, potentially this will be a great asset, not only for this Parish, but Clay Country as a whole. It is a strong application and I will be lobbying the panel strongly to approve it.

As always, I am in regular contact with the Parish Office and should anything crop up that you feel that I will be able to assist with, please don't wait for the monthly meeting, get in touch as and when.

Peter

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