



## ST MEWAN PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 held in St Marks Church Hall, Sticker at 19.00 pm.

### OC243/23 Persons Present

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

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

**Public Present:** 8 members of the public and Cornwall Cllr Michael Bunney

**Apologies:** All present.

### OC244/23 Declarations of Interest from Members/Dispensations

There were none.

### OC245/23 Public Participation

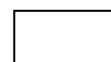
No public participation

### OC246/23 Cornwall Cllr Report

Report circ. prior to the meeting and hardcopies given to members of the public.

Happy Spring everyone, as the days lengthen it is lovely to feel Spring coming in our beloved Cornwall. Hoping everyone was able to enjoy a happy Easter period and able to spend some relaxing time with friends and family. It is nearly two years since I was elected to be your councillor, so I am halfway through my term. My only aim in standing to be councillor was to be able to help do my best for our area. It was never a career plan for me and I learnt a lot more as a teacher, but I wanted to help out properly. I am confident we have achieved a lot, by working together and staying positive, even during challenging times. I want to thank the parish council, especially John and Wendy for all your hard work. You are an amazing group of people, who are simply trying to help. People forget that parish councillors are volunteers and I especially appreciate all your commitment. I will always do all I can to support the local community and parish council and believe we can deliver for our villages by working together. This year we have helped many local residents, with problems ranging from homelessness, mine shaft collapses, the energy support scheme for park homes and much more. We have delivered average speed cameras for Trewoon, agreement for the 20mph zone for Polgooth and 20mph areas planned for Sticker and our other villages. There is much more to do and resurfacing our roads, especially the London Apprentice to Polgooth road is a key priority. I will continue to do all I can to speak up for our area and will always listen to residents and represent your views.

We have the coronation and our lovely Spring bank holidays coming up and I am looking forward to joining the Polgooth community for the coronation tree planting ceremony on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. Polgooth Gardening Club and St.Mewan Parish Council has done a great job planning this. I have been pleased to help and am delighted to



confirm the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE has agreed to join us for the ceremony. We need trees more than ever and the tree and granite block will mark the coronation beautifully and help add to the Goffin.

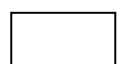
Over the winter I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the local community, parish councils, joining in with the community events, supporting many local charities and volunteering. For example, I spoke at Polgooth Ladies Group and St.Austell Old Cornwall Society on Cornish history and at Grampound Gardening Club on the Cornish plant hunters and our lovely local gardens. I donated the fees from this to Truro and St.Austell Food Banks. I am looking forward to speaking at St.Johns Methodist Church Anniversary in June and at Sticker WI again. 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 Polgooth 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. I was also heavily involved with many St.Pirans events and organised the parade as part of the festival in St.Austell.

I work hard at Cornwall Council and spoke in favour of doubling council tax for second homes. I am delighted this has been agreed and second home owners will now contribute fairly to Cornish local services. I have also spoken against a Mayor for Cornwall and am pleased this has been abandoned, following strong opposition. We now need to focus on improving Cornish public services and winning fair funding for Cornwall and a proper devolution deal. I also 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 Trehiddle will remain in Pentewan Valley parish. It is important to protect rural parishes and keeping key areas in rural areas keeps them alive.

Lots of my work is focused on roads and drains. We have got the drains in Lower Sticker cleared and the pot hole by Polgooth Chapel filled. I also reported the drain that Polgooth Ladies Group referred to me and it has been mended. I have stated to Highways that the number one priority for proper resurfacing in my area should be the Polgooth to London Apprentice road. I have been assured it will be done by Autumn and am pressing for this to happen sooner and for remedial work to be done in the meantime. Please do report the pot holes to Cornwall Council online, as all reports add evidence and will help get it up the priority list. It shows weight of local concern too. I campaigned hard for Trewoon Average Speed Cameras and they are all working and making a big difference to the quality of life for residents and safety for all drivers. I am also applying for traffic calming in St.Mewan Lane, as this is a main walk to school route and the safety of children is crucial. The 20mph zones in all our villages are being rolled out over the next 18 months and I support these. I am pleased we were successful in getting Polgooth in the first phase. I have also put forward Sticker, Tregorrick, Grampound and Trewoon as areas for consideration. I have applied for Stony Lane to be upgraded and for Trelowth brideway to be resurfaced. Trelowth has been confirmed for this year's capital projects and I am sorry residents have had to wait so long for the brideway/lane to be done. St.Mewan Parish Council has purchased the speed sensor for Trelowth Road and this should be in soon.

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 am dealing with key case work on the energy relief scheme for park home residents and we are challenging a few cases where people have incorrectly been turned down. 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](http://www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com) and click on grants to apply. I continue to work full-time as your Cornwall Councillor and have met many residents to help with case work. I run regular surgeries and arrange these now when people contact me. Due to safety concerns, we have been advised not to advertise open surgeries without security, due to threats against councillors, but I will always organise appointments for people who make contact. I continue to volunteer at Grampound Community Shop, present 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](http://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

### **OC247/23 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Playing Field Draft Minutes 21/3

**RECOMMENDATION to Full Council** Sticker Activity, Lower Sticker in conjunction with Sticker Village Association, and Trewoon Playing Field in conjunction with Trewoon Village Hall, also The Green in Trewoon where the noticeboard is, along with any other bits of land are protected with Village Green status. (Briefing note previously circulated)

The Deputy Clerk clarified the Parish Council would need to prove ownership of any land it wished to protect, therefore some areas will need to be registered in conjunction with Trewoon Village Hall and Sticker Village Association, if required to be protected.

It was

**RESOLVED** to protect Trewoon Playing Field, Sticker Activity Park, Lower Sticker Playing Field, with Village Green status. Prop Cllr Davis, sec Cllr Jannaway. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

Polgooth Playing Field Trust Draft Minutes.

Planning 8/3 & 29/3

Rights of Way 21/3 **RECOMMENDATION** to Full Council Agenda Item 15.

**NOTED**

### **OC248/23 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes: 8<sup>th</sup> March 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. There were no matters arising from the Minutes. Prop Cllr Holman, sec Cllr Spencer.

### **OC249/23 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. Three new tenants.

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

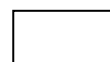
OC160/22 Wildflower Project actioned.

OC179/22 Land Agreements. Awaiting documents

OC190/23 Winter Maintenance in Parish. Not actioned

OC191/23 Community Volunteer Awards. March Agenda Item. Completed

OC207/23 Trewoon Community Garden. In progress



OC211/23 Newsletter in progress  
 OC228/23 Polgooth Community & Garden Club. Apple Tree and Granite Stone. Actioned  
 OC229/23 The Goffin. Repairs to gate and strimmed. Completed  
 OC230/23 Play equipment renewal. Actioned  
 OC231/23 Speed Device. Delivered.  
 OC232/23 Community Volunteer Awards. Winners notified.  
 OC235/23 Litter pick hoops. Not actioned.  
 OC236/23 Highways and Car Park Service Level agreements. Completed.  
 Trewoon  
 Three new allotment holders.  
 Sticker  
 Ongoing vexatious complainer

**OC250/23 Creation of Queen Elizabeth 11 Memorial Garden in Trewoon Playing Fields (proviso of successful grant application/due to successful grant application)**

- a) To **RECEIVE** three quotations for creation of the aforementioned
- b) To **COMPLETE** and **SCORE** council's Compliancy Matrix Form
- c) **RESOLVE** to appoint contractor. To commence work Feb/March 2023 enabling completion under the terms of grant obtained.
- d) To **APPOINT** Contractor to supply and fit adult gym equipment.
- e) To **APPOINT** Contractor for CCTV
- f) To **DELEGATE** authority to Clerk and Deputy Clerk to proceed with project as under terms and conditions of the grant provider

It was

**RESOLVED** to move this agenda item to the closed session as it is commercially sensitive. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox.

**OC251/23 Climate Change Objective (Standing Agenda Item)**

- a) It was

**RESOLVED** to form a Working Party Group for The Goffin and

- b) It was

**RESOLVED to APPOINT** Cllr Mrs Tarbox, Cllr Holman and Cllr Spencer from the Parish Council, Mrs Chris Sullivan, Mrs Jennifer Pope, members of the Polgooth Community and Garden Club, and Mrs Tanya Williams and Mr Dan Frater residents of Polgooth in conjunction with the Clerk or Deputy Clerk to attend Working Party meetings called by the Clerk/Deputy Clerk. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Vine. **Action: Clerk and Deputy Clerk.**

**OC252/23 Highways Budget Scheme – Expression of Interests 2023/24**

Wide range of discussion took place with issues of parking at St Mewan School, Fore St, Sticker and other residential areas in Sticker.

Some areas need to be re-visited as there has been no outcome on Expressions of Interest previously submitted to Cornwall Council.

It was

**RESOLVED** the Clerk and Cornwall Cllr Bunney work together to formulate submissions. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Padley. **Action: Clerk and Cornwall Cllr Bunney.**

**OC253/23 Grants/Donations**

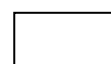
It was

**RESOLVED to APPROVE** a grant from the Community Benefit Fund of £1000 to Polgooth Village Hall. Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox, sec Cllr Mrs Padley.

It was

**RESOLVED to APPROVE** a grant from the Community Benefit Fund of £475.00 to 1<sup>st</sup> Scouts Sticker to assist in resurfacing the access. Prop Cllr Davis, sec Cllr Holman.

It was



**RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant from the Community Benefit Fund of £941.39 to Trewoon Village Hall. The grant requested is less the cost of balloons as members all agreed balloons are a threat to wildlife and the environment. Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox, sec Cllr Mrs Padley.

#### **OC254/23 Community Benefit Fund**

It was

**RESOLVED** that a split of the income generated will be an 80% Capital Expenditure Reserve and a 20% Revenue Expenditure which will give clarity on planning expenditure required from this reserve. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. **Action: Clerk**

#### **OC255/23 Sticker Skate Ramp**

It was

**RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the repair to the Skate Ramp for £2500.00 plus vat and submit an Expression of Interest to Cornwall Council for funding from the CIL fund to work towards creating a larger skate park and removing this piece of equipment once it becomes unsafe. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Vine. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

#### **OC256/23 Community Assistance Enquiry from Cornwall Council**

Wide range of discussion took place. All members agreed this is a serious but sad case of poor husbandry, which is having a devastating effect on neighbouring properties, however the Parish Council cannot fund waste disposal which is the statutory duty of Cornwall Council. Prop Cllr Davis, sec Cllr Spencer. **Action: Clerk to write to Cornwall Council.**

#### **OC257/23 Potholes in Footpaths**

Due to the Cornwall Council's Countryside Access Team's financial constraints on proposed maintenance schedule

It was

**RESOLVED** that quotes are obtained for patch tarmac to Footpath 419/2/2 as this is a well-used link footpath. Prop Cllr Holman, sec Cllr Spencer. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

#### **OC258/23 Inscription for Granite Tablet in The Goffin**

It was

**RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the inscription for the Granite Stone. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Vine. **Action: Clerk to instruct.**

The clerk advised members the poster cannot be changed by the Polgooth Community & Garden Club, therefore it was **NOTED**.

#### **OC259/23 Standing Orders**

It was

**RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the amendment to the Standing Orders as previously circulated. Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox, sec Cllr Kneller. **Action: Clerk**

#### **OC260/23 Sticker Car Park**

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**RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** suspending enforcement for 'Community Events' eg.

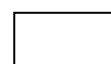
Party in the Park, Pantomime, Sticker Village Association AGM and Parish Council AGM, Carnival Week and Fetes. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Mitchell.

Cllr Kneller briefed members on a meeting with Carl from the He was Inn and the clerk. Carl is in the process of sorting staff permits out.

#### **OC261/23 Finance**

It was

**RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 pay schedule as presented. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Vine. **Action: Clerk**



<b>Income:</b> 1016.79	<b>Expenditure:</b> 12587.10
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The 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 bank balances were **NOTED**.

It was

**RESOLVED** that no member of the council has an interest in the Parish Council's External Auditor BDO. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox.

**OC262/23 Members reports/feedback from training/workshops/meetings/external bodies/matters of interest in the parish**

- Cllr Mrs Tarbox – Has received a paper copy of a flyer from Team Trewoon Community Fundraisers regarding their planned Community Hub which asks residents what services they would like to have available at the hub but does not ask whether or not residents think there is a need for a community hub.
- Cllr Mrs Heyward – Asked the clerk if items had been resolved with the questions she reported back to council. The clerk confirmed she had.

**OC263/23 Correspondence received up to the time of meeting.**

Emails: –

13<sup>th</sup> March

1. White River Project
2. CC Supporting your Community Low Level Crime
3. Time2 Move goes Live for Easter
4. CALC Carbon Literacy Project Webinar 20/3
5. White River Project Action Points
6. CALC Online events
7. CALC AGM Slide presentation – Cornwall Climate Risk Assessment
8. Weekly Planning List 8/3
9. CC Climate Change Training Sessions
10. Town & Parish Council Newsletter
11. Cornish Lithium Spring Newsletter
12. Keeping Cornwall Updated
13. Sticker Rally – Thank you for grant award.
14. Sticker Village Association – Thank you for grant award.

20<sup>th</sup> March

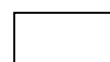
15. The Rural Bulletin
16. Weekly Planning List 8/3
17. Weekly Planning List 15/3

31<sup>st</sup> March

18. CALC Days of Easter break
19. Rural Bulletin
20. Weekly Planning List 15/3
21. Weekly Planning List 22/3
22. CC Community Area Partnerships
23. Keeping Cornwall updated 24/3
24. Rural Bulletin 28/3
25. Weekly Planning Decision List 29/3
26. Weekly Planning List 29/3

5<sup>th</sup> April

27. Community Network Panel Meeting
28. Keeping Cornwall updated 31/3
29. April Newsletter Neighborhood
30. Community Network Panel Cornwall Cllr, Parish and Town Council Reports
31. The Rural Bulletin 4/4



32. Weekly Planning List 29/3
33. Rural Services Network
34. March Parking Enforcement Report
35. Weekly Planning List 5/4
36. Polgooth Community & Garden Club's poster and organization details for Kings Coronation
37. Volunteer Cornwall Newsletter

**NOTED.**

**OC264/23 Items for Agenda**

No items.

**OC265/23 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: OC266/23**

There being no further business to be transacted the meeting closed at 20.25pm

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

