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Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 12th March 2025 commencing at 19.00 in St Marks Church Hall

OC193/25 Persons Present/Apologies

Present: Cllr Mrs Tarbox (Chair), Cllr Vine, Cllr Davis, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Richards, Cllr Rees-Webb

Present: Wendy Yelland – Parish Clerk, Amanda Kendall – Deputy Clerk, Cornwall Cllr Michael Bunney

Public Present: Mr Holman, Mr Tolliday, Mr Steve Double,

Apologies: Cllr Jannaway, Cllr Mrs Heyward, Cllr Ms Watts.

OC194/25 Declarations of Interest from Members/Dispensations

None

OC195/25 Public Participation

Raised issued regarding footpaths. One is on the agenda for update.

Another issue, Clerk and Deputy Clerk had a site meeting and confirmed engineering works has taken place. This has been reported to Countryside Access, but with only two rangers' action is delayed.

OC196/25 Cornwall Cllr Report

Cornwall Cllr Bunney stated this will be his last meeting. He stated it was brilliant to work co-operatively with the Parish Councils and stated he never had a political agenda just wanted to do his best for the Parishes. He fully appreciated everything the Parish Council has done. He stated it had been appreciated.

The Chairman stated he had been an amazing Cornwall Cllr and would be difficult shoes to fill. He stated he would still be around to help.

OC197/25 Committee Meeting Minutes

a) Planning – 12/2

NOTED

OC198/25 Council Meeting Minutes: 12th February 2025

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 Minutes. Prop Cllr Davis, sec Cllr Richards.

OC199/25 Clerk's Report

Circulated prior to the meeting.

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.
 OC149/20 We're Watching You Dog Fouling Campaign posters and bin stickers – ongoing.
 OC191/22 Parish Projects, in progress
 OC105/22 Trees with Ash die back Lower Sticker – in progress.
 OC109/22 FIT readings. Request for smart meter not actioned until payments are re-instated.
 OC190/23 Winter Maintenance in Parish.
 OC266/23 Confidential. In progress
 AC21/23 Sticker Car Park signage. Letter sent to Sticker AFC
 OC53 /23 Sticker Car Park Enhancement. Mrs K has confirmed they will be renewing a water butt.
 C98/23 Polgooth Parking issues outside Stores and Post Office and Village Hall. Highways Expression of Interest withdrawn. Awaiting PO to submit proposals.
 OC142/23 Branch Trimming – Actioned. Will take place when other tree works are scheduled.
 OC151/23 – Confidential item in progress
 OC163/23 Request from resident for temporary access to the rear of his property from Trewoon Playing Field to enable clearing, to consider location plan provided.
 Recorded delivery letter sent and signed for. Ongoing.
 OC180/24 Tree works in the Parish. Instructed.
 OC190/24 Confidential. In progress
 OC202 /24 Parish Planting. Polgooth area deferred.
 OC203 /24 Tree Felling. Actioned. Awaiting suitable weather and site meeting.
 OC204/24 Highways and Footpaths. Renewal of signs and posts. In progress. Footpath 1/1 reinstated
 OC222/24 St Mewan School – Cllr Rees Webb in progress
 OC250/24 –Confidential Land updates. Actioned.
 AC39/24 Confidential. Email sent.
 Land Matter. Member researching reporting back to Full Council.
 OC51/24 Action Plan 24/25c- to update
 OC93/24 Climate Change Objective (Standing Agenda Item) Hydrangeas in progress
 OC140/24 Trewoon Play Area re surfacing – in progress
 OC141/24 Polgooth Village Hall Weed Control – delegated authority and actioned. Email confirmation from Polgooth Village Hall Committee for PC to caretake and treat Japanese Knotweed.
 OC142/24 Water Leak. In progress. To schedule site visit with tenant and contractor who has been contacted.
 OC143/24 Highways and Footpath Matters – Footpath reinstatement requested to ROW. One resident has since sent email re the footpath who disputes the original path showing on D Map and wanted a site meeting. Clerk and Cllr Spencer were prepared to meet him on Saturday 30th November, however the resident was unable to make the date. No visit has been rescheduled. Agenda item Feb 25
 January meeting cancelled due to weather.
 OC159/24 Climate Change Objective (Standing Agenda Item) Actioned – to remain with wood. In progress
 OC162/24 Polgooth Play Area. Actioned.
 OC163/24 Kissing gates Trewoon Recreation Ground. January Agenda Item
 OC164/24 Trewoon Recreation Ground- Embankment Slide steps and handrail. Awaiting contractor to revisit.
 OC165/24 Highways and Footpath Matters. PROW in progress
 OC166/24 Grants/Donations. Awaiting more detail from Chair of Trewoon Village Hall
 OC168/24 Sticker Car Park. Responded
 OC184/25 Annual Play Inspections 25/26– Appointed
 OC185/25 Highways and Footpaths Matters – Signed agreements sent
 OC186/25 Cornwall Council Service Level Agreement for 2025/2026 – Signed agreement sent

Trewoon

Resident – due to storm forecast concerned with tree overhanging onto path from Trewoon Village Hall.
 Westward Tree Servies kindly attended to inspect within 12 hours and confirmed no risk. Tree just growing towards light.

FIT readings sent for Trewoon

CC Alleged issues downstream of the watercourse that runs through the allotments. Emailed that there have been no reported issues from tenants or MM of change in water flows.



Sticker

Ongoing issuing of car park permits

Residents – Vehicles left at land opposite Sticker Activity Park entrance making it difficult for users with young children to access the park safely. 2 further complaints.

Ongoing – Dog excrement still not being picked up along Cotswold Avenue and Southdown. Signage dropped to resident/s. More residents complaining.

Could not read due to platform erected for panto. The solar panels had been turned off. Mrs Keynon has now turned them back on.

Polgooth

419/15/1 No further update from CAT for site visit

FIT reading submitted for Pogooth

Site visit to Meadow Drive. Photos submitted to CAT.

General

Work now scheduled for March 2025. 9 photos of flooding on the A390 by garage. Evidence was requested by Highways at site meeting.

Wellers Hedleys PC solicitors. Legal assistant no longer with company. Telephoned to chase PC email sent to request confirmation who is now dealing with the case.

OC200/25 Climate Change Objective (Standing Agenda Item)

- a) To **RECEIVE** update, **RESOLVE** any further action required, **APPROVE** associated expenditure
Cllr Davis would like to experiment with verges as suggested at last month's meeting. Pick the areas perhaps one area in each Village and different pollinators, to include in action plan for after the Election.
- b) To **RESOLVE** how best to proceed with verges for 25/26
It was **RESOLVED** to cut the verges.
Prop: Cllr Davis Sec: Cllr Vine.
- c) Bench donation for The Goffin.
Discussion took place regarding maintenance.
It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the bench request with applicant to fund installation and request it is donated to the PC for insurance and maintenance. Cllr Richards will contact the Polgooth & Gardening Club for a suitable location. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Richards**
Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox seconded Cllr Davis.

OC201/25 Kissing gates Trewoon Recreation Ground

To **RECEIVE** update. **RESOLVE** any further action if required

The access on the left is not big enough, therefore we would need to remove vehicle access gate to accommodate or remove tree.

The wooden fence needs to be moved if vehicle access gate is moved, this fence is poorly erected needs raising with contractor. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

Cllr Spencer and Cllr Vine to site visit.

OC202/25 Highways and Footpaths Matters

- a) Footpath 4/1 update

Cllr Spencer stated the footpath always went past Mount Pleasant, past their window. Cllr Spencer stated that the definitive map is incorrect, and the old ordnance maps show it through Mount Pleasant. The Clerk has sent this to Cornwall Council, but they are stating the footpath is not on Mount Pleasant and would need their permission to 'divert' the footpath. They are not understanding that the old maps show it in the correct place. It was suggested in the first instance to contact The Ramblers, also the British Horse Society.

To continue to gather evidence.

It was **RESOLVED** to arrange visit and carry out actions above.

Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox Sec Cllr Rees-Webb



The Clerk stated there is a reluctance from Cornwall Council to put up footpath signs where landowners have taken them down.

OC203/25 Trewoon Bus Stop

To **APPLY** for a grant to CC. To **APPROVE** additional expenditure for any shortfall.

Quote for new bus shelter 3 bay (3m x 1.3m) is £4995, this will match the other shelters installed by the Parish Council. If require bus timetable this is £120, and perch seat is £80. Grants available up to £3,000.

It was

RESOLVED to approve and include timetable case and perch seat, and to apply for grant. Additional expenditure from the Community Benefit Fund

Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox , sec Cllr Spencer. **Action: Clerk**

OC204/25 Rospa Operational Training.

To **APPROVE** KW to attend training in Exeter on the 2nd and 3rd July 25.

Cost of course is £580, if require examination at the end this is £265. Council will also need to pay mileage and additional hours.

It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** including examination to use playing field ear-marked reserves.

Prop Cllr Davis , sec Cllr Spencer. **Action: Clerk**

OC205/25 Sticker Open Space (namely the Dog Field)

Fence dividing the path and the field requires replacing in parts. **RESOLVE** how best to proceed

It was

AGREED to renew fence with stock-proof fence, to obtain quotes from contractor

Action: Clerk

OC206/25 Annual review on ' No Mow May'

It was

RESOLVED to approve No Mow May on the proviso no events, but to ensure cutting is end of April and early in June, but to carry on cutting cemetery.

Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox, sec Cllr Spencer . **Action: Clerk**

OC207/25 Finance

- a) To **APPROVE** the March, pay schedule as presented

Proposal by Cllr Mrs Tarbox to approve, seconded Cllr Vine, carried.

The above was duly **RESOLVED**.

- b) To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the bank balances inc petty cash as of the 28th February 2025. **NOTED**

- c) Any urgent financials up to time of meeting.

- d) To **APPROVE** setting up an Ear Marked fund for the future renewal of the HAGS climbing unit in

Trewoon Play Area

Proposal by Cllr Spencer to approve and use social club ear-marked reserves as per legal agreement, seconded Cllr Davis, carried.

The above was duly **RESOLVED**.

Income: 581.10	Expenditure: 1678.37
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OC208/25 Members reports/feedback from training/workshops/meetings/external bodies/matters of interest in the parish.

Cllr Vine reported attended St Austell Town Council Working Party meeting regarding Call for Sites from Cornwall Council. He stated it was good to understand the sites in other Parishes. Response to Cornwall Council is needed by 19th March. It was good background information.

Clerk – Letter written to MP Noah Law regarding NDP, the office manager Jake Bonetta came back to say they were only meant to last 5 years and this is not true.

Housing numbers are still in the air.



OC/209/25 Update on Polgooth Village Hall

127 responses. 91 responses supported a new Village Hall in The Goffin.

Cllr Richards stated very constructive comments, 70% of respondents hadn't visited the Village Hall in the last 12 months. Due to poor parking, it is very difficult to increase users of the Village Hall.

The Committee were pleased with the responses, but the Committee felt that residents didn't appreciate there was no funds available to bring the Hall up to standard.

Need to arrange a survey to see how suitable The Goffin is building.

Cllr Davis congratulated Cllr Richards on obtaining that many responses.

OC210/25 Correspondence received up to the time of meeting.

Circulated prior to the meeting.

Emails: -

26th Feb

1. Weekly Planning List 12/2
2. Resident – Presentation interesting
3. CC Town & Parish Newsletter
4. CC Keeping Cornwall updated
5. Rural Bulletin
6. Weekly Planning Decisions 12/2
7. Weekly Planning List 19/2
8. CC Keeping Cornwall updated
9. Rural Bulletin 25/2
10. Weekly Planning Decision Lists 19/2

6th March

11. Weekly Planning List 26/2
12. Keeping Cornwall updated
13. Rural Bulletin
14. CCLA Market update
15. Devon & Cornwall Police – March newsletter 'Stay cyber secure'
16. Weekly Planning Decision List 26/2
17. Rural Services Network – March edition
18. Weekly Planning List 5/3
19. NHS Cornwall together Jan/February
20. Volunteer Cornwall Newsletter

11th March

21. Rural Bulletin

12th March

22. Weekly Planning Decision List 5/3

OC211/25 Items for the Next Agenda.

Trewoon Gates.

OC212/25 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.

No public present.

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

Confidential Minute filed under OC213/25



Signed.....Date.....

Chair of Full Council

Council Members

Cllr Mrs Tarbox – Chair

Cllr Vine – Vice Chair

Cllr Mrs Heyward

Cllr Debbie Watts

Cllr Davis

Cllr Jannaway

Cllr Richards

Cllr Rees Webb

Cllr Spencer

