Treverbyn Parish Council

Public Rights of Way Meeting

Wednesday 28th October 2026, 5.30pm
Parish Offices, Rockhill Business Park, Higher Bugle

Present: Cllr B Hollis (Chairman), Cllr M Luke, 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.

Members of the Public: Mr Jeremy Elvins, Imerys.

Min PROW20/26 – Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Allen. No apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs M Rance-Matthews.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the apologies received and the absence without apology.

Proposed: Cllr M Shand, Seconded: Cllr B Hollis. All in Favour

Min PROW21/26 - Declaration of Interests:

None recorded.

Min PROW22/26 - Public Participation:

Jeremy Elvins, representing Imerys, provided a comprehensive and detailed update on the Clay Trails, various local footpath projects, and the wider work being undertaken by Imerys in relation to public rights of way and footpath improvements.

Following an extensive discussion, attention turned to the recently installed litter bin on the new link road, within the Treverbyn Parish boundary. Members discussed its positioning in relation to the newly installed bench, and it was subsequently agreed that a request be made for the bin to be relocated away from the seating area.

Jeremy then displayed an example of a promotional leaflet/poster produced by Feock Parish Council relating to footpaths within its parish. Members discussed whether a similar initiative could be adopted locally.

The Clerk advised that he would make enquiries to establish whether Feock Parish Council participated in the Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) scheme, as the literature directed residents to report all Public Rights of Way (PRoW) issues directly to Cornwall Council.

Min PROW23/26 - Minutes of the Public Rights of Way Meeting held on the 1st April 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 B Hollis, Seconded: Cllr M Shand. All in favour.

Min PROW24/26– Any Footpath, Bridleway and Byway Maintenance to note/report

The following matters were raised for action or referral to the Countryside Access Team for consideration, as appropriate:

- **Stenalees Roundabout to the Sawles Arms Carthew, direction:** Concerns were raised regarding inconsistencies in the provision and signage for cyclists and pedestrians along this route. The matter was noted for further investigation and referral to the appropriate team.
- **Butts Lane:** Cllr M Luke raised concerns regarding overgrown vegetation obscuring signage and affecting visibility at the bottom of Butts Lane, particularly around the corner. The Clerk was requested to contact Sam Turner, the Council's maintenance contractor, to arrange for the necessary clearance works.
- **Ruddlemoor:** Cllr M Shand reported that the STOP sign at Ruddlemoor was obscured by overgrown vegetation. It was agreed that Sam Turner would be asked to undertake the necessary clearance works.

Min PROW25/26 – Enhanced LMP Scheme Application

The Clerk was pleased to report to Members the successful outcome of the Council's Enhanced Local Maintenance Partnership (ELMP) grant application, confirming that a total of £2,300 had been secured to deliver a programme of improvements to the parish's public footpath network.

The project, which is expected to commence shortly, will see a comprehensive programme of refurbishment, replacement and installation of new signage and way marker posts along the parish's Gold-classified public footpaths. This initiative represents a positive investment in the parish's countryside

infrastructure, helping to improve accessibility, navigation and the overall experience for residents and visitors enjoying the local footpath network.

Members warmly welcomed the news and expressed their support for the scheme, recognising the considerable benefits it would bring to the parish. It was acknowledged that the improvements would not only enhance the visibility and usability of existing routes but also help to promote greater use and enjoyment of the parish's extensive network of public rights of way.

Looking ahead, the Clerk advised that there would be an opportunity to build upon this success through a further grant application in the spring, specifically targeting signage improvements along the parish's Silver-classified footpaths. This would provide a valuable opportunity to continue the programme of improvements and further strengthen the parish's commitment to maintaining and enhancing its public rights of way.

The Clerk further confirmed that Sam Turner, the Council's maintenance contractor, would be responsible for installing the new footpath signs and posts in due course, with work progressing as soon as practicable.

Overall, Members considered the successful funding application to be a very positive development for the parish and an important step towards delivering a more accessible, clearly signposted and welcoming footpath network for the benefit of the wider community.

Min PROW26/26 – Forward Planning 2027

Members **RESOLVED** to adjourn this agenda item until the next meeting.
Proposed: Cllr M Luke, Seconded: Cllr G Tregidga. All in Favour.

Min PROW27/26 – **Any other Business**

Cllr M Luke raised a number of matters relating to the parish's public footpath network, including the potential development of a large-scale, comprehensive map identifying the various footpaths and public rights of way throughout the parish. Members also discussed the potential benefits of introducing dedicated software or a mobile application to assist with the identification, monitoring and ongoing management of local footpaths, with a view to improving accessibility and making information more readily available to residents and visitors.

Reference was also made to the car park at Bojea, which had previously been identified as a suitable parking location for those wishing to access and enjoy the Clay Trails network. Its potential role in supporting recreational access to the trails was acknowledged.

Cllr G Tregidga drew Members' attention to the Walking Cornwall initiative and the Rescorla Conference, highlighting their relevance to the promotion, accessibility and wider appreciation of the area's public footpath network. Discussion also took place regarding the respective responsibilities and arrangements associated with the management and maintenance of public rights of way.

It was suggested that Paul Symons be invited to attend a future meeting of the China Clay and Luxulyan Community Area Partnership (CAP), to provide further information and clarification on relevant footpath matters, and to facilitate wider discussion on opportunities to improve and promote the local network of public rights of way.

Min PROW28/26 – Confidential Items

No items to discuss.

Min PROW29/26 – Date of Next Meeting

The next Public Rights of Way meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th January 2027 at 6.00pm.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.38pm.

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