



Minutes – Full Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB at 7pm on 26th September 2022

Present: Cllrs Arthur (Chair), Boston, Bowers, Byfield, Gaisford, Higgins, Pentecost, Silvey, Trevethan, White and Wyn Jones

In attendance: Tatiana Cant (Clerk), Karen Lovell (police)

Members of the Council observed a minute's silence to honour the recent loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Karen Lovell, recently appointed police officer to Perranporth, introduced herself to members and answered questions on local policing matters. Newly appointed to Perranporth, she and her team were undertaking multi-agency work to support the community including liaising with the youth offending team and social services and had been proactively visiting 'people of interest'. They would be promoting the DC Alert System which facilitated reporting of rural and vehicle crime, and intended to visit the local businesses. The Parish Council could support the police by encouraging people to report incidents using official mechanisms.

Representatives from Cornwall Wildlife Trust gave a presentation on works at Nansmellyn Marsh. The bird hide had been subject to arson attacks on several occasions and the boardwalk installed had suffered from the advance of sediment. A new boardwalk was proposed in a different location and the removal of some woodland to provide viewing areas. Green and Blue had helped significantly and had made financial contributions and over £2,000 had been raised via the Co-op Community Cause. Further funding sources including the possibility of applying for S.106 funds were proposed by members and the parish council's grant application form would be sent to the group.

Public Participation

A local resident expressed concern that part of his land had been designated as a local green space on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. This would be discussed with the NDP Steering Group to obtain clarification and the Chair of the group would be asked to attend a forthcoming meeting to discuss.

171/22/FC Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Lawrence who was unwell and from Cllrs Reynolds, Rogers and Yeo who had family commitments and the reasons were accepted by members.

172/22/FC Declarations of Interest and Dispensations Granted

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

173/22/FC Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd August were AGREED as a true and accurate record.

174/22/FC Report from Cornwall Councillors

There were no reports from Cornwall Councillors. In response to an enquiry regarding the proposed new school, Cornwall Cllr Arthur reported that there was no updated information available.

175/22/FC Letter of Condolence to Royal Family

Members unanimously AGREED to write a letter of condolence to the King on the death of Her Majesty .

176/22/FC Preferred Highways Schemes

Members considered options for Highways schemes to be forwarded to the Community Network Panel for approval and AGREED to proceed with: Option 1 – Safe crossing/s and traffic calming measures at Liskey Hill and Option 2: Safe crossing/s and traffic calming at St. George’s Hill.

177/22/FC Budget for PACE Volunteers Event

Cllr Pentecost informed members that she wished to hold a celebration to thank volunteers who had been working hard to support several projects in the parish during the last year including body board collection and recycling, tree and bulb planting, hosting a Spring Into Action event and planning other projects. She felt this would be an opportunity to acknowledge the enthusiasm and hard work of local residents and build connections and momentum for the future. Members considered an initial suggestion of a £700 budget and AGREED a revised budget of £250 to host an event in the Memorial Hall. Consideration would be given in the future to options for celebrating the contributions of volunteers from different organisations and demonstrating the appreciation of the community.

178/22/FC Response to Closure of Cornwall Fire & Rescue’s Critical Control Centre Team

A communication had been received from a concerned employee of Cornwall Fire & Rescue’s Critical Control Centre Team. Members AGREED to write a letter to express their serious concern regarding these proposals due to the potential delay in responses and loss of local knowledge.

179/22/FC Reports from Committees

Finance & Operations Committee

Cllr Byfield reported that the Finance & Operations committee had met and given attention to the Bands in the Sands event to ensure arrangements met the council’s requirements with the assistance of the Property Manager. Further policies had been approved and concerns addressed relating to enforcement of the car park. Options would be considered for alternative enforcement arrangements in the future. Proposals would also be discussed regarding dimming of streetlights and the switchover to LED lamps. It had been confirmed that the handyman’s role now came under the remit of this committee.

Public Spaces Committee

Cllr Gaisford reported that the Public Spaces Committee had not met due to the period of national mourning but provided an update on activities. Some events and filming requests had been approved by email. Discussions were to take place regarding setting up a system to deal with the removal of abandoned tents in the dunes.

Services Committee

Cllr Lawrence was not present and there had been no recent committee meeting.

Staffing Committee

Cllr Boston reported that staff appraisals had all been successfully completed and would be taking place on an annual basis. Responsibility for the handyman had been transferred to the Finance & Operations Committee. In response to a question regarding the membership of the committee which had not changed at the Annual Meeting in order to maintain continuity while dealing with ongoing issues, it was confirmed that a final review of the situation was scheduled to take place before the end of October, and that the committee membership could then be considered.

180/22/FC Reports/Updates

Working Groups:

Inner Green – Further reseeded had recently been undertaken but there was significant weed growth. Members agreed to keep the current fencing in place and to treat the Green with non-glyphosate weed killer in phases and in conjunction with further reseeded.

Goonhavern Pump Track – The pump track at Goonhavern Park had not been fully completed due to difficulties with supplies of concrete. Completion was now expected by early October. An inspection would then be carried out by RoSPA once works were completed. Landscaping had already been carried out. Cllr Silvey to ensure the banks of the structure were seeded or turfed.

Outside Bodies:

NDP – Work on the consultation responses for the Neighbourhood Development Plan were reaching completion and advice had been sought from Cornwall Council regarding some of these. This could cause some delay in finalising the process.

[Cllr Silvey left the meeting.]

Memorial Hall

Cllr Wyn Jones reported that a meeting scheduled for users of the hall had been cancelled.

Street Marshals

Cllr Bowers reported that the street marshals had now finished patrolling Perranporth and that there had been a noticeable reduction in anti-social behaviour over the last season.

181/22/FC Correspondence from Clerk

A further query had been received relating to potential concessions regarding works to Station Road and installation of cycle racks. Clarity would be sought from the Project Principal.

The exposed cable on the path by the Golf Club was discussed. It was agreed that the handyman should assess and potentially cover with slabs to prevent further problems.

A letter had been received from a Goonhavern resident expressing concern regarding the new pump track. The Clerk would respond to explain that this had been constructed under permitted development regulations for parish councils, and the Chairman would also discuss with him.

The Clerk confirmed that she had completed the Expression of Interest form for the Shared Prosperity Fund in relation to the 8 Boscawen Road project and had received an acknowledgement and a lengthy application form. She would be seeking assistance from members to complete this form.

082/22/F&O Confidential Session

Members AGREED to exclude members of the public and press due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

083/22/F&O Recommendation from F&O Committee regarding Watering Hole planning application

Members considered a recommendation from the Finance & Operations Committee regarding a current planning application by the Watering Hole, and AGREED not to allow the works as currently proposed due to the encroachment beyond the leased area.

184/22/FC Date of Next Meeting

Members noted the date of the next meeting: Monday 24th October

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

Signed

Date: 24th October 2022