



MINUTES

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 28th November 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Gilbert Hall, Nancladra.

1. PRESENT: Mr Geoffrey Hollow (Chair), Mrs Annie Philip (Vice Chair), Mr Stephen Carter, Mr Jon Brookes, Mrs Jenni Thomas-Davy and Mr Neil Hodder. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Michael Mills (Clerk) **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC 9 APOLOGIES** – Ms Sarah Holberry-Byrom and Mr Andrew Mitchell (Cornwall councillor)

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

None.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (restricted to agenda items only)

A number of the members of the public were concerned with the Pre app for telecommunications mast at Crippleseat (PA23/01299). The Parish Council had not been officially notified of the application and it was not a planning application at this stage. However the Chairman agreed to accept details from members of the public which would be kept for use when the planning application was submitted.

Comments made included the following. The area on either side is an area of outstanding natural beauty. A large concrete base and mast would be a blot on the landscape. Early discussion with the community should have been encouraged to take place. However as with the previous application there has been no communication. The suggested location is in the wrong place. One resident had a shepherds Hut close by and also a private garden nearby. In addition to the mast there are already 8 electric poles on the road. This is not helpful for an area of AONB. Nothing seems to have changed from the previous application and if anything this site is more visible. The applicant seems to be taking the cheapest option but they need to find a solution. The site may have been chosen simply because no access road is necessary. There were different examples of solutions being found for sensitive sites. Crippleseat was not the area with the greatest coverage problem. It was questionable whether there was a need for this.

It was agreed that the parish council would write to the planning department pointing out that the community had not been consulted which appeared to be against the guidance.

Two trustees from the Gilbert hall were also present. They said that the position had now changed in that the hall was paying its way and the committee would continue provided a treasurer could be found. This was not an onerous position as it required attendance at four meetings per annum and accounting for cash on a quarterly basis. Currently there were eight people on the committee but two were leaving. There was no intention now to hand the hall back to the parish council.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 26th September 2023

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

5. MATTERS ARISING

None

6. PLANNING

- a) **Applications none**
- b) **Decisions: None**
- c) **Appeals: None**
- d) **Pre-apps:** None save as above
- e) **To consider any other planning matter received at or before the start of the meeting**
None

7. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a) To receive the Chairman's Report

The Chairman apologised for the position with the cancellation of the last meeting.

b) To receive the Cornwall Councillor's Report

None.

c) To receive any other Councillors' Reports

Cllr Thomas-Davy reported that footpaths were fine.

A sycamore tree required pollarding. The contractor would be asked to do this.

Councillor Carter had attended planning courses and had notes available. He reported that increasing consultation with parish councils was becoming more common.

Councillor Philip and Councillor Brookes reported on the network committee. The committee was now giving some guidance on where grant applications would be supported. It was noted that there was a requirement to spend money by March 2025.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) to consider future arrangements for the Gilbert hall from the 1st of April 2024.

This had been discussed earlier and was now in hand subject to finding a treasurer.

b) to approve renewal of the clerk's membership of the Society of local council Clerks for one year at a cost of £144

This was agreed.

9. PARISH MATTERS

a) Update re Cledry Meadow project (grant monies have been received)

A meeting had been arranged with the landscapers on the 14th of December at 11:00 AM at the Gilbert hall.

b) the slow ways walking network

It was resolved not to participate in this at the present time.

c) Christmas trees on lights

A nine foot Christmas tree at been acquired. This had been paid for by Judith Evans. The chairman would send thanks. The lights were undergoing trials and seem to be working well.

10. CLIMATE CHANGE

Updates if any

The position with a light at Nancledra school which was constantly on was mentioned. The clerk will write to the school given the dark skies policy.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

The following payments were approved

Clerk's salary October	459.80
Google October	£4.60
Microsoft re Office 365	£59.99
Norton antivirus	£19.99
St Buryan Parish Council Code of Conduct training	£20.00
Clerk's salary November (including back pay re pay award)	£715.60
Google November	£4.60
CALC training enforcement and appeals course SC	£36.00
CALC training introduction to planning SC	£36.00
T M Services	£2,459.92
Society of Local Council Clerks	£144.00

b) Budget for 2024/2025

The budget was agreed

12. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

This included a letter from Cornwall Council regarding the Off street Parking Order 2024

13 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) To note action taken following issues reported, at or since the last meeting
- b) To consider any other highway issues that require reporting to include recent damage to traffic furniture repair

Penderleath Road was waterlogged in places.

14. FOOTPATH MATTERS

To note any issues that have been reported.

Dealt with above.

15. CEMETERY MATTERS

None.

16. TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

There was only one "occurrence" Threats from Partner. No Further Action filed.

It was also stated that rural crime was on the increase, quad bikes seemed to be the hot favourite at the moment although larger items of farm machinery were being taken, possibly "to order".

The police were asking farmers to be extra vigilant and to take extra measures to avoid theft.

I.e. locking equipment away, marking, transponders (tracking devices) CCTV, taking photos of equipment along with serial number as well as any identifying marks etc.

17. TO NOTE COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None.

18. ALOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

There was some discussion regarding counsellors areas of responsibility. The following were suggested:

Footpaths	JT-D
Highways and verges	JT-D
Cemetery	GH
Cledry Meadow project	JT-D/AP/SC/NH
Affordable housing working party	AP
Gilbert hall	NH
Penrith community area partnership	JB
Defibrillator	NH
Community liaison and communication	SH-B
Website	JB
Climate change	JB
Dark skies	JB

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th December 2023

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm