



MINUTES

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 26th January 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

1. PRESENT: Geoffrey Hollow (Vice-Chairman, Chairing the meeting), Mr Jonathan Brookes, Mr David Carr, Mr Leslie Hollow, Mrs Annie Philip, Mrs Jenni Thomas-Davey **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Emily Fraser (Clerk), Cllr Andrew Mitchell (County Councillor) **APOLOGIES:** Mrs Judith Evans (Chair), PCSO Terry Webb

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY & OTHER INTERESTS, RELATING TO ANY AGENDA ITEM, AND TO DETERMINE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION WHERE APPLICABLE

Councillor Brookes is Chairman of Zennor Parish Council, on the Executive Committee of the Penwith Landscape Partnership and on the Dark Skies Policy Group.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (restricted to agenda items only)

There were six members of the public present.

Representatives of Nancledra Pre-School raised the financial difficulties that the pre-school was facing as a result of COVID-19. The pre-school had been closed throughout the first lockdown and had used almost all of their financial reserves. A further closure in December as a result of a positive COVID test within the nursery had created further financial pressure. Despite the government requiring early years settings to remain open during January, attendance was still down resulting in a significant drop in private fees. Families were experiencing financial pressures but furlough and home working had also reduced the need for pre-school and wrap around care. The pre-school had applied for grant support from Cornwall Council but would still need to find funding for the remainder of their operating costs to September (approximately £4000) when they hoped they would be able to operate as normal.

Following a proposal from Cllr Brookes, it was **AGREED unanimously to bring forward part of the discussion on the Item 9b Nancledra Pre-School.**

Cllr Hollow asked about plans to purchase the building where the pre-school currently operated. A pre-school representative explained that grant funding was being pursued through a bid writer in order to raise funds to purchase the building outright. However, it was an ongoing project which was separate to the current financial challenge.

Cllr Carr asked if a bounceback loan had been considered. A representative from the pre-school said that this had been considered but the management committee had not felt comfortable taking on this ongoing liability given their current financial position.

Cllr Andrew Mitchell reported that he had agreed to donate £500 to the pre-school from his Community Chest fund. The pre-school representatives reported that they had set up a community fundraising initiative which had raised over £1000 in donations from the public. A discussion followed on ways to further publicise the fundraiser.

A member of the public then updated the Council on the Community Kitchen Project. This was funded by DEFRA and would provide free hot meals from three village halls in West Cornwall. The Gilbert Hall had been chosen as one of

the venues for the project. The initiative was not means tested and was open to anyone that felt they could benefit. Volunteer drivers had been recruited from the community and a professional chef had been employed to cook the meals. Councillors were urged to pass this opportunity on to anyone that could benefit from the scheme.

A member of the public provided an update on church matters. Towednack Church would be open for private worship from 2-4pm on Wednesdays and 11-1 on Sundays. Revd Elizabeth Foot would be providing a short service on the first and third Sunday of each month at Towednack and on the second and fourth Sunday at Zennor Church.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 22nd December 2021

It was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the minutes were a true and accurate record of this meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

None.

6. PLANNING

a) Applications

i) PA20/01327 | Conversion and Extension of Outbuilding to Form Annexe and Associated Works | Lower Penderleath Road Between Penderleath Common And Penderleath TR26 3AF

A discussion took place on the latest amendments to the application since the last time it had been considered. The Council noted that the applicant appeared to have attempted to respond to concerns about water and sewerage by removing the bathroom facilities from the most recently revised plans. Councillors questioned whether the intended use of this development would be practical with these facilities removed.

Councillors expressed concerns about over development in the Penderleath area given that it was in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Concerns also remained about the availability of parking in the area and the additional pressure further development would create in the area.

It was suggested that if permission were granted by Cornwall Council, a condition be put in place to ensure the annex remained subservient to the principle dwelling and could not be sold separately at a later date.

A vote was held and **there were three votes in favour of objecting to the proposal. There was one vote in favour of supporting the proposal and one abstention.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would **OBJECT** to the application for the reasons given above.

ii) PA20/08595 | Erection of a house in replacement of a lawful domestic caravan (revised scheme) | Embla Vein Road From Sweet Water Trout Farm To Embla Amalveor TR26 3AG

Following a brief discussion, Councillors noted the adjustments to the proposal and expressed their support for the application. It was **RESOLVED unanimously to support the application.**

b) Decisions: None

c) Appeals: None

d) Pre-apps: None

e) To consider any other planning matter received at or before the start of the meeting

i) PA21/00065 | Demolition of Existing Dwelling & Construction of New Dwelling & Associated Works | The Lodge Access Track To Mount Amalebrea Nancledra TR20 8LQ

It was noted that the proposed site was in Ludgvan parish but Councillors had requested the opportunity to discuss the application as it was in Nancledra and close to the current parish boundary. It was **AGREED** that the Council would **not offer any response to this application.**

Cllr Brookes raised the issue of burning of waste material in the Amalveor area. The Clerk advised that this was a matter for Environmental Health rather than planning. It was **AGREED** that **Cllr Brookes**

would pass on further information to enable the Clerk to report to Environmental Health as appropriate.

7. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a) Chairman's Report

None.

b) Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr Andrew Mitchell confirmed that he had agreed to offer Nancledra Pre-School £500 from his Community Chest Fund.

He reported that the decision to hold G7 in Carbis Bay had caused concern about the health and safety of Cornish residents in the context of COVID-19. There was no doubt that the event itself would be an imposition on residents. It would also be important to ensure that the legacy was the one that Cornwall wanted as there were already big problems with over crowding in certain parts of the county during the summer months.

c) Any Other Councillor Reports

None.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented the updated Action Tracker.

The Clerk reported that the precept request for 2021/22 had been submitted to Cornwall Council as per the agreement at the last meeting. An invoice had also been sent to Cornwall Council for the 20/21 LMP and SWCP grant.

9. PARISH MATTERS

a) Community Shop Update

Cllr Thomas-Davy reported that the Community Shop had been offered a space in the Gilbert Hall for 6 months and that the Trustees of the Hall were happy to consider them as long term tenants.

It was **AGREED** that the Council would not pursue getting legal advice regarding the use of Cledry Meadow for the time being.

b) Nancledra Pre-School

There was a discussion about using powers granted to the Council under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to offer a grant to Nancledra Pre-School to assist with their operating costs to September 2021. Councillors acknowledged that the pre-school represented an important community asset. The Clerk advised that underspends on staff training, path cutting and the christmas tree could be vired to make it possible to offer a grant of £400 without exceeding the Council's agreed budget for 20/21.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that a grant of £400 would be made to Nancledra Pre-School.

c) Church Road Repairs

Cllr Hollow reported that his initial enquiries had indicated that patching the potholes on Church Road would cost approximately £1500. He anticipated that this would be a yearly spend unless the road received a full resurface. A full resurface was estimated to cost just over £7000.

Councillors discussed the possibility of a full resurface and whether this would represent better value for money for the tax payer over the long term rather than having to pay annually for repairs.

It was **AGREED** that further quotes would be sought for both patch repairs and for a full resurface. It was further **AGREED** that the Clerk would look at the agreed budget for 2021/22 and come back to a future meeting with a proposal on how funding for a full resurface might be achieved and indicative timescales.

d) Community Kitchen Project

The Council noted the initiative and congratulated all involved.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To receive a summary of accounts and approve invoices for payment

A summary of accounts was circulated and is attached as an Appendix to the minutes. Receipts of £90 to the General Account were **approved**. Payments totaling £473.82 were **approved** for payment from the General Account. Payments of £18 were **approved** from the Cemetery Account.

11. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

a) Community Network Highways Fund - Expression of Interest

Noted.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) To note action taken following issues reported, at or since the last meeting

The Clerk reported that the mud on the road between Coldharbour and Nancledra School and flooding at Penderleath had been reported to Highways as per the agreement at the last meeting but no response had been received to date.

b) To consider any other highway issues that require reporting

None.

13. CEMETERY MATTERS

14. FOOTPATH MATTERS

a) To note any issues that have been reported

It was noted that the fingerpost sign for footpath 119/37/4 was down and needed replacing. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would follow up on this for replacement or repair as appropriate.

15. DARK SKIES

Cllr Brookes reported that the 45 day notice had been submitted and the survey phase was now taking place.

16. POLICE REPORT

There were no crimes to report in this period.

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Items suggested for the next agenda were G7 and ideas for improving and increasing community use of Cledry Meadow.

Councillors to contact the Clerk no later than Monday 15th February 2021 with any further items they wish to be included.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____

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