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Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 11th March 2020 held at St Marks Church Hall, Sticker

OC224/19 Persons Present/Apologies

Persons present: Cllr Kneller (Chair), Cllr Mrs Tarbox (Vice-Chair), Cllr Mrs Padley, Cllr Mrs Mitchell, Cllr Mrs Ringrose, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Nicklin, Cllr Passmore, Cllr Jannaway, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Wallis

Parish Clerk: Wendy Yelland

Apologies received and duly accepted: Cllr Holman

Public – 11 members of the public

OC225/19 Declarations of Interest from Members / Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensation requests from Members.

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak.

OC226/19 Public Participation

Toni Dowrick addressed and informed members she is standing as the Conservative candidate in the by elections. Comes from a farming background originally and has worked with children services and involved in community work. She pledges to work hard for the residents and alongside the parish councils. Expressed how it's been good to meet people when delivering leaflets.

Michael Bunney addressed and informed members he is standing as the Mebyon Kernow candidate in the by elections. A local person he firmly believes he has the experience and ability through previously being a Cornwall Cllr in 2013 and a Parish Cllr for Gorran. He has the time and energy to dedicate and ensure Cornwall Council works for the local people and if successful he will be the Parish Councils and residents voice.

Mrs Howell addressed members regarding the Community Governance Review as follows:-

- This Council on many occasions that the issues under consideration by the Council and its Committees should not and must not be judged on the basis of self-interest or parochial thinking but rather for the greater good and fully support that principle.
- All of our proposals have had the wider community interest and safety at heart and indeed have always reflected the majority of those community views
- Used our contacts in the Community by asking if they agreed that Rocky Park/Coyte Farm area should become part of St Mewan Parish. We also spoke in support of this proposal at the recent public consultation evening held in St Austell
- This move would enable a more robust response to potential development plans for the area and hopefully stop local urbanisation.
- We stated that our experience tells us that both St Mewan Council and its Planning Committee are much more likely to exercise a higher level of due diligence and scrutiny in such matters.
- 51 names of support responding to the proposed change who have emailed Cornwall Council direct



- Further submissions will be sent by the 24th March 2020 with a copy to the clerk

OC227/19 Cornwall Councillor

It is **NOTED** Cherylyn Mackrory MP has created the vacancy for a unitary councillor for the St Mewan Ward. A by election is on the 16th April 2020. The clerk has posted details on Facebook.

OC228/19 Council Meeting: Minutes 12th February 2020 including Confidential

It was

RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the Meeting of St Mewan Parish Council, previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Prop Cllr Wallis, sec Cllr Mrs Mitchell

It was

RESOLVED that the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of St Mewan Parish Council, tabled, be taken as read, approved and signed. Prop Cllr Wallis, sec Mrs Mitchell

OC229/19 Clerk's Report

FC198/18 – Abandoned vehicles in progress

FC222/18 – Land at St Stephens Rd in progress

AC27/18 – Asset register in progress

AC41/18 – Parish Council land in progress

OC76/18 – Project list in progress

OC110/18 – Confidential -actioned

OC154/18 – Trewoon Wall in progress

OC164/18 – In progress

OC176/18 – Cutting agreement – recent email from CC 4/6 with error on agreement

OC178/18 – Hi Vis Vests in progress

OC180/18 – Purchase 2 sets of solar panels – on hold

OC185/18 – Confidential in progress

OC199/18 – Community Volunteer Award in progress

OC205/18 – Confidential in progress

OC60/19 – Traffic Parking Orders in progress

OC69/19 – Confidential

OC74/19 – St Stephens Rd, speeding issues, in progress

OC84/19 – Speed Data in progress

OC90/19 – Confidential

OC101/19 -Awaiting seat location from the family and Imerys permission

OC110/19 – Notice Board at Trelowth – in progress

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

OC1341/19 – Awaiting response from Highways re clearance of bank in Trewoon

OC136/19 – Completed other than notice in Trewoon Post Office

OC163/19 – Awaiting delegation of other members when appropriate

OC168/19 – Responded re Trewoon Allotment Wall

OC169/19 – In progress

OC172/19 – Clerk to report postage costs at February meeting – not actioned

OC173/19 – Awaiting response from residents re trees

OC180/19 – Confidential – in progress

OC190/19 – Wildflower Planting Trials – in progress

OC191/19 – Action Plan – Agenda Item 12th Feb 2020

OC192/19 – VE day clerk to report

OC193/19 – Waste bin to be ordered in conjunction with March agenda item

OC200/19 – Confidential in progress

OC208/19 – Clean Earth Energy – March Agenda

OC209/19 – Highways in the Parish – confirmed to Highways

OC210/19 – Highways Budget Scheme – March Agenda

OC211/19 – Action Plan – March Agenda

OC212/19 – Completed Death of Monarchy Policy

OC213/19 – LMP Agreement completed

OC214/19 – Little Lane footpath – Volunteer poster for 28th March

OC215/19 – Verge Cutting Agreement March Agenda



OC216/19 – Climate Change – in progress

OC217/19 – Digital mapping – March Agenda

- a) Complaints of inconsiderate parking at St Mewan School
- b) Minor footpath and bridleway issues resolved
- c) General concerns from residents over the future of Sticker Village Hall which is in poor repair
- d) Online complaints of Trewoon speeding issues
- e) Contacted landowner of rented property at Trelowth who has now trimmed the hedge roadside as requested
- f) Complaint of household waste being burnt on a regular basis. Signposted them to Environmental
- g) Notice board doors are not closing properly. Contacted supplier
- h) Footpath issues in Polgooth – communicate with Cllr Holman for investigating

The clerk doesn't think that item e) has been cut back far enough and would like a Cllr to give their opinion. It was **AGREED** more roadside hedge needs trimming. The clerk advised this part maybe registered to another landowner.

OC230/19 Committee Meeting Minutes

Planning - 20th February 2020

Playing Field - 26th February 2020

Polgooth Playing Fields Trust - 26th February 2020

Rights of Way – 26th February 2020

NOTED

OC231/19 Wind Turbine locations in the Parish

Previous representation by Clean Earth Energy in January for 4 wind turbines on Imerys Land in Trewoon. The chairman expresses that the above proposal does resonate with the parish council declaring a climate emergency and how residents are keen to see development but not in Greenfields. The chairman raised Standing Orders, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox.

Photomontages and Wirelines were previously circulated to members to assist members visualise the proposed turbines in the existing landscape and Clean Earth Energy wish to proceed with the proposed T1 and T2 locations as these locations allow for the greatest distance to residential properties and are within very close proximity to the existing china clay works. The proposed T1 location has been moved to the west towards the China clay mining site, this decision was to increase the distance between the turbine and residential properties to the east.

Wireline Images consider hard terrain only, and as such reflect the worst-case scenario in terms of the turbine visibility to each specific location and do not reflect the tips present in the St Mewan area either which allow for significant screening. The photomontages show the terrain and also the screening present such as trees, vegetation, buildings and the china clay tip.

Wide range of discussion took place considering: -

Con's

- the height and sweep
- possible visual impact

Pro's

- Produces greater power for 6000 homes per turbine
- Community Benefit income can outweigh the cons
- Preferable option would be smaller ones
- Supports the council having declared a climate emergency
- Not on Greenfield sites
- Sited away from habitation

It was

PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Padley the council should support in principle this development coming forward as a planning application subject to the developer reviewing new terms for the Community Benefit Scheme due to the tariffing come down and the output has gone up. When the application comes to the Planning Committee a judgement can be made on the opinions from the people of Trewoon. Sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. 10 for – 1 against (Cllr Harrison)

Standing Orders were re-instated.

OC232/19 Grants/Donations

- a) It was



RESOLVED to donate £30.00 to Tanyas Courage Trust. Prop Cllr Spencer, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox

b) It was

RESOLVED to donate £30.00 to Cruse Bereavement Care. Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox, sec Cllr Mrs Padley.

c) Sticker Village Hall's grant application was retracted

d) It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the retrospective grant of £338.00 paid to Polgooth Playing Fields Trust in February 2020. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox.

OC233/19 Community Governance Review

Cllr Mrs Tarbox and Cllr Harrison attended the public consultation which was mainly a listening event. St Mewan PC were well supported by residents attending who were in favour of the original council's proposal from the outset for Rocky Parc/Coyte Farm top of St Mewan hill to form part of the St Mewan boundary. The second reaffirmation is the small historic boundary at Burngullow in St Stephen in Brannel, to date the panel felt there was no need for change, however the case was slightly prejudiced due to no Cornwall Cllr present at the last meeting. We understand the main panel meeting will take place after the by election on the 16th April 2020 where we will have representation.

Members discussed the previously circulated proposal resulting from the Working Party Group for further submission to the Community Governance Review Panel by the 24th March 2020 and

It was

RESOLVED to submit as presented. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. **Action: Clerk**

OC234/19 Highways Budget Scheme for 2020/21

Members received further information and in view of the discussion with Rachel Tatlow from Highways who recognises there are varying issues relating to Trewoon, she recommends a submission for the whole of Trewoon, therefore

It was

RESOLVED

to submit the Highways Expressions of Interest as follows: -

- a) A feasibility study carried out to consider Trewoon village as a whole, recommending a range of options from average speed camera, safe crossing points, request for pedestrian crossing, safety at existing crossing points to minor improvements that might be possible
- b) Weight restriction sign on the A390 stopping HGV's travelling along St Mewan Lane
- c) Build out on St Stephens Rd
- d) Build out on St Mewan Lane with notes
- e) Rumble strips and gateway at the entry to Trelowth off the A390
- f) St Mewan School - feasibility study due to local residents and parish council's concerns on safety of children

Action: Clerk

Note: A site meeting took place with Rachel Tatlow from Highways, Cllr Mrs Padley, the clerk and Mr Michael Grigg to discuss Mr Griggs proposal of widening the road from the back entrance of Griggs to the main Hewaswater road. Mr Grigg initially proposed he would carry out the works at his cost and in principle Highways agreed this could be an improvement, however Highways are concerned that it may not meet the basic Highway regulations. Highways will investigate. The parish council could also consider submitting an Expression of Interest.

Cllr Mrs Padley requested a feasibility study for Hewaswater

Rachel Tatlow confirmed the horizontal lines and SLOW signs in the road can be re-instated at Trelowth under the Maintenance Budget.

Rachel Tatlow verbally confirmed the council can go ahead for the wildflower planting trials. To inform her the number of small signs going up.

The Chairman is pleased that Highways recognises varying issues in Trewoon due to the Parish Council's persistence working on behalf of the residents.

OC235/19 Trewoon Bank on A3058

A thank you to Rachel Tatlow from Highways for the flailing operation. Discussion took place on the type of planting and

It was

RESOLVED to contact the Wildflower Contractor to carry out the weed kill in the first instance and take further advice on what plants would work best. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Wallis. **Action: Clerk**



OC236/19 St Mewan Parish Council Action Plan April 2020/2021

It was

RESOLVED to add the following to the existing plan: -

Parish Enhancement - Lower corner of The Goffin

Leave only Paw Prints

Straw poll on social media for Allotments in The Goffin and Sticker.

Proposed Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Spencer. **Action: Clerk**

OC237/19 Verge Cutting Agreement 2020-2021

Thank you to Rachel Tatlow of Highways for resolving a simple solution to the problem of the area at Socotra Drive, Trewoon not being included in the agreement. The PC can invoice separately. The clerk is awaiting confirmation of the sq metre to inform the contractors.

It was

RESOLVED the clerk signs agreement. Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox, sec Cllr Mrs Padley. **Action: Clerk**

OC238/19 Climate Change Objectives (Standing Item)

DEFERRED draft policy due to Cllr Holman absent.

Cllr Harrison to circulate the Environmental Growth Project information

Cllr Wallis to research trees which may be available from the Woodland Trust.

Action: Cllr Wallis, Cllr Holman, Cllr Harrison

OC239/19 Digital Mapping

DEFERRED

OC240/19 Parish Volunteer Award (prev circulated)

It was

AGREED the clerk chooses the award winners from the nominations in conjunction with Cllr Mrs Padley, Cllr Mr Tarbox and Cllr Kneller. Sponsors to be invited to the Annual Parish Assembly. **Action: Clerk**

OC241/19 Trelowth Rd, Polgooth

It was

RESOLVED to renew the general waste bin and **APPROVE** expenditure from the Amenities Budget 2019/2020. Prop Cllr Spencer, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. **Action: Clerk**

OC242/19 Tour of Britain through Trewoon

Cllr Mrs Tarbox, the Parish Council representative to ask the Trewoon Village Hall Committee on the 26th March 2020 if they would like to organise a local event. To report back at the April meeting.

Action: Cllr Mrs Tarbox.

OC243/19 Planning Matters

Members discussed information and advice previously circulated on the Gilbert and Goode planning application recently approved at St Mewan Lane by the Cornwall Council Central Sub-Area Planning Committee. The application was originally called in by Cornwall Cllr Cherilyn Mackrory and MP but was represented by Cornwall Cllr James Mustoe. The meeting was a very poorly handled meeting, our representation wasn't what we hoped it would be, after a long debate on the technicalities and very little debate on the application and public feeling, the application was subsequently approved. The Chairman of Planning has written to various head of departments in Cornwall Council, all members that sit on that committee, pointing out our concerns. A response from Cllr Jackie Bull Chair of Planning Committee has been received which is basically a holding email and an email from Cornwall Cllr Bob Egerton who has confirmed he intends writing a proper reply to the Parish Council. The CC minutes are now available and having looked at the minutes the Parish Council have found areas of the minutes with issues surrounding those minutes and feel are not totally accurate with what was spoken amongst members and officers. This was especially apparent around items that are factual one being the disparity on parking spaces numbers with the officer advice to the planning committee which were factually incorrect. Important to deal with facts and not emotions. The next Central Area Sub-Committee Planning Meeting is on the 16th March 2020 where council needs to decide on a challenge to those minutes.

The clerk previously circulated Planning advice from the SLCC, CALC and solicitor's legal advice (out of county). Initial advice can be obtained resulting in possibly a Judicial Review.



The Chairman expressed that at the moment Rural Exception Sites are a hot planning topic in the county and feels a robust approach to Cornwall Council is the right thing to do.

Members received advice on the letter sent to Cornwall Council and the Central Area Sub Planning Committee.

Incorrect documents relating to a different planning application on the planning portal.

One of the challenges facing the Parish Council from the public who will naturally follow a controversial planning application is that no officers report with the recommendations, due to be heard before a CC planning committee is available to view and yet is identified when circulated to clerks is clearly named PUBLIC

CALC took these valid concerns to the Planning Partnership meeting on 5th March and the feedback was it deemed appropriate that the date of a CC planning meeting is illustrated under the Important Date tab. However, even under this tab there is still no officers report for members of the public. This is due to their software. The clerk is awaiting written confirmation from CALC

It was unanimously agreed that the officer's report should be published under the document tab.

Members of the public can take a complaint to the Ombudsman to draw attention to procedural issues or possible mal management of a planning case.

Wide range of discussion took place and in view of the advice given

It was

RESOLVED the Parish Council's engage their legal advisers in this matter. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Wallis. It was **AGREED** expenditure from the Community Benefit Fund. **Action: Clerk**

Advice was also given to residents attending the meeting.

A further discussion took place on how Cornwall Council have won awards for their website; however, the Parish Council finds it unacceptable that members of the public cannot find a vital document such as the officers report on the planning portal. The Chairman asks for a formal minute to be recorded on behalf of the community expressing they are unhappy with the current situation of the Cornwall Council website which is not fit for purpose.

It was

RESOLVED to publish the letter sent to Cornwall Council and the Central Sub Area Planning Committee dated the 27th February 2020. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Mrs Tarbox. **Action: Clerk**

OC244/19 Finance

a) It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the 11th March 2020, pay schedule as presented and **AUTHORISE** payments for BACS transfer. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Wallis.

The bank balances inc petty cash as at 29th February 2020 are **NOTED**.

Income: 0	Expenditure: 2759.16
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OC245/19 Members reports/feedback from training/workshops/meetings/external bodies/matters of interest in the parish

- Cllr Mrs Ringrose – resident reported the footpath past the Polgooth park gate is overgrown and muddy and is possibly due to bikes being ridden there
The tarmac in the Chapel Car Park is in poor repair.
Cllr Spencer to inspect and report back to council.
- Cllr Kneller advised members he had attended the Sticker Village Hall Committee meeting with the clerk, Cllr Mrs Padley and Cllr Mrs Mitchell to offer support on the future of the village hall. The condition of the hall is in extreme poor repair, lack of bookings, lack of income and very little voluntary help coming forward. An SOS poster will be published.
It was brought to the Sticker Village Association Committees attention that an item flagged by the council's auditor to address is the expenditure of the Lower Sticker Playing Fields going through the Parish Council's cashbook which could result in VAT implications in the near future. Cllr Kneller explained how this was similar to Trewoon Recreational Ground, therefore a managing document was drawn up by the solicitors to resolve the situation. It means the Parish Council are responsible for managing the ground. An identical managing document was circulated to the SVH committee and it was agreed by members for two of the trustees to sign and was witnessed by a member of the public attending. Events taking place by SVA remains the same, but a booking form will need completing and a copy of the required insurance of the events taking place. A copy of the signed document will be posted.



- Cllr Wallis – Facebook poster of help to clear Little Lane footpath on the 28th March 2020. Organized a trailer and equipment for volunteers

OC246/19 Correspondence received up to time of meeting (previously circulated and for information only)

OC247/19 Items for agenda: 11th March 2020

Re-agenda Digital Mapping
Re-agenda Draft Climate Change Policy

OC248/19 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.

Confidential minute filed under minute no: **OC249/19**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10pm

Signed.....
Chairman of Full Council

Date.....

Full Council Members

- Cllr Kneller (Chairman)
- Cllr Mrs Tarbox (Vice-Chair)
- Cllr Harrison
- Cllr Spencer
- Cllr Holman
- Cllr Wallis
- Cllr Mrs Mitchell
- Cllr Jannaway
- Cllr Mrs Ringrose
- Cllr Mrs Padley
- Cllr Nicklin
- Cllr Passmore

