

Minutes – Full Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB at 7pm on 25th July 2022

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

In attendance: Tatiana Cant (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

Public Participation

Concerns were raised by local residents relating to pedestrian safety on Budnic Hill and a suggestion made to create a footpath down from Reen Lane and other measures to create better access and encourage more pedestrians and cyclists in line with the aspirations of the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan. Members of the public also spoke on the consultation relating to works at Station Road to include a shared cycleway and footpath which were felt to be very dangerous. Members agreed to discuss fully at the following Finance & Operations meeting in order to respond to the consultation and voice the council's concern.

146/22/FC Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Trevethan who had a personal commitment and the reasons were accepted by members.

147/22/FC Declarations of Interest and Dispensations Granted

Cllr Bowers declared a personal interest in the item relating to the appointment of a Property Manager and would leave the room for this item and Wyn Jones declared an interest in any items relating to the library.

148/22/FC Presentation on Community Hub

Sally Turner and Emma Rowse presented to members plans to create a community hub bringing together health and social care with multi-disciplinary teams to produce better outcomes. Members were invited to suggest ideas to support this venture and express any interest in being involved when the Steering Committee was set up. The Library Manager had already agreed to host pop-up events in the library and the Memorial Hall had offered to help. This provided an excellent opportunity for supporting people holistically and thinking about health and wellbeing differently so that people helped each other, to focus on prevention of ill health and to reduce the demand on the NHS. Hubs had already been established in other parts of the county and were proving to be great communication platforms to enable discussion of other issues and to hold relevant consultation events. Members commented that the proposed community facility in Boscawen Road would be a good venue to provide support and that the council would be content to share social media posts and to continue to monitor and support the venture.

149/22/FC Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27th June were AGREED as a true and accurate record.

150/22/FC Report from Cornwall Councillors

There were no Cornwall Council reports.

151/22/FC Callestick Cemetery Report

Members noted that the Methodist property trustee group had been in contact and were drawing up terms for consideration. Scott & Co would be conducting the quinquennial inspection of the cemetery the following day and the Clerk had arranged to meet them on site. He would also carry out the Quantity Surveyor Report and the valuation would be used as the basis to progress the disposal. The cemetery would be added to the council's Risk Register.

152/22/FC Dates for Tunes in the Dunes and Bands in the Sands Events

The Watering Hole had submitted revised dates to avoid major holidays. The following dates were AGREED:

Bands in the Sands: 17-18 September 2022 (3 abstentions) Bond: £5,000 and associated paperwork to be received by: 31st Aug. All event infrastructure to be sited within the leased area.

Tunes in the Dunes: 13-14 May 2023 (1 abstention)

153/22/FC Reports from Committees

Finance & Operations Committee

Cllr Byfield reported that the committee had been working through a number of issues relating to operations and activities at the Watering Hole and that it was important to ensure that the boundaries of future events were well managed. The committee had also reviewed a number of policies and some of the key documents required further editing and formatting. The paperwork had been completed for the Wheal Leisure site.

Public Spaces Committee

Cllr Gaisford reported that the committee had developed and Events and Filming Policy and set appropriate rates. A new checklist would make it easier for office staff to decide whether an event could be automatically agreed or refused or needed to be taken to committee for consideration. Irrigation of the Inner Green had helped to establish the grass and more seed would be sown in September. The benches were to be reinstated soon with recycled bases to limit damage to the surface and signs were to be installed to encourage dogs to be on leads. It was agreed that around half the space could be opened to the public soon. There had been a spate of graffiti around the parish including many of the bins. This would be cleared off as resources allowed and mentioned to the police.

Services Committee

Cllr Lawrence reported that two new bins had been sourced: one each for Bolenna Park and Goonhavern Park. There had been problems with two footpaths but this had been addressed. Road sweeping had been completed at the Budnic Road end of the village and works would be completed up St. George's Hill. This needed to be undertaken every four months. She would be visiting Cligga with Cllr Reynolds to assess the requirement for additional bins and signage relating to dogs.

Staffing Committee

Cllr Lawrence reported that a new Admin Officer had been appointed: Susan Brooks. She had experience of clerking in Cheshire and enjoyed working in the sector. She was currently working at Cornwall Council and had given 1 month's notice. She lived in Newquay and would be working 3 days per week.

154/22/FC Reports/Updates

Outside Bodies:

Tunes in the Dunes Meeting - Cllr Bowers reported that a meeting had taken place the previous week with relevant stakeholders including representatives from the Watering Hole and the police to consider ways to improve the provision of facilities in the village for 2023. Matters discussed included signage, location of waiting taxis, additional toilets, the police presence, street marshals, increased rubbish bin provision and buses. Any members with ideas to contribute on these issues should forward them to the Clerk.

Gardens Trustees Meeting - Cllr Byfield reported that the Gardens Charities had agreed to work with the relevant charity to install a Refill drinking water foundation in their car park. They also intended to upgrade their toilet facilities for disabled users, possibly with a Changing Places unit.

Police Liaison Group Meeting - Cllr Bowers reported that there had been a slight increase in crime in the area. Suspects relating to local burglaries had been arrested. The police were trialling the use of 3 ebikes. Other communities had set up Speedwatch Teams and it would be possible for Perranzabuloe to do likewise if the community so wished.

Memorial Hall - Cllr Wyn Jones reported that the Memorial Hall was holding a social night on 17th September and invited members to form a quiz team.

NDP – The formal consultation stage for the Neighborhood Development Plan had finished. The team continued to work through the comments received from residents and statutory consultees to make the required adjustments. This was a lengthy process.

155/22/FC Correspondence from Clerk

There was no correspondence requiring attention.

156/22/FC Exclusion of Press and Public

Members AGREED to exclude the press and public, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business.

157/22/FC Property Management of the Watering Hole

Cllr Bowers reported on a meeting held the previous week with the Watering Hole to discuss actions previously agreed by the council; additional benches not covered in the supplementary lease, [Cllr Silvey left the meeting], use of containers, ice cream van and location of kitchen bins. It was expected that relevant discussions would continue with the input of the Property Manager.

[Cllrs Boston and Bowers left the meeting.]

158/22/FC Property Management Arrangements

Members noted that the council had been reminded by the Internal Auditor of its obligation to review property management arrangements periodically and had not done so for some time. Cllr Byfield described the tender and interview process and remarked that this had highlighted some matters that the council needed to be aware of but did not currently have in place. The council was very grateful to Simon Dowling who had been managing the property portfolio for several years and had significantly increased income and established good relationships with the tenants. Members considered the options including the experience and rates of candidates and AGREED unanimously to appoint Chris Waters from Charterwood Chartered Surveyors & Commercial Property Consultants to take over the Property Manager role. Mr Waters knew the area well and also provided similar services to town councils in Padstow and St. Ives. A full list of disbursements would be obtained. Members wished to thank Mr Dowling for his considerable services to the council over many years.

159/22/FC Date of Next Meeting

Members noted the date of the next meeting: Monday 22nd August

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.27pm.

Signed

Date: 22nd August 2022