

TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 28th January 2025 at Parish Offices, Rockhill Business Park.

Present: Councillors – Cllr L Allen, Cllr Mrs. A Double, Cllr P Highland, Cllr B Hollis, Cllr G Hooper, Cllr M Luke, Cllr Ms L Marshall, Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews, Cllr Mrs. M Thomas and Cllr G Tregidga.

Also in attendance: The Clerk Mr D Hawken, Deputy Clerk Mr D Stevens and Cornwall Councillor P Guest.

Members of the public present: Two members of the public were in attendance, one being a prospective new Councillor.

The Clerk explained to Council that apologies had been received from the Chairman (Cllr Mrs. A Roberts) and Vice Chairman (Cllr M Shand). Procedurally, the requirement to elect a Chairman for this very meeting would need to be conducted at the outset before any items of business on the agenda could be transacted.

It was proposed by Cllr L Allen, seconded by Cllr P Highland that Cllr Mrs. A Double be elected the Chairman for this Full Council meeting. All in Favour

Cllr Mrs. A Double took the Chair

Min FPC01/25 - Apologies: Cllr Mrs. A Roberts, Cllr M Shand, Cllr K Pollard, Cllr Mrs. J Killacky and Cllr J Eyre.

Min FPC02/25 - Declarations of Interest: Cllr Mrs A. Double on agenda item 8 - Finance.

Min FPC03/25 - Public Participation

A resident of Trethurgy brought to the attention of Council, the lack of feedback and follow-up consultation regarding the Trethurgy Highways Feasibility Study. In addition, matters and questions regarding the forthcoming local election were noted, in

particular, the ward boundaries and the number of seats per ward et al. The Clerk informed the resident that he had received information from the Democratic Services department at Cornwall Council and that he would provide the resident with the information at the conclusion of the meeting.

Min FPC04/25 - Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on December 10th 2024

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on December 10th 2024 had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by Cllr L Allen, Seconded by Cllr G Tregidga. All in favour.

Min FPC05/25 - Matters arising from the minutes

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

- Min 134/24 – The Clerk confirmed that the various trees that were down owing to winter storms obstructing various footpaths, had been actioned and removed.
RESOLVED
- Min 134/24 – The Clerk confirmed that a newly formed Community Speed Watch group have had their inaugural meeting and the subsequent training.
- Min 134/24 – The Clerk confirmed that land clearance on the site of the old Molinnis Institute would commence early February.
- Min 134/24 – Council were notified that the auctioning of the old Carclaze Infant School would take place in early February.
- Min 135/24 – Confirmation was relayed to Council that the agreed Section 137 grant to Bugle Information Hub has now been awarded. **RESOLVED**
- Min 135/24 – The Clerk notified Council that the 2025/2026 precept requirements to Cornwall Council has been submitted. In turn, a detailed budget analysis has been compiled and is ready for immediate submission.
- Min 138/24 – A reminder was provided to Councillors that the next Community Area Partnership meeting is to be held on Monday 24th February.

Min FPC06/25 – Cornwall Councillor Reports

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 M Luke did not submit a written report in advance of the meeting.

Min FPC07/25 - Matters of interest within the Parish

- Cllr M Rance-Matthews reported that a Highways bollard is missing in the hamlet of Ruddlemoor. **Action: Clerk to report**
- Cllr M Rance-Matthews went on to relay thanks to the Parish Council from the residents of No 5 Ruddlemoor appertaining to the assistance they had received following the fire last year.
- Cllr G Tregidga informed Council that there are still traffic issues on Roche Road, namely the speeding and parking of vehicles. It was relayed to the Councillor that the Parish Council has contacted the Highways Dept on a number of occasions regarding these two issues. He went on to say that there are a large number of residents in the area that are angry, notably towards both the Parish Council and Cornwall Council. Furthermore, he added that bus fare prices have significantly increased, notably one route in particular. Lastly, the issue of increased litter/rubbish was raised in the village of Penwithick.
- Cllr P Highland informed Council that there was an issue regarding the washing out of a backfill at a recently dug trench, around the Molinnis Crossing area. **Action: Clerk to report to Network Rail.**
- Cllr P Highland went on to report that the bin at Carloggas had indeed been emptied as actioned, however, it has soon filled up and is overflowing again. Equally, a television has been dumped that requires removal. **Action: Clerk to report.** Lastly, the trees on land known as Lower Molinnis Play Area are in need of a survey. Several branches would seem to be requiring attention. **Action: Clerk to contact the Maintenance Team.**
- Cllr G Hooper relayed a ‘thank you’ from a resident of Wesley Close in the recent vegetation work that was actioned and subsequently undertaken.

- The Deputy Clerk read correspondence regarding a planning issue at Rescorla. The resident is wanting to offer occupancy of her annexe to an individual desperate for accommodation. Cornwall Council Planning Department is stipulating that the annexe can only be used for holiday accommodation. A letter of support was requested to allow the owner of the house/annexe the opportunity to house the individual in need of accommodation.
- Correspondence has been received from the Burials team at Cornwall Council regarding damage to the grass verges at Treverbyn Cemetery by vehicles. It has been reported that it is happening at school pick-up and drop-off times. It was **RESOLVED** to publish a post on social media to highlight and raise awareness of the issue.
- The reporting of an unlit streetlight not working in Trethewel has been duly actioned and **RESOLVED**
- The overflowing dog waste bin at Carloggas Downs has been duly reported.
- A defective manhole in the hamlet of Trethewel has been reported and has now been **RESOLVED**
- The Parish Council have received notification of some rock salt that would be most suitable for topping up various salt bins around the Parish. The offer has been duly accepted and work has commenced on its collection and distribution
- Notification has been received regarding a recent bonfire at Lower Molinnis, causing considerable air pollution with an array of inappropriate materials being placed on the fire.
- Once again, the Parish Council have received complaints regarding the lorries, coaches and the excessive volume of vehicles driving through Roche Road, Bugle owing to the diversion. Yet again, the matter has been passed onto Cornwall Council Highways.
- The following road closures were announced:
 - Vounder Clay Works to Grey Farm, Garker. 27th to 31st January
 - Roche Rd, Stenalees. 27th January to 20th February.
 - Trenance Road. 9th April (09:30-15:30)
 - Road from Trethurgy to Eden Access Road Junction. 5th-9th May
 - Greensplat Road, Trenance Downs. 29th-30th May. (08:30-15:30)

Min FPC08/25 – Finance

Councillors were presented with a list of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the period end December 2024 and January 2025. A detailed breakdown of transactions was provided by the Clerk and it was agreed that the accounts be approved.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to approve the monthly accounts. Proposed: Cllr L Allen, Seconded: Cllr M Luke. All in Favour (with one abstention – Cllr P Highland)

Other financial matters

- i. The Clerk informed Council that the annual Zoom subscription would soon be coming up for renewal. He explained that as most virtual meetings are now carried out via Microsoft Teams, the Zoom subscription was no longer required. It was **RESOLVED** to discontinue with the subscription. Proposed: Cllr P Highland, Seconded: Cllr L Allen. All in Favour

- ii. The Clerk informed Council that he would like to make some subtle changes to the website. That being the following: 1) Register of Interest forms attached to each Councillor profile rather than a direct link to Cornwall Council, 2) a separate agenda and minutes page for the following meetings: Full Council, Planning, Finance and General Purposes and Staffing. 3) a bespoke page for Councillor Committee representation.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the changes and additions stated above with our website provider Western Web, for a cost of £75 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr L Allen, Seconded: Cllr G Tregidga. All in Favour

- iii. Correspondence had been forthcoming from Lisa Grigg, (Communities Support Assistant at Cornwall Council) regarding a Community Chest grant application to enable the Parish Council to apply for any remaining Community Chest funds of £350 towards a bench for Trethurgy Playing Field.

It was **RESOLVED** to support and to submit this application. Proposed: Cllr Mrs. A Double, Seconded: Cllr Mrs. M Rance-Matthews. All in Favour (one abstention: Cllr M Luke)

- iv. The Clerk read correspondence appertaining to the forthcoming annual cleansing agreement renewal with Cornwall Council, concerning Bugle Car-Park.

It was **RESOLVED** to continue with the contract from April 2025 to March 2026 at an estimated cost of £241.88 exclusive of VAT. Proposed: Cllr L Allen, Seconded: Cllr M Luke. All in Favour

- v. Transfer of Funds. It was **RESOLVED** to transfer the sum of £25,000 from the Business reserve account to the current account. Proposed: Cllr M Luke, Seconded: Cllr L Allen. All in Favour.
- vi. The Clerk provided Council with a positive update, re Online Banking, confidential waste bin delivery and the Local Maintenance Partnership yearly claim which has now been received from Cornwall Council.

Min FPC09/25 - Correspondence

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

- Auction of the Old Carclaze Infant Site – February 2025
- Ocean Housing – Intention to sell No 9 Montgomery Road, Penwithick
- Bugle Library of Things (BLoT) Van Launch – 12th February at 11:30am, Bugle Village Hall
- Cornwall Scrapstore appeal for support

Min FPC10/25 – Parish Asset Inspection

The Clerk provided Council with an oral report of the recent Parish asset inspection that was undertaken by both the Clerk and the Chairman. Points of note that required action were:

- Hedges requiring trimming around the perimeter of the higher football pitch, above the skateboard park at Bugle
- Sink-hole at Carthew Triangle
- Trethurgy Playing Field – Ground severely cut up
- Two salt bins were in need of refilling
- Replacement salt bin at Trethurgy

Action: Clerk to action and address the above matters.

Min FPC11/25 – Local Elections 2025

The Clerk provided a briefing to all Councillors appertaining to a CALC Local Elections training event that took place via Teams. The process, timetable, key dates and protocols were all relayed to Councillors. It was noted that a detailed breakdown of this key information would be circulated, in writing, by the Clerk in due course

Min FPC12/25 – Extraordinary Staffing Committee Meeting (13th December 2024)

The minutes of the Extraordinary Staffing Committee Meeting had been circulated in advance of the meeting to all members.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt and action the recommendations put forward by the committee. Proposed: Cllr M Luke, Seconded: Cllr Ms. L Marshall. All in Favour

Min FPC13/25 – CALC Government Consultation Meeting

The Clerk relayed to Council, key information following his attendance at a Teams meeting appertaining to strengthening the standard and conduct framework for local authorities in England. Set out in the proposals, would be a consultation on changing the code of conduct. Both individual members, Clerks and a subsequent Parish Council corporate response would be warmly encouraged. **Action: to add as an agenda item at the next Full Council meeting. The Clerk would duly email the appropriate government link to all Councillors the following day.**

Min FPC14/25 - Emergency Items

There were no emergency items raised and therefore, no requirement to hold this agenda item.

Min FPC15/25 - Confidential Items

There were no confidential items raised and therefore, no requirement to hold this agenda item.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance closed the meeting at 8:55pm

..... (Chairman)

..... (Date)

Cllr P Guest - TREVERBYN P.C. MONTHLY REPORT.

JANUARY '25.

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you're all returning rested and refreshed from the Festive Break and Santa brought you what you asked for.

As usual over Christmas, the number of committee meetings held in Truro tailed off, which has tended in the past to give me the opportunity to get out and about more in the Division. It's the time of the year that I always look forward to, visiting and supporting all the Christmas fairs and functions laid on by our various community groups. Sadly, this year due to my temporary health issues, I haven't been able to attend as many of them as I would have liked to, but, reassuringly, I'm told that in general, they were well attended and I hope that they raised valuable funds for the groups involved.

We're now back into the full swing of Council business, I've been at all the meetings that I've needed to attend and although I haven't been as visible within the Division recently, I've been able to keep on top of my local work.

A few items of note have taken place in Truro, and here's a quick update on what has been going on.

The main debate this month has been on the devolution deal. Although tinged with a certain amount of pragmatism, as in the Government intend to have us swallowed up in a Mayoral authority consisting of ourselves, Plymouth and Devon, a motion to resist this and ask for a stand-alone deal for Cornwall was put forward. Although I was broadly supportive, those eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that I abstained on this vote. My main objection was Clause 4 which stated that Cornwall commits to never engaging in talks with neighbouring authorities on proposed cross border deals. This, in theory, would constrain us on talking to Plymouth about the Tamar crossing for example, even though we hold joint responsibility for this.

The motion was carried, and despite our Labour M.P.s promising a tailor made deal for Cornwall within 100 days of election, [what happened there?] it seems inevitable that we will tagged on to a Devon and Plymouth Mayoral authority at a later date, and I personally would rather be sat at the table thrashing out a fair deal for the Duchy as opposed to being fed scraps as an afterthought once they have agreed a settlement with Devon and Plymouth.

Another point of major concern is this year's budget. We received assurances from Westminster that this year's settlement would be on a par with last years and we calculated the budget accordingly. Sadly, 2 days before Christmas, we got our settlement figure which was £5.2 million short. A double whammy followed shortly after, when again, despite promises that the extra bill for the increases National

Insurance Employer Contributions incurred by Cornwall Council would be covered by the Government, their settlement figure was £1m light.

Having calculated our budget on the promised figures from Westminster, we have now suddenly had to find an extra £6.2, yes, I'll repeat that figure, £6.2 million of savings. For savings, read peoples jobs and services.

Newquay airport is still subject to ongoing negotiations. Contrary to what you read in the press and on Facebook, it is not being sold off to have houses built on it! A deal isn't far off, there are still some talks going on about the financing of the deal. As and when a deal is agreed, I will write in more detail on it.

Work is currently underway regarding the new Governments planning reforms. Currently the detail is vague apart from the threat to impose building targets on Cornwall, massively increasing the number of houses that we will have to build, regardless of the constraints of building materials, workforce and land. There will be implications on planning committees and Neighbourhood plans. There is a meeting/briefing for Parish Councils on the 27th of this month, which will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and raise concerns.

On a brighter note, last week I had the pleasure of attending the quarterly meeting of the Cornwall Youth Council in the main Chamber at New County Hall. The meeting was organised and run very efficiently and professionally by the young people and both I and our local M.P. Noah Law fielded and answered some searching questions from the Council.

The last scheduled meeting of the Children's and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee of which I am the Vice Chair is being held in March and we have agreed to shorten our statutory agenda and allow the second half of the meeting to be taken over and chaired by the Youth Council. It is heartening to see these young people taking an interest in politics, they are the next generation, they're keen, astute and certainly keep me on my toes!

Moving on to local matters, I'm glad to see that we are nearly there with our new link road. I'm hoping that the current diversion will be the last major piece of disruption. It's been a 'journey' as they say on the X Factor [no, I don't watch it!] but I'm confident that the ends will justify the means.

I'm going to finish on a good news story. You should all have received an invitation to the grand launch of the Bugle Library of Things [BLOT] van at the Village Hall on the 12th February.

We managed to secure £94,300 towards this project from the Community Levelling Up Fund, which was part of the previous Governments Shared Prosperity Fund. A lot of hard work has gone into this and I'm sure that it will be of great benefit serving not only Bugle but the whole of the Clay Country.

I've attached BLOT's business plan which will give you an idea of the good community works that we envisage being carried out as well as the aspirations to extend the service and build on its success.

The 'ribbon cutting' on the 12th will be a celebration of the start of the project, I'm currently organising press coverage of the event and hope to see as many of you there as possible. There will be food and I promise to keep my speech short!

I think that I've rambled on for long enough now, so, I will close by saying, as always, please don't wait for our monthly meetings to raise any issues with me, contact me at any time.

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