

# Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 6pm

**Present:** Cllrs Arthur (Chair), Boston, Bowers, Byfield, Davies, Gaisford, Higgins, Lawrence, Norrington, Pentecost, Rogers, Silvey, Trevethan, White and Yeo **In attendance:** Tatiana Cant (Parish Clerk) and 5 members of the public

## **Public Participation**

An update was requested on the progress of the latest Penhale application for a variation to the planning permission, and this was provided. Cllr Davies confirmed that the parish council had unanimously agreed to follow the recommendation of the planning officer to refuse this application.

A further request was made for updated information on the skate park project. As this was not an agenda item for this meeting ClIr Byfield provided a summary of the latest position and explained that some consultees at Cornwall Council continued to have concerns and maintain objections despite agreeing in meetings with the working group last year that they would remove these objections. The Planning Officer was not comfortable using her discretion to make a determination, and this was causing the parish council much frustration as a great deal of hard work had been committed to delivering this project for the community. It would be helpful if members of the public could apply pressure by submitting supportive comments on the planning portal, write to the MP, etc.

# **Comments from Cornwall Councillors**

There were no Cornwall Councillors present.

# 027/21/FC Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Harvey.

#### 028/21/FC Declarations of interest on items on the agenda and any dispensations granted

Declarations of interest were declared by Cllr Norrington relating to the item on 8 Boscawen Road. No dispensations had been granted.

#### 029/21/FC Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were agreed as a true record.

#### 030/21/FC Chairman's Report

The Chairman expressed his concerns over the continued delay in the determination of the skate park planning application, and reported that the MP was supportive of the parish council's position.

#### 031/21/FC Update on police and crime matters

No recent updates had been received by the Clerk and she was not aware of any major incidents. It was however reported that an assault had occurred on a footpath and information would be awaited from the police.

## 032/21/FC New road name, Goonhavern

Members responded to a request for a preference for a name for a new road in Goonhavern, and AGREED to ask for the road to be named: Merryn Close.

## 033/21/FC Dates for Tunes in the Dunes event

A request had been received from the Watering Hole to hold the Tunes in the Dunes event on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 as this was the best time for low tides and in order not to clash with other scheduled large local events. It was AGREED that these dates were acceptable. Before the final sign-off the council would have the opportunity to scrutinize the event plan and ensure compliance with any measures and restrictions in place at the time.

## 034/21/FC Rugby Club refreshed lease

Members considered the drafted lease which had been agreed by the Finance & Operations Committee. This involved the surrender of the previous lease and agreement of a new lease to incorporate the area previously under licence.

#### 035/21/FC Meetings schedule 2021-2022

Members agreed the meetings schedule for 2021-2022 and noted that meeting dates for May were still to be fixed and would depend on the elections and any changes to the legislation governing the holding of virtual and physical meetings.

#### 036/21/FC Reports from Working Groups and Representatives on Outside Groups

Tennis Club: No meetings had taken place. It was expected that the club would start to operate again in April.

Surf Club: No meetings had taken place. It was hoped that the club would start to operate again in April.

*Gardens Charities*: No recent meetings had been held but decisions had taken place by email. All the usual activities were continuing as normal. There had been a change of secretary and the Clerk would make contact to introduce the council.

*Memorial Hall:* The Memorial Hall remained closed except for the Foodbank. The management wished to express their thanks for the recently approved grant to carry out essential maintenance to the building.

*St. Piran's Trust*: There was no update. A meeting would be held soon to make decisions about a direction of travel.

*Tree Warden*: There had been a number of concerns relating to illegally felled trees at Perrancoombe and Hendrawna and the Tree Warden was pursuing the imposition of emergency TPOs. In addition there were some footpaths blocked with fallen trees. The situation was exacerbated because the Tree Officer was leaving Cornwall Council and there was currently no footpath enforcement officer in post.

**Perranporth School**: Children were returning on this day to school for the first time post lockdown. There would be a meeting later in the week.

Community Network Panel: One more meeting would be scheduled before the May elections.

*Neighbourhood Development Plan:* It was expected that the draft plan would be ready as agreed by May. Funding for producing the Master Plan document had been provided by Locality.

*Highways Group:* The group was yet to meet and had lost 2 of its 5 members. A number of concerns had been raised including both larger projects and smaller maintenance issues. It was agreed that a mechanism was needed to progress these, and also noted that the new Master Plan may inform the course taken. In the

short term the Clerk agreed to collate the issues which had already been raised into a living document in order to monitor progress.

# 037/21/FC Storage location of replaced benches

It was agreed that the benches recently removed and replaced with new low-maintenance benches should be stored in the council's container at Cligga.

## 038/21/FC Mining consultation

Members did not wish to make any comments.

#### 039/21/FC Items of Correspondence

A letter had been received from Perran Tennis regarding improvement works along the lane from the main road. Quotes were to be sought for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

## 040/21/FC Date of the Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting would take place on Monday 19th April 2021.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

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