

# Treverbyn Parish Council

## **Public Rights of Way Committee Meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026 at 6:00pm Parish Offices, Rockhill Business Park, Higher Bugle**

**Present:** Cllr B Hollis (Chairman), Cllr L Allen (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Shand, Cllr G Tregidga, Cllr Mrs. M Thomas and Mr Roger Fleet (co-opted public member)

**Also in attendance:** The Clerk, Mr D Hawken and Mr Charlie Nicholson (proprietor of Habitat Restoration Co)

*Before the meeting commenced, Mr Charlie Nicolson spoke with members regarding the maintenance of footpaths and the cutting of grass in open spaces across the parish. Various points were raised, followed by questions from members. It was agreed that the discussion was highly productive, fostering a constructive exchange between members and the contractors upon the commencement of the 2026/2027 grass cutting season.*

### **Min PROW11/26 – Apologies:**

There were no apologies received from Cllr M Luke.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the non-apology. Proposed: Cllr L Allen, Seconded: Cllr M Shand. All in Favour

### **Min PROW12/26 - Declaration of Interests:**

None recorded.

### **Min PROW13/26 - Public Participation:**

No members of the public present.

### **Min PROW14/26 - Minutes of the Public Rights of Way Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

The minutes of the said meeting had been published and circulated to all Committee Members in advance of the meeting. They were duly accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr L Allen, Seconded: Cllr B Hollis. All in favour.

**Min PROW15/26– Any Footpath, Bridleway and Byway Maintenance to note/report**

Roger Fleet raised issues with footpath 424/32/1, from the distributor road, to Carn Grey. **Action: Clerk to inform Habitat Restoration Co.**

A discrepancy was raised, regarding a new leaflet produced by Imerys, appertaining to clay trails in the local area. It seems, pending further investigation, that a Public Right of Way in Bugle, is listed as a Imerys permissive path. **Action: Clerk to speak with Jeremy Elvins.**

Cllr G Tregidga and Cllr M Thomas, informed members that upon recent attendance at a Imerys/Cornwall Council Public Right of Way consultation day at St Stephen, conversations took place about the two said members undertraining a walk-over of a proposed new trail from the Sawles Arms (Carthew) to the new distributor road. Any such site meeting needs to go through the Office, and thus, open to all members. **Action: Clerk to diarise a meeting with Jeremy.**

Cllr L Allen, raised an issue regarding the rising of water from an underground spring, near to Railway Terrace, Trethewel, at the commencement of public footpath 424/1. This is not a historic issue, and the matter be looked into. **Action: Habitat Restoration Co to look at the issue, upon the first cut of footpath 424/1.**

Cllr G Tregidga raised an issue, regarding a fallen tree/branch on parish footpath 424/25. The matter was already in hand.

Councillors commented on the lack of footpath signage on the new St Austell to A30 link Road. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write a letter to the relevant department at Cornwall Council to ascertain time scales.

Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr Mrs M Thomas. All in Favour

**Min PROW16/26 – Enhanced LMP Scheme Application**

The Clerk informed members, that work on the ELMP application was in full flow, and making good progress. Owing to the volume of work attached to the application, it has subsequently missed the deadline for the 2025/2026 round of funding. The Clerk though, had communicated with the relevant department at Cornwall Council, and the scheme will indeed run again for the 2026/2027

year. It provides the Office and the Committee, with time to finalise the application, and make further progress on the obtaining of quotations for the work outlined in the application.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed and seek quotations from the three agreed local companies, to undertake the signage project, as part of the application.  
Proposed: Cllr B Hollis, Seconded: Cllr L Allen. All in Favour.

The committee will then approve their chosen contractor, to implement into the final application, before submission.

### **Min PROW17/26 – Any other Business**

The Clerk informed members of the Parish/Town Council Grass Cutting Agreement terms issued by Cornwall Council for the 2026/27 municipal year. In addition, the Clerk advised members of a similar agreement from Cornwall Council relating to the cutting of verges within the parish, which is currently being taken up by other parish and town councils. At present, the Parish Council has not entered into this agreement; however, further details are to be provided by Neil Grigg of Cornwall Highways for consideration in the following financial year.

The Clerk read further correspondence from Jeremy Elvins, regarding the proposed temporary closure of the clay trail near to Ruddlemoor. The various concerns raised, particularly in relation to the proposed diversion route, have been listened to. The closure, is now going to be in place for a shortened timeframe from what was initially planned.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Tregidga and Thomas for attending the drop-in session at Stephen on the 18<sup>th</sup> March.

The Clerk provided further, and final details regarding the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme which will commence this month.

Cllr G Tregidga raised the serious issue of the land subsidence near to Lantern Pit. The Clerk outlined what correspondence had taken place with the landowner, what steps the Parish Council had undertaken as a gesture of goodwill whilst stressing that the matter should be a priority for the landowner owing to a health and safety risk.

**Min PROW18/26 – Confidential Items**

No items to discuss.

**Min PROW19/25 – Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed, to schedule a meeting towards the end of June, early July.

Action: The Clerk to look at suitable dates and diarise accordingly.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:23pm.

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