



## Minutes – Full Council – Extraordinary Meeting

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 6pm on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in the Council Chamber, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB

**Present:** Cllrs Arthur (Chair), Boston, Bowers, Byfield, Gaisford, Higgins, Jones, Lawrence, Norrington, Pentecost, Rogers, Silvey, Trevethan, White, and Yeo

**In attendance:** Tatiana Cant (Clerk), Rebecca Harrod (Finance Officer)

#### 98/21/FC Apologies

No apologies had been made. All members were present.

#### 99/21/FC Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

There were no declarations of interest and no dispensations had been granted.

#### 100/21/FC Exclusion of press and public

It was agreed to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

### CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

#### 101/21/FC Update on Travellers situation

The Clerk provided a summary of the situation relating to the incursion of Travellers on Parish Council land. The first group had arrived on the evening of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July at Ponsmere Valley. The following day advice on process and documentation was sought from the Gypsy Liaison Officer at Cornwall Council. A letter of notice was served on the group requiring them to vacate by the end of the day. Later that evening a larger group pitched up at Bolenna Park and the Ponsmere group later relocated to join them. Further letters of notice were served. It had not been possible to secure bailiffs or police resource at any time since the arrival but bailiffs had confirmed they could attend on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Cllrs Boston, Bowers and Silvey had formed an ad hoc group and worked with the Clerk for several days and over the weekend to monitor the situation and put a strategy in place to try to ensure that when the group moved on, they would not be able to gain access to other locations within the parish. The Clerk and Council thanked the members who had contributed a considerable amount of time and worked together very constructively.

Private landowners had also been advised and were taking preventative measures.

*[Cllr Trevethan left the meeting]*

It was AGREED to proceed with eviction the following morning using a professional pick-up company to provide tow vehicles, and to request police presence.

**Actions: Book in bailiffs and tow vehicles – Cllr Bowers**

**Arrange police presence - Clerk**

#### 101/21/FC Clean-up operation

It was agreed to defer discussion on cleaning up until after the Travellers had left and the extent of the problem was known.

*[Cllr Silvey left the meeting]*

**102/21/FC Measures to secure parish sites**

Vulnerable parish council sites were discussed: Ponsmere Valley, Bolenna Park, Perran Round, Droskyn, Cligga, Goonhavern Park and the Inner Green. A mixture of boulders and vehicles were proposed to block the sites in the short term. Mr. Callan would be consulted regarding Perran Round.

It was AGREED to change the home positions of the CCTV cameras at Droskyn and the Inner Green and lock them into place to cover the vulnerable areas.

**Action: Instruct CCTV team to alter positions of Droskyn and Inner Green cameras - Clerk**

*[Cllr Lawrence left the meeting]*

Press coverage was discussed and it was noted that it was important to ensure messaging was carefully managed both locally and with the press. It was AGREED that all press statements should be issued by the Clerk or on her instruction. No further FB statements were to be issued until after the departure of the Travellers.

**103/21/FC Date of Next Meeting**

Members noted the date of the next meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.40 hours

Signed .....

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021