



MINUTES

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 30th January at 7.00pm in The Gilbert Hall Nancledra

PRESENT: Mr Kevin Hughes (Chairman), Mr Jon Brookes (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Judith Evans, Mr Geoff Hollow, Mr Leslie Hollow, Mrs Annie Philip **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Fiona Drew (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Ellen & Ed Carter and Julie Campbell were present. Ellen Carter gave the Council an update on the PCC's stance on the Car Park, invited Councillors to join the Church for pancakes in the Gilbert Hall on 13th February, and asked permission for the Church to use Cledry Meadow again for their summer fete. The Chairman agreed to put this on the next agenda. She also spoke, as a resident, about the damage to the fingerpost, complimented the Council on the work they had done to restore it last year and said they would be happy to help in any way for fundraising.

The meeting opened at 7.10pm.

1. APOLOGIES: Mr David Carr, PCSO Terry Webb and Mrs Mary Shead.

2. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY & OTHER INTERESTS, RELATING TO ANY AGENDA ITEM: The Chairman declared interests as the Councillor for St Ives Town Council West Ward for the Conservative Party, representative for St Ives Town Council on the Coastal Communities Forum, representative for St Ives Town Council on Penwith Rural Transport Forum, representative on St Ives in December, serves on two of the Council's Committees – Community and Environment Committee & Grievance and Disciplinary Panel, and as a Councillor of Zennor Parish Council. The Chairman also sits on a quarterly advisory group for the MP, Derek Thomas and Chairs the Dark Skies Policy Group. The Vice-Chairman is Vice-Chair of the Dark Skies Group, Chairman of Zennor Parish Council and on the Executive Committee of the Penwith Landscape Partnership.

3. DETERMINATION OF REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 19TH DECEMBER 2017: The minutes, previously circulated, were amended as shown, then taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

a) Electoral Review: The Clerk read out the letter that had been sent to the LGBCE.

b) Church Road Car Park: Ellen Carter confirmed that the PCC were contacting the Church's legal department and would be submitting an application for reinstatement of ownership. It was **agreed** to put this item on the next agenda.

c) Penderleath Road: The Clerk confirmed that letters had been sent to the landowners as agreed at the last meeting. Councillor G Hollow **agreed** to follow up next month and see if the work had been done and report back to the February meeting.

d) Wheal Buzzy: Nothing to report at present.

6. CHAIRMAN'S DIARY & STATEMENT: The Chairman attended Zennor's meeting on 9th January where the phone mast issue was still ongoing. He also attended the first Police Liaison Group on 24th January representing Towednack, Zennor & St Ives, for which a report had been circulated to all Councillors. He was due to attend Zennor's meeting on 6th February and St Ives on 14th February.

7. POLICE MATTERS:

a) Report: The Clerk read out the Police Report supplied by PCSO Webb showing six crimes in the previous month. The Report is attached as an Appendix to the minutes.

8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS: Councillor Evans had attend the Gilbert Hall Trustees meeting. Items discussed included an extra coffee morning to help fundraise for the fingerpost, the wall in the Hall possibly being changed into doors that could be opened up for big functions, additional training for the eleven VET people, the Hall being deep cleaned professionally and the accounts were reported in good order.

9. PLANNING:

a) Applications: PA17/10854 Proposal: Application for planning permission for 3 yurts for holiday use with two removable shower pods. Location: Woonsmith Farm, Nancledra. Applicant: Alan Roberts. Following a discussion Councillor G Hollow **proposed** that the Council support the application on the proviso that a covenant was included that no more than three yurts could be put up and that this couldn't be expanded at a later date. The proposal was **seconded** by the Chairman and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to notify Planning accordingly.

b) Decisions: None

c) Appeals: None

d) Pre -apps: None

e) Unauthorised Planning: PA17/EN01687: The Clerk read out an email from Cornwall Council querying if the caravan in question was now being used as a let. The Councillors confirmed that it wasn't and it was **agreed** that the Clerk would notify Cornwall Council accordingly.

f) Planning Conference for Local Councils: It was **agreed** that Councillor Philip would attend this on 27th February on behalf of the Council.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a) Georgia Sign: The Chairman confirmed that this had finally been replaced by Cornwall Council.

b) Fingerpost Cold Harbour Corner: The Chairman reported that sadly this had been damaged between Christmas and New Year. Due to the damage caused it looked like it had been deliberate. It had been reported to the Police but they had no leads. The cost to repair the damaged finger is £790 + VAT. The Chairman said that people were keen to help and donate and the idea of setting up a Crowdfunding page was discussed. The Clerk confirmed that she was attending a free training session on this next week. The Chairman **proposed** setting up a Crowdfunding page at the end of February setting a target of £400, which, if raised, the Council would match fund. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor G Hollow and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to set up a Crowdfunding page and once set up, put the link on the Facebook page and put a piece in the next Cledry Calling. Councillor Evans suggested a bingo evening and it was agreed to put this on the next agenda.

11. VILLAGE MATTERS:

a) Car Parking: The Chairman reported that only three responses had been received, which had been circulated previously to all Councillors. A short discussion took place and the Chairman **proposed** to take no further action as there was not enough interest from the parishioners for the Council to do anything further. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor G Hollow and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to include this decision and why it had been taken in the next Council article for Cledry Calling due out in early March. A discussion then took place regarding access to Cledry Meadow and the ongoing problem that people were parking in front of the locked posts. Councillor G Hollow **proposed** moving the locked posts further out to alleviate access problems for all to the Meadow. The proposal was **seconded** by the Chairman and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** Councillor G Hollow to move the posts further out.

b) CCLT: The Clerk read out emails received from Andrew George & CCLT. Following a discussion on how to move forward, the Chairman **proposed** setting up a sub-committee in an advisory capacity, chaired by Councillor Evans. Its Terms of Reference would be to look at all options available in more detail and report back to future Council meetings. Councillor Evans to decide the make-up of the sub-committee, which could include Non-Councillors. The proposal was **seconded** by the Vice-Chairman and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** Councillor Evans to set up an advisory sub-committee and report back at future meetings as required.

12. FOOTPATH MATTERS:

a) Footpath 14: The Clerk reported that there had been an issue relating to signage on Footpath 14. Thanks to Councillor Evans assistance this had now been passed on to Hamish Gordon, the Countryside Officer, who would be visiting Mr Hodder to sort out additional signage.

b) South West Coast Path: The Clerk had previously circulated an email from the Coastal Access team at Natural England regarding improvements to public access along the SW Coastal Path between Newquay and Penzance. Following a brief discussion, the Vice-Chairman **proposed** that the Council respond favourably to Natural England's proposals. The proposal was **seconded** by the Chairman and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to email Natural England with the Council's support. Discussion then took place regarding the path on the Zennor / Towednack border west of Roswell Hill. The Vice-Chairman kindly offered, on behalf of Zennor Council, that he would organize for this to be cut at the same time as the path on the Zennor side, probably in early May.

13. DARK SKIES UPDATE: The Chairman reported that it had recently been voted to try and get royal patronage for this and he was about to write to the Duchess of Cornwall to see if she would become the patron for the Dark Skies bid for West Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly. If she agreed, this would give the proposal additional weight, and hopefully the proposal will be submitted to the Dark Skies Community by the spring.

14. GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES & THEIR LOCAL IMPACT: The Vice-Chairman led a discussion on plastic usage locally and believes that the Council should show leadership and responsibility in these matters. With the effects of plastics, global warming, litter etc. it would be good if the Council could adopt an environmentally friendly stance and support Penzance in their aim to become the first plastic free town. Any pressure is important however small.

15. ACCOUNTS:

a) Summary of month's accounts: These were circulated and are attached as an Appendix to the minutes. Invoices totaling £299.90 were approved for payment.

b) External Auditors: The Clerk confirmed that new External Auditors PKF Littlejohn had been appointed. She had taken part in a webinar hosted by them last week and would be attending a training session on 1st March to ensure she was familiar with any changes required for the accounts.

c) Cledry Meadow Accounts: The Clerk reported that she had updated the Trustees of Cledry Meadow to include all Councillors, and had completed the Charity Commission Annual Return for 2016-17. Although a nil return, it still had to legally be completed by 31st January each year.

16. REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS: A number of Councillors had to update their forms to include their addresses under the Land section. These had now been updated and the Clerk would return them to Cornwall Council.

17. CLERK'S TRAINING: The Clerk reported that she was due to attend a number of training sessions in February and March. This would increase her hours considerably and the Chairman **proposed** paying the Clerk for these additional hours, pro rata with Zennor as previously agreed. The proposal was **seconded** by the Vice-Chairman and **carried unanimously**. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to keep a record of any additional hours worked and invoice the Council at the end of March.

18. CORRESPONDENCE: CALC newsletters and Safer Cornwall newsletters as previously circulated.

a) Cornwall Wildlife Trust: The Clerk had previously circulated an email from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust regarding their Hayle Estuary Nitrate Reduction Project. They had asked to come and explain the project in more detail to the Council and it was **agreed** to see if they could come at 6.30pm before either the February or March meeting.

b) Cruse Bereavement Care Cornwall: Not applicable due to the Council's policy on donations.

c) Letter from Jim Wood: The Chairman read out a letter received from Mr Wood. This was for information only as it was not a Council matter and was being passed on to Hamish Gordon. The Chairman asked the Clerk to copy in Mr Roberts & Mr Thomas to this response.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 27th February 2018.

20. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Councillors to contact the Clerk no later than Monday 19th February with items they wish to be included.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____