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Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes: 8th March 2023 held in St Marks Church Hall, Sticker at 19.00 pm.

OC221/23 Persons Present

Cllr Kneller (Chair) Cllr Mrs Tarbox (Vice Chair), Cllr Mrs Heyward, Cllr Mrs Mitchell, Cllr Mrs Padley, Cllr Davis, Cllr Holman, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Vine.

In Attendance: Wendy Yelland, Parish Clerk and Amanda Kendall Deputy Clerk

Public Present: Mrs Chris Sullivan, Mrs Jennifer Pope and Mr McHaines, Cornwall Cllr Michael Bunney

Apologies: Cllr Jannaway. Received and duly accepted.

It was **RESOLVED** to extend Cllr Jannaway's apologies in view of the circumstances. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Mitchell.

OC222/23 Declarations of Interest from Members/Dispensations

Cllr Kneller Agenda Item 14

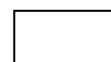
Cllr Vine Agenda Item 14

There were no dispensation requests.

OC223/23 Public Participation

Chris Sullivan from the Polgooth Community and Garden Club vision and project for The Goffin was circulated in advance of the meeting.

- 6 years ago there were only 6 members and there is now 170
- Meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.30am in the Polgooth Inn where approx. 25 members attend
- The group is supportive for people who have lost their spouses/partners
- Guest speakers are invited to attend.
- Part of the group's remit is fundraising and have recently raised £500 for the renewal of Polgooth Village Hall floor by holding an open day event with various stalls
- Seek donations through local businesses.
- The aim is bringing the community together.
- An invite to Prince William and Kate to attend the planting of a Gilliflower Apple Tree in The Goffin with the children of the community to mark the King's Coronation.
- St Mewan School have committed for the children to make King and Queen Crowns as part of their lessons.
- The group will be purchasing the tree and will establish and maintain the tree



OC224/23 Cornwall Cllr Report

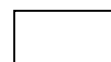
Happy March all, as the days lengthen it is lovely to feel Spring coming in our beloved Cornwall. The key positive to report from me is the Average Speed Cameras for Trewoon are now in and working, so please drive carefully through there. They have been handed over to the police and are already improving the quality of life in Trewoon. This was a huge achievement and thank you to everyone who helped. St.Mewan Parish Council, the local campaigners and the community speed watch group have worked on this for many years, as did many residents of Trewoon and St.Mewan. Thank you to the Police, Cornwall Council and everyone involved, I was happy to pick this up in May 2021 and push it from my very first day on being elected. I hope the cameras make a huge difference to the quality of life and safety for all road users. It just shows what we can achieve when we work together.

Over the last month, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the local community, parish councils, joining in with the community events, supporting many local charities and volunteering. For example, I spoke at Grampound Gardening Club on the Cornish plant hunters and our lovely local gardens. I donated the fee from this to Truro Food Bank. I donate all the proceeds from my Cornish history talks to local charities, so if any group would like me to speak, please get in touch. I have also been pleased to work with local residents to collect bikes for a brilliant local community group, who will give them to refugees in need. In these difficult times, it is more important than ever to look after each other and our local volunteer groups are vital. Our communities are strong, and I know we will all continue to pull together. Community spirit makes a huge difference in so many ways and helping each other has to be part of the answer to get through difficult times. On that note, we are looking forward to St.Piran's weekend on 5/6th March. I am involved in many events and hope the parade and festival in St.Austell is bigger than ever.

I work hard at Cornwall Council and spoke at the constitution committee, to protect Pentewan Valley parish and keep it whole. I am delighted the committee agreed to this and this has been endorsed by full Council. This means Higher Trewhiddle will remain in Pentewan Valley parish. It is important to protect rural parishes and keeping key areas in rural areas keeps them alive. On highways issues, I have focused on resolving the flooding at Trewhiddle Gate in Pentewan Valley. Cllr James Mustoe and I worked on this closely together to push for the work to be done and I am pleased Cormac have completed the work and all is well there again. The consultations on the 20mph schemes in St. Ewe, Polmassick and Polgooth have taken place and there was agreement for these to continue. The parish councils and I put these forward, as early 20mph schemes. All our other villages and residential roads will have the option for 20mph zones next year and this will be consulted on. I have already put forward Sticker, Tregorrick, Grampound and Trewoon as areas for consideration. I appreciate there are a range of views on these 20mph zones, but they have been supported by the overwhelming majority of residents, to improve safety and quality of life. Of course if a village did not want a 20mph zone it wouldn't be forced on them. In our rural areas we all need a car to get around, but driving carefully in residential areas and below 20mph makes a huge difference to accident casualties. I have also reported blocked drains and met residents in Lower Sticker, and Polmassick. Work has taken place, with more to be completed soon. Roads such as from Polgooth to London Apprentice desperately need resurfacing and I have stressed this must be a priority. The good news is the Polgooth is programmed to be resurfaced this year.

I know these are difficult times for many families and I am involved with community help schemes and other support services right across our area. I also work very closely with the food banks and Cornwall Poverty Forum to help local people. I deliver donations every week to Truro or St.Austell Food bank and I am always happy to pass on donations from residents. Cornwall Community Foundation also offers crisis grants of £250- 1000 and be contacted on tel 01566779333 or online at www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com and click on grants to apply. I have been pressing for help for park home residents with the energy support scheme, as anyone who was paying a third party was missing out. This scheme has now been agreed and will be launched later in February. It is so important people get the help they are entitled to.

I continue to work full-time as your Cornwall Councillor and have met many residents to help with case work. I run regular surgeries in village halls and volunteer at Grampound Community Shop. I continue to run all my



Cornish history talks and clean Gorran Haven toilets. Please do report any issues to Cornwall Council, online is easiest at www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something or you can report any emergencies 24hrs on 03001234222.

Please never hesitate to get in touch if I can help with anything.

Oll an gwella. (All the best in Cornish)

Michael Bunney

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Additional information from Cornwall Cllr Bunney. Cornish History talks with the WIs in Sticker, Grampound and Polgooth

Requested speed monitoring on Coliza Hill

St Mewan Lane needs to be a 30mph speed limit instead of national and will be submitting on the Highways Budget Scheme

Issue with drains at Lower Sticker

Requested formal application to Cormac for Trelowth Rd, Polgooth to be included on the regular winter gritting regime.

Updated survey of Cornish Dialect included in the national project.

Expression of Interest Highways Scheme end of March 2023. Clerk will agenda for the April meeting.

OC225/23 Committee Meeting Minutes

No Committee meetings held.

OC226/23 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes: 8th February 2023

It was

RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the Meeting of St Mewan Parish Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved, and signed. Including Confidential Minute 8th February 2023. There were no matters arising from the Minutes. Prop Cllr Mrs Mitchell, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox.

OC227/23 Clerk's Report

OC74/19 St Stephens Rd, speeding issues, in progress. Confirmation from PCSO a site has been submitted to Devon & Cornwall for approval.

OC110/19 Notice Board at Trelowth – in progress.

OC132/19 Awaiting response from Highways re MA Grigg Ltd proposal.

OC33/20 Review of Neighbourhood Plan on going.

OC82/20 Allotments in progress.

OC149/20 We're Watching You Dog Fouling Campaign posters and bin stickers – ongoing.

OC115/21 Potholes at Polgooth Methodist Church – Clerk and Cllr Bunney to update.

OC168/22 Sticker Open Space (namely the Dog Field) – In progress

OC191/22 Parish Projects, in progress

OC59/22 Tree Management in the Parish. On going.

OC63/22 Disabled Access to Polgooth Playing Field. In progress

OC105/22 Trees with Ash die back in Sticker Activity and Lower Sticker – In progress.

OC107/22 Trewoon Community Garden in progress

OC109/22 FIT readings. Request for smart meter not actioned until payments are re-instated.

OC114/22 Crocus Corms, to check whether St Austell Rotary has planted.

OC118/22 Civility and Respect Pledge. Policy in progress

OC160/22 Wildflower Project actioned.

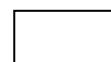
OC179/22 Land Agreements. Awaiting documents

OC190/23 Winter Maintenance in Parish. Not actioned

OC191/23 Community Volunteer Awards. March Agenda Item

AC18/22 Lloyds Bank St Austell received hard copies of all signatory holders on the 20th of Jan 2023. They were not scanned but sent in the internal bag. Lloyds, St Austell have apologised but all signatories need to re-register, print off and bring them in again. Completed and account open.

OC207/23 – Trewoon Community Garden. In progress



OC208/23 – March Agenda Item

OC211/23 – Newsletter in progress

Bridleway 34/1 has been cleared by Cormac. No repairs to the lower part of land at the moment as they are hoping it will dry out.

St Mewan Church

Site meeting with Marion, TP Tree Services to confirm what cuts will take place in the Old Cemetery. Any additional work in the old and new parts outside of the council's contract will be the responsibility of payment of the Church.

Hewaswater

Land – Resident concerns with possible felling of copse which are homes to Horseshoe Bats and understand there is additional evidence that the land also has an abundance of habitat for wildlife. Authorities informed requesting that an Ecology Impact Assessment is carried out before further destruction. A stile is being erected to access Footpath 33/1 and the Countryside Access Team have confirmed the landowner is responsible for the stile. Site visit carried out by Cllr Holman and Clerk. TPO on land at Glenleigh has been granted until representations have been made. Response required by 3rd April 2023.

Cornwall Council notices were erected on entrance gates at Glenleigh. Agenda Item for Planning Meeting on the 8th of March 2023

Polgooth VAT Claim

Bank statement document was sent as requested under a specific reference raised by HMRC on the 22/11/2022 enabling the claim to proceed under the new claim number now required. Follow up on the 30th of January 2023. No payment received. Unable to speak to HMRC within a reasonable amount of time. Emailed. More checks are being carried out by HMRC.

Trewoon Village Hall. The clerk confirmed an email was sent to Elaine Hambly, Secretary of Trewoon Village Hall outlining the requirements to questions raised with the Parish Council Representative Cllr Mrs Heyward. A grant application form for a small contribution to the new Village Hall floor, response to query raised on the Feed in Tariff payments and a hire form for Trewoon Playing Fields.

As no grant application had been received, advised Chairman Jeff Blake the council could not retrospectively grant, therefore he requested perhaps a small grant could be considered for Trewoon Village Hall Kings' Coronation Street Party being held in the car park on the 8th May 2023. The clerk confirmed that an application is required by 11th April 2023.

The clerk recommends that a post goes out to advise all organisations that grants are not means tested. Recommends a post goes out on Facebook to encourage residents to email the clerk/deputy clerk on questions they may have which can be answered accurately.

Members agreed.

Annual Parish Assembly 12th April 2023

Citizens Advice Cornwall are willing to attend the Annual Parish Assembly meeting to give a short presentation to members and the public on how many people in the Parish of St Mewan have used their service and the types of support required. Agreed.

Requested an Annual Police Report from Devon and Cornwall

Requested St Austell Voice to attend for Community Volunteer Awards.

NOTED.

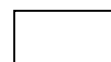
OC228/23 Climate Change Objective (Standing Agenda Item)

Members received a statement which was previously circulated regarding a site visit with Polgooth Garden Club on February 16th, 2023. The statement was read out by Cllr Holman.

It was

RESOLVED to grant permission for the Polgooth Community and Garden Club to plant a Gilliflower Apple Tree to mark the King's Coronation. The group confirms they will establish and maintain the tree. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. **Action: Clerk to write to the group.**

Members agreed the concept for the long-term vision for The Goffin in Polgooth is positive and



It was

RESOLVED that a working party is set up with Parish Cllr/s, resident/s from Polgooth, Polgooth Community Garden Club, Clerk and Deputy Clerk to move forward with the vision. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Spencer. **Action: Clerk/Deputy Clerk**

It was

RESOLVED that the seed mix to be used 2023/24 is the Standard Seed Mix SWW as used in Year 1. Prop Cllr Holman, sec Cllr Vine. **Action: Clerk to email contractor.**

OC229/23 The Goffin, Polgooth

Members discussed the repairs to the fence on the lower boundary, roadside to The Goffin and as this would form part of minute no; OC228/23. Cllr Spencer proposed that the lower part is all cleared and up behind to the top park, to ensure the gate remains operational and to repair the fence. Sec Cllr Holman. **Action: Clerk to instruct Parish Council's Maintenance Operative**

OC230/23 Sticker Activity Park, Lower Sticker and Trewoon Play Area

a) Members received the revised quotations as requested by council to include mulch areas under the rocker equipment.

b) It was

RESOLVED to appoint Mant Leisure as the preferred contractor as the demonstrated good value for money and considerably less expensive. Prop Cllr Spencer, sec Cllr Davis. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

c) The clerk advised members what monies are available in the Ear Marked Funds and

It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the reserve expenditure from the Trewoon Social Fund of £8102 to match fund the Lottery Grant and £635.00 from the Sticker Community Benefit Fund to match fund the Lotter Grant. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Mitchell.

It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** paint and stain purchase for the Igloo and Wooden equipment in the play areas. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Holman. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

OC231/23 Speed Device

Members discussed the speed monitoring data report for St Stephens Rd, and it was agreed that the data report showed the majority of drivers had reduced their speed from the 2019 Cormac report and are now travelling under 30mph showing the 85th Percentile Speed: 29.0 MPH entering the village of Sticker. The report will be available on the Parish website.

It was

RESOLVED to purchase an additional SAD from Pandora. Expenditure from the Polgooth Community Fund. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Spencer. **Action: Clerk**

Note: To investigate fixings off centre on Speed Device.

OC232/23 Community Volunteer Awards

It was encouraging that a total of nine volunteer nominations were received, therefore a ballot was held to select a winner for Polgooth with Trelowth, Sticker with Hewaswater and Trewoon.

Winner of:

Polgooth with Trelowth was **Polgooth Community and Garden Club** for their community engagement, support to residents, involving the children in events and fundraising for their community.

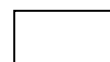
Sticker with Hewaswater was **St Mark's Winter Warmers Team** who have opened up St Marks Church Hall on a regular basis from October to March for anyone to come in for a soup, a warm and a chat.

Trewoon was **Nicola Bunney and Sandra Heyward** who have worked tirelessly with the Community Larder which has benefitted people in the Parish to those struggling with the cost of living

Awards will be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 12th April at St Marks Church Hall in Sticker commencing at 18.00pm. **Action: Clerk and Deputy Clerk**

OC233/23 Community Benefit Fund and Grant Form

Members received the minor changes to both grant forms to come in line with the Parish Council's financial regulations and auditing purposes.



It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the revised Community Benefit Fund and Grant Form. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. **Action: Clerk**

OC234/23 Grants/Donations

a) It was

RESOLVED the Parish Council will support the request from Polgooth Community and Garden Club to erect a piece of granite for inscription to mark the King's Coronation at a cost of £1800.00 including VAT from Larcombe's. Will be erected in front of Gilliflower Apple Tree which will not affect grass maintenance.

The clerk advised members that the purchase will need to be made from the Polgooth Community Benefit Fund and can be gifted to the Polgooth Community and Garden Club at a later date.

The group advised a bank account is in the process of being opened.

b) Sticker Rally. The clerk confirmed it meets the current criteria and they were asking for 50% of the operating costs which is £2000, the same as last year. Wide range of discussion took place and members understood that the grant approved last year was to assist in the startup costs with the newly organised group and was a one off. There are benefits to the community with this event and of the charities they raise money for, however members felt that Sticker Rally could consider giving less to charity and keeping some back for the following year.

It was

RESOLVED that a grant award of £1250 would be a substantial amount for this year and if there was a need for additional money for the event to go ahead then they must apply again for it to be considered. Prop Cllr Davis, sec Cllr Spencer.

c) Sticker Village Association. The clerk confirmed it meets the current criteria and they are asking for £2000 for a Community Event in Sticker to mark the King's coronation and to give all the village children a Commemorative Coin.

Wide range of discussion took place and

It was

RESOLVED that a grant award for £1000 would cover the cost of the Coronation Coins detailed at £850.00 and an additional £150.00 towards other items listed. Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox, sec Cllr Davis.

Members raised questions regarding other King's Coronation Events in Polgooth and Trewoon. Discussion took place to enquire to Polgooth Village Hall and Trewoon Village Hall King's Coronation Events being held and members all agreed that other villages should be made aware of grants and to treat them equally providing an application is submitted. **Action: Clerk to contact Polgooth Village Hall and Trewoon Village Hall.**

OC235/23 Litter Pick Hoops

It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the purchase of five litter pick hoops. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. **Action: Clerk**

OC236/23 Highways Grass Agreement

It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the 2023/2024 Highways Grass Cutting Agreement for signing. **Action: Clerk**

After dispatch of agenda

It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the 2023/2024 Service Level Agreement, Sticker Car Park for signing. **Action: Clerk**
Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Padley

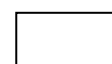
OC237/23 Finance

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RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the 8th March 2023 pay schedule as presented. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Davis. **Action: Clerk**

Income: 229.00	Expenditure: 6538.72
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The 28th of February 2023 bank balances were **NOTED**.



OC238/23 Members reports/feedback from training/workshops/meetings/external bodies/matters of interest in the parish

- Cllr Davis – Trees at St Marks are being felled.
- Cllr Mrs Padley – Gravel is required under the gateway to Sticker Activity Park and Polgooth.
- Cllr Spencer – Gold footpath at Polgooth around the perimeter of the Playing Fields requires filling of potholes.

OC239/23 Correspondence received up to the time of meeting.

Emails: –

10th Feb

1. Weekly Planning List 8/2
2. Weekly Planning List update 8/2
3. CALC AGM revised papers.

15th Feb

4. The Rural Bulletin

16th Feb

5. NALC Legal update
6. Government consultation on planning changes
7. Weekly Planning List 15/2
8. Weekly Planning Decision List 8/2

23rd Feb

9. Thank you from Sticker Memory Café for Grant Award
10. CALC Being a Good Chair Training
11. Rural Bulletin 17/2
12. Weekly Planning Decision List 17/2
13. Ocean Housing Newsletter
14. Weekly Planning List 22/2
15. Cornwall Capacity Fund

27th Feb

16. Keeping Cornwall updated

3rd March

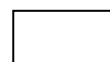
17. St Austell & Mevagissey Network Meeting notes
18. The Rural Bulletin
19. Civility and Respect Project Newsletter
20. Weekly Planning Decision List 22/2
21. Rural Funding Digest 2/3
22. Weekly Planning List 1/3
23. Volunteer Cornwall March Newsletter
24. Affordable Housing Team March Newsletter
25. Eden Walking Groups and Horticulture Information
26. Highways Scheme update
27. CC February Parking Enforcement Report
28. Highways Scheme further update
29. Vacancy for Community Link Officer St Austell & Mevagissey Network

7th March

30. CLUP Letter to Cllr Kneller

8th March

31. Supporting your community at low level crime
32. Keeping Cornwall updated
33. The Rural Bulletin
34. White River Project
35. Weekly Planning Decision List 1/3



Invitations: –

36. Climate Emergency DPD Policies and Planning Process 22/3
37. CALC Community Housing Conversation
38. CALC Let's Talk Water Forum
39. Gallaghers Insurance – Webinar on Cyber Risk Management
40. Rural Cost of Living Survey
41. Luney Barton meeting

Residents Emails:

42. Thank you from Sticker Memory Café for Grant Award
43. Thank you from Citizens Advice Cornwall for the donation.
44. Allotment request from outside the Parish
45. Dog Poo issues in Trewoon Play Area
46. Litter Picking equipment for young lady in Sticker who is carrying out her Duke of Edinburgh Award
47. Possible Anti-Social Behavior in Polgooth. Met with Cornwall Cllr Michael Bunney and resident. Identified it was not Parish Council Land.
48. Industrial Park created on arable land at Glenleigh in Sticker
49. Repeated emails wanting to know why V5's should be submitted for visitors.
50. Several Emails from one individual in Helston wanting a referral to a foodbank. Passed to Cornwall Cllr Bunney
51. Request for baptism and a burial
52. Enquiry from Trewoon resident with land asking for the Parish Council allotment charges.
53. Speed Device at St Stephens Rd turned around to stop recording of data.

Phone Calls: –

54. Ongoing resident concerns at Wyldecrest site, Sticker due to mineshaft drop.
Resident with the mineshaft drop has had his disability ramp damaged by a Wyldecrest maintenance man using a digger. The resident's insurance company have written to Wyldecrest who claims they know nothing about the damage done. The resident's insurer's cannot pay out. The insurers are unable to pay for the temporary accommodation as they have not received a written report from Wyldecrest regarding the recommendation from the qualified engineer on the initial findings when the shaft dropped. It has been reported to the resident that the inspection engineer advised Wyldecrest after the site visit on how further investigations and work should proceed to ensure public safety, however we understand Wyldecrest declined.
Wyldecrest resident concerns with delays on the Energy Bill Support Scheme application form enabling the £400.00 support. Residents who pay the Wyldecrest direct for their energy have a more complicated process to claim back any support and their bills do not show any discount.

NOTED.

OC240/23 Items for Agenda

1. Expression of Interest for Highways Budget Scheme

OC241/23 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

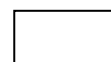
To **RESOLVE** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and are instructed to withdraw during the discussion of the following item. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox.

Members of the public exited.

Confidential Minute filed under Minute No: OC242/23

There being no further business to be transacted the meeting closed at 20.50pm

Signed.....



Date.....

Chairman of Full Council

Full Council Members

Cllr Kneller (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs Tarbox (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Mrs Heyward
Cllr Mrs Mitchell
Cllr Mrs Padley
Cllr Davis

Cllr Holman
Cllr Jannaway
Cllr Spencer
Cllr Vine

