



# Minutes – Full Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually at 7pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

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

**In attendance:** Tatiana Cant (Clerk), Rebecca Harrod (Finance Officer) and Laura Wright (Admin Officer)

### **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

### **Comments from Cornwall Councillors**

Cornwall Cllr Arthur reported that a planning application he had represented at Perrancombe PA21/02112 had been successfully defeated.

### **104/21/FC Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Lawrence who was unwell and Cllr Trevethan.

### **105/21/FC Declarations of interest and dispensations granted**

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

### **106/21/FC Minutes of Last Meeting**

Subject to minor amendments, the minutes of the last meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> July and 19<sup>th</sup> July were AGREED as a true and accurate record.

### **107/21/FC Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had no further updates.

### **108/21/FC Police and Crime Matters**

Cllr Bowers reported that there were no updates regarding any recent police and crime matters. The police had been unable to provide a presence during the removal of the Travellers due to resourcing constraints.

### **109/21/FC Street Marshals**

Cllr Bowers reported that following a request from the Parish Council, the street marshals now included Droskyn as part of their patrol. Their patrol time had also been extended to 1am on Fridays and Saturdays. Anti-social behaviour was reported to have decreased, and there had been no major incidents. The street marshals had reported that the 'No Alcohol' sign at the Boating Lake was not in the best position. It was agreed to investigate whether or not a Public Space Protection Order was required to be able to fully enforce the no

alcohol policy. Cllr Bowers also reported that at a recent CCTV management meeting, he had been informed that the Parish Council would receive a rebate for the camera on St. Georges Hill that had been out of action for 5-6 weeks during replacement of the lamp post. It was noted that regarding the theft of the bench in Bolenna Park there had been inconclusive evidence recorded to enable prosecution.

**Actions: Investigate and discuss with police requirement for PSPO – Parish Clerk, Cllr Higgins**

#### **110/21/FC Quotes for Beach Access Ramp**

Members considered two quotes received for repair works to the beach access ramp. It was AGREED for the Finance Officer to proceed with the company considered to provide the best responses relating to professional indemnity and timescales.

**Action: Commission works for repairs to beach access ramp – Finance Officer**

#### **111/21/FC Mine Cones at Droskyn**

Cllr Gaisford updated members on recent meetings with Cornwall Council and The Duchy of Cornwall regarding urgent repair works to a mine cone at Droskyn. Cornwall Council had erected a temporary fence but it was uncertain who was responsible for more permanent repair works. Further investigation would be needed before works were carried out. Members noted that there might be a cost to the Parish Council. Concern was expressed that any works undertaken could be considered a precedent and lead to the considerable expense of repairing many other such sites.

**Action: Investigate ownership and responsibility issues with Cornwall Council: - Cllr Arthur**

#### **112/21/FC New Bin at Sand Bay Flats**

Cllr Pentecost reported that after several complaints on social media, the Services Committee had requested a new bin be placed by the bridge access to the beach. A quote for a new bin had been shared prior to the meeting. Members AGREED to purchase a new bin with seagull proof flaps.

**Action: Order a new bin with seagull proof flaps – Admin Officer**

#### **113/21/FC EICR Remedial Works at the Gardeners Charities Premises**

It was noted that a power installation point was required to be sited in a connection box on the outside of the Gardeners Charities building to allow easy access. A quote received from AC Electrical and circulated to members prior to the meeting was AGREED.

#### **114/21/FC Legacy Payment for Goonhavern Park**

Members noted that a local resident had left monies in his will for works at Goonhavern Park and the gift had been accepted with thanks. Decisions on how to spend the money would be discussed at a future meeting. It had been suggested that a CCTV installation might constitute appropriate use of the monies but more research and consideration of the practical requirements was needed.

### **115/21/FC Appointment of New Solicitors**

Due to the retirement of the Parish Council's current solicitors, Bray Dilks, the Council needed to appoint a new company. The Finance Officer had arranged to visit Bray Dilks with archivist Carole Green to collect the council's deeds and any other key documentation. It was agreed to consider options and make recommendations for further consideration.

**Action: Investigate solicitor firms used by other Parish Councils – *Parish Clerk***

### **116/21/FC Platinum Jubilee Event June 2022**

Cllr Boston had sent a summary to members regarding the planning already underway for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event in June 2022. Large celebrations would be taking place throughout the country and events supported by the Big Lunch initiative which had started at the Eden Project would be taking place. It was agreed to form a working group of interested councillors and to work with other stakeholders in the community including the schools, churches and businesses.

### **117/21/FC Adoption and Review of Policies**

Members reviewed and AGREED to adopt the drafted Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy.

Members reviewed the previously adopted Communications and Media Policy and agreed that no amendments were required.

### **118/21/FC Report from Public Spaces Committee**

Cllr Gaisford had shared a comprehensive update prior to the meeting. The two broken mineshaft safety casings at Droskyn were to be replaced and the Duchy of Cornwall had agreed to provide danger signage. Two new life rings had arrived and met the specification of HM Coastguard. These would be sited at the Inner Green and at the Seiners. Cllrs Byfield and Gaisford had been fielding event requests. Regarding the skate park application, a dialogue was underway with an acoustics company who already had a working relationship with Cornwall Council. A costed proposal was awaited to carry out a further survey which would be acceptable to Cornwall Council officers.

It was agreed that all committee chairs would provide regular updates during the following few months when there were likely to be fewer committee meetings.

### **119/21/FC Report from Services Committee**

Cllr Pentecost had shared an update prior to the meeting. Members noted that two new containers were now in place at Cligga and that quotes were awaited for the removal of the old garage. Members also noted that the rubbish bins on the sea front were quickly becoming very full but that Viridor were unable to empty them more than once per week. The PACE group had continued to meet fortnightly online to discuss and agree the Action Plan which would be presented to members soon. The commissioned mural at the Healeys' site on St Piran's Road was almost complete. The total cost had run slightly over budget at £350 but the two local artists had offered their services on a voluntary basis.

### **120/21/ FC Report from the Finance and Operations Committee**

Several grant applications had been considered. The ticket machine was soon to be installed at Tywarnhayle Square to enforce the one-hour parking restriction. The committee had received a report from the archivist and had reviewed and adopted several council policies. A number of property issues had also been dealt with and the Tunes in the Dunes event scheduled for September had been approved. Event documentation for the last Bands in the Sands event had not been received in time to be assessed properly under the approval process. This is a large event and requires correct scrutiny. It was agreed that it was not an acceptable situation and must not be allowed to happen in the future.

### **121/21/FC 8 Boscawen Road Project**

Cllr Byfield informed members that the 8 Boscawen Road Working Group had now received a quote from the architects to rework and re-submit the plans to satisfy the concerns of the Planning Officer who had actively encouraged a re-submission. A fundraising officer who had offered to identify potential grants for the council to access had now withdrawn her services. Successful application to fundraising streams would allow a single storey structure to be built without the need for residential housing above and it was noted that this was likely to be considered a more attractive project by the community.

### **122/21/FC Update on Travellers in the Parish and Access Restriction Plans**

Cllr Boston reported that physical measures had been put in place since the departure of the Travellers to prevent their return. These temporary arrangements including the use of large boulders needed to be replaced with robust and appropriate permanent measures as quickly as possible, and these had already been identified and costed. Members AGREED that the group who had assembled on an emergency basis to deal with the latest incident should continue as the working group to deal with taking matters forward: Cllrs Boston, Bowers and Silvey and to approve a budget of £10,000 to purchase and implement the necessary measures.

### **123/21/FC KAPAR Contribution to Local Charity**

The bailiff company which had evicted the Travellers had presented their invoice. Their policy was to donate a percentage of all their client income to the charity of choice of the customer. After consideration members AGREED that they wished to nominate Perranporth Football Club if they were a registered charity. If this was not possible, Goonhavern Park Charity would receive the contribution.

### **124/21/FC Feedback from Parishioners Relating to Watering Hole Events**

The Clerk reported that she had received several strong complaints from local residents who were unhappy about the noise from the recent Bands in the Sands event and many also had concerns relating to the general tidiness of the area. It was noted that while some of these issues related to licensing and were therefore not under the jurisdiction of the council, some clearly were the responsibility of the council as the landlord. There was a fine balance to be achieved between maintaining a family friendly beach and unspoilt natural environment whilst also offering cultural attractions which many visitors enjoy. There had been frustrations relating to measures requested not being fully implemented

and a more robust management approach would help to prevent some of these problems. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to complainants to explain that the council was constantly monitoring approved events and was doing everything possible to ensure that events were conducted responsibly and generating limited nuisance for residents, and to explain that no events for 2022 had yet been approved. This response could also form a standard statement to be issued if future complaints were received.

**Action: Prepare a response/ statement to be issued to complainants – Parish Clerk**

## **125/21/FC Reports from Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies**

### **Tennis Club**

The Tennis Club would be considering securing the gate to their courts to prevent trespassers.

### **Surf Club**

There was no update from the Surf Club

### **Gardens Charities**

It was reported that the gardens were looking great and the staff were working very hard during the peak season.

### **Memorial Hall**

There had been four nights of successful shows with excellent Covid safety measures in place. There was no further update and the management committee had not met recently.

### **St Piran's Trust**

There was no update from the St Piran's Trust and no meeting date had been set.

### **Tree Warden**

Cllr Silvey had attended recent training on Ash Dieback.

### **School Governor**

Cllr Boston reported that Perranporth School had recently lost their Chair of Governors and that a replacement would take over from September. The school was now closed for summer holidays.

### **Community Network Panel**

Cllr Norrington informed members that they had received a schedule from Cormac of works to be carried out within the Parish in the near future. This included traffic calming measures and works to Station Road and Cliff Road, and details would be shared with the Highways group.

### **Neighborhood Development Plan**

Cllr Rogers informed members that a draft copy would be ready to circulate to members in 3 weeks' time.

**Highways Group**

Cllr Boston informed members that the group had not had the opportunity to meet recently due to other commitments. The group would work closely with representatives on the Community Network Panel to ensure there was no overlap.

**126/21/FC Correspondence from Clerk**

The Finance Officer informed members that she had commissioned an IT review audit of the office IT system. Cllr Byfield expressed his intention to join the meeting.

**127/21/FC Date of Next Meeting**

Members noted the date of the next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021