



Minutes – Full Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth, TR6 0DB at 7pm on 24th April 2023

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

In attendance: Tatiana Cant (Clerk)

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

040/23/FC Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Trevethan and Wyn Jones who were unwell and Cllr White who had a personal commitment and the reasons were accepted by members.

041/23/FC Declarations of Interest and Dispensations Granted

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

042/23/FC Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27th March 2023 were AGREED as a true and accurate record.

043/23/FC Reports from Cornwall Councillors

Cllr Arthur reported that he had been applying pressure for repairs to be carried out on the Goonhavern / Perranporth road.

044/23/FC Street Lighting Strategy

Members received a recommendation from the street lighting group and AGREED to prepare full costings regarding installation of timers in order to make a fully informed decision. Residents in the trial areas would be informed of progress.

045/23/FC EV Tariff

Item referred to F&O Committee.

046/23/FC Broken CCTV Camera

Item referred to F&O Committee.

047/23/FC Use of 8 Boscawen Road external wall space

Cllr Pentecost had received a request from businesses to use the external wall space of 8 Boscawen Road over the summer season for advertising purposes. It was AGREED not to proceed with this option for the exterior use of the building.

048/23/FC Mining Chimney update

The mining chimney at Ponsmere Valley had been inspected the previous week and a full report was awaited. It was noted that the initial comments had confirmed that the chimney was structurally safe but would require some remedial works to the pointing.

049/23/FC Potholes at Ponsmere Valley

Item referred to F&O Committee.

050/23/FC Potholes at Cligga

Item referred to F&O Committee.

051/23/FC Treatment of Japanese Knotweed

Members considered options for treating the Japanese Knotweed which was spreading in Goonhavern Park. The area had been fully fenced to minimise spread. Cornwall Council had been notified of the presence of the invasive species and had conducted a site visit to confirm. They would be providing a quote for treatment with Roundup (glyphosate) herbicide. There was discussion relating to the safety of using glyphosate although this was being used in extremis by Exmoor National Park and the Wildlife Trust. Thermo-electric treatment was another possibility but options were not fully proven to be effective and further due diligence would be undertaken on potential providers. The matter would be taken forward at the next Public Spaces meeting.

052/23/FC Budnic Road Scheme

The 80m stretch of hedge beside the road needed to be trimmed back before the road safety works could be carried out. A quote had been sought to establish the presence/absence of bird nesting before the hedge could be trimmed. Road closures might be required. These works would need to be coordinated with Cormac's roadworks and members felt it would be best for this all to be carried out after the bird nesting season and busy summer period.

053/23/FC Coastal erosion of sea wall

All information relating to the condition of the sea wall by the Seiners Arms and correspondence had been lodged with the insurance company and had been passed to the loss adjuster who had been appointed to the council. This would be chased to establish the council's legal and financial position as soon as possible. Further correspondence had been received that day from the solicitors operating on behalf of the Wellington Pub Co, owners of the Seiners Arms and this would also be forwarded to the council's insurers.

054/23/FC Update on gabions by Inner Green

It was noted that there was still uncertainty related to liability for the maintenance of the gabions by the Inner Green. A Deed of Easement had been drafted in 2017 but no signed copy had been located. The Clerk had been in correspondence with the management company of the Dunes property in August 2022 who stated that according to their lease documentation there was no indication that they were obliged to repair the gabions. This would be followed up by further efforts to locate documentation in the archives, potentially contacting Nigel Fenton and making further contact with the management company, Penina.

055/23/FC CAB Information

Members noted recent correspondence received from Citizens Advice Bureau detailing the advice provided by the organisation to residents of the parish.

056/23/FC Reports from Committees**Finance & Operations Committee**

Cllr Bowers reported on the discussions at the last meeting including grants applications approved for Imagine If and the Carnival.

Public Spaces Committee

Cllr Gaisford reported on the discussions at the last meeting including the Bolenna Park building, position of surf school tents, wire protruding on the beach, reseeding patches of the Inner Green, Bolenna Park fence issues and imminent conclusion of the skate park planning permission process.

Services Committee

Cllr Lawrence reported that the drawings for the Droskyn toilet block were awaited and that all bins, toilets and weed management was in hand.

Staffing Committee

Cllr Lawrence reported that the applications for Beach Officers had been shortlisted and interviews would be taking place on Friday of that week.

057/23/FC Reports/Updates

Working Groups:

Highways Group –

Cllr Bowers noted that Cllr Wyn Jones had replaced Cllr Boston on the group. Some tarmac had been laid on Station Road by the Saints Trail and double lining had been carried out. It was hoped that works to Droskyn would be taking place soon.

PACE

Cllr Pentecost reported that the Spring Into Action event the previous weekend had been very successful with over 200 people attending and 50 attendees for the talk. Over 300 trees had been given away as well as seedlings and the garden design competition for outside the parish council office had received several entries, all of which had been deemed winners.

Outside Bodies:

NDP

Cllr Rogers reported that the group was working through and responding to the latest round of comments, and that the plan should soon be ready to present to the parish council. He referred to the recent briefing by consultant, Stuart Todd and hoped that this had been well received.

Community Network Panel

Cllr Yeo reported that the inaugural meeting of the new panel would be taking place at Chyanhale on 20th July. Members would need to elect representatives at the annual meeting of the parish council in May.

Gardens Charities

Cllr Byfield reported that there would be a meeting the following week.

Perranporth School

Cllr Reynolds reported that he would be attending a meeting the following week.

058/23/FC Items of Correspondence

Members noted a card of thanks received from the His Majesty King Charles III in relation to a message of condolence sent to him by the parish council regarding the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

059/23/FC Date of Next Meeting

Members noted the date of the next meeting: Monday 22nd May 2023.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46pm.

Signed

Date: 22nd May 2023