

WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN

THE WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 4TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00PM

Present	Cllr. Ms. J. Shearer (Chair) Cllr. S. Coy Cllr. Mrs. W. Symons	Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk) Cllr. R. Wilson 3 Members of Public	Cllr. M. Davies (Vice-Chairman) Cllr. E. Piper Cwll. Cllr. Mrs. J. Cruse
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Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
1/23	Apologies:- Councillor Ms. A. Lake	
2/23	Public Forum (Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. The designated time will be 15 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes per person, the time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair):- Member of public (the applicant) who had a planning application this evening on the agenda would be happy to assist with any questions and gave a brief on what they plan to do with the property. Councillor R. Wilson queried the micro business, it was noted this is a continued business hopefully but there may be a capacity in the future to hire people, but it is early days. A Member of public queried whether this is a second home. She also has concerns regarding the right of way through the property which has been used for many years and is now currently locked. Councillor M. Davies reported currently this was not a right of way, but an application to make it one is under review by Cornwall Council, although this application never came in front of the Parish Council. The Member of public advised there would be a lot of maintenance required for the lane and she wanted to know what would be put in place. Applicant of planning application advised he has been in liaison with the person in question and there is an ongoing conversation.	
3/23	<p>Monthly Cornwall Councillor Report (Including (a) Youth Provision Review in liaison with Cornwall Councillor if any updates available; (b) It's a big deal for Cornwall – Have your Say; (c) Salt Bins):- Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse reported as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £180,000 from SPF Funding for Into Bodmin project. • Policy pathway coming for Salt Bin applications to Parish and Town Councils. She is happy to support Salt Bins with Community Funding. • The diagnostic hub is now open at Bodmin Hospital enabling residents to receive MRI, Ultrasound or CT scans. • Making Defibrillator pathway more effective and first responders. We need to make sure these pathways are more effective and know who first responders are. She is happy to support another defibrillator in Withiel from her Community Funding Pot. • Saints Trail Report is due out. • Household Support Fund – they are looking at allocating in a more careful manner. <p>Youth Provision Review in liaison with Cornwall Councillor if any updates available:- Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse reported she would follow up</p> <p>Action: Clerk to forward email received to Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse for the next meeting.</p>	Clerk

	<p>It's a big deal for Cornwall – Have your Say:- Chair reported there was a video presentation on Cornwall Devolution Deal, which she believes is accessible to all online. Bodmin Community Network claims to be politically neutral. As this is now online, she thinks best to show link to the CDD and leave it at that. Basically, it is part of governments 'Levelling Up' plans. In order to secure funding of £390million spread over 30 years, which is very little. To access these funds Cornwall has to agree to have an elected mayor - elected by the people of Cornwall - instead of a Council Leader, currently elected by a cabinet of 87 Councillors. Deal will allegedly expand on 'successes' of 2015 Devolution Deal which has improved bus service and allowed some geothermal energy exploration. Based on other Levelling up deals already in place, this will bring Cornwall in line with other areas in terms of economic growth. The deal will apparently give Cornwall Council new powers and responsibilities through the mayor so more decision about Cornwall will be made in Cornwall. This will supposedly give Cornwall greater status nationally and internationally. There is too much to write as the presentation goes on to claim that education levels will be improved, wages brought in line with the rest of the country etc., but she suggests everyone has a look at it and makes their own decision. Councillors attending the meeting had some very interesting points and questions, particularly Pat Rogerson and Danny Batten.</p> <p>Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse reported the public consultation is ongoing. It was noted the Parish Council had a poster to be put on the noticeboard.</p> <p>Salt Bins:- Chair reported this is up to individual Parish Councils. Cornwall Council will not supply them, so it is at the expense of Parish Councils. Problematical as a cold snap is so infrequent, individuals not covered by insurance to spread grit and salt bins are hardly used so people think too expensive to maintain. Also, people might steal the salt to do their own driveways. Resolved to leave in abeyance.</p> <p>Chair thanked Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse for her report this meeting.</p>	
4/23	<p>Members Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:- None.</p>	
5/23	<p>Confirmation of Minutes from the Meeting held on the 7th December 2022:- Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th December 2022 as circulated were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chair (Proposed: Councillor S. Coy; Seconded: Councillor E. Piper)</p>	
6/23	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th December 2022:-</p> <p>Page 2 Min.252/22 Precept:- Clerk reported acknowledgement of the confirmation of precept had been received from Cornwall Council.</p> <p>Page 2 Min251/22 Cancellation of old Website:- Response received from CALC advising the questions relate to contractual law i.e. the contract and terms of agreement between the previous supplier and the Parish Council. I would recommend that the council writes to formally close the contract and ask that the site be taken down and the email address closed. This will ensure that there is no future liability for further costs. As we are approaching the financial year end you may also feel it appropriate to ask for a final invoice to settle the costs. Depending on the level of any outstanding invoice it is possible that the Parish Council would wish to challenge the delivery of the service.</p>	

	CALC's expectation is that there may be some form of contractual liability in place on the Council for payment of the work done and you would need to seek advice from a solicitor if the council chose not to pay any invoice as this could amount to breach of contract. CALC is happy to send the query to NALC but as local government lawyers they may not be able to give you much advice. They would also need to see the written agreement or at least minute where the Council confirmed a verbal agreement, appointed the individual and agreed the scope of the work and the charges. Resolved to write accordingly drawing the contract to a close (Proposed: Councillor Ms. J. Shearer; Seconded: Councillor R. Wilson) (2 abstentions) Action: Clerk.	Clerk
7/23	Highway Issues in the Parish (Including any update on Highways Expression of Interest for Withiel):- Chair reported there was no news on our consultation, in spite of deadline for EOIs now passed. She raised the matter and said we were looking forward to hearing results of feasibility study. Withiel Parish Council are unable to progress the matter. Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse asked why it was all taking so long and Chair Leigh Frost says it is the volume of work that is the problem.	
8/23	Footpath Issues in the Parish:- Chair reported she has reported all issues to Chris Monk from Cormac and they will follow up.	
9/23	<p>Planning Applications received at the meeting and prior to the meeting; Planning Pre-Applications; Planning Results; Planning Correspondence; Any letters received for or against any Planning Applications:-</p> <p><u>Planning Applications:-</u></p> <p>PA22/09698 – Mr. Mark Rubens – Alterations to existing annexe/garage building for use as residential annexe/holiday accommodation, ancillary to the old farmhouse, The Old Farmhouse Annexe, Higher Tregawne, Withiel – Support (Proposed: Councillor S. Coy; Seconded: Councillor M. Davies) (2 abstentions)</p> <p>PA22/09195 – Mr. Neil Sandland, Cornwall Council – St. Austell to A30 Link Road – provision of a single carriageway road from Stenalees to Victoria designed to a 100kph (60mph) standard, with associated footpaths, footways, bridleways and cycle paths for improved non-motorised user facilities. To include: a replacement roundabout at Stenalees; a new access road between Stannary Road (A391) and Roche Road (the existing B3274) in Stenalees; an improved access to the Blockworks site; two underbridges; and three new roundabouts without compliance with Condition 2 in relation to Decision Notice PA18/11986 dated 5/4/2019, Corridor of Land Between Stenalees and Victoria, Cornwall (St. Austell to A30 Link Road) – Duly noted, appreciate the additional bridleways and footpaths (Proposed: Councillor Ms. J. Shearer; Seconded: Councillor M. Davies)</p> <p>PA22/10900 – Mr. N. Fahey, Fahey's Concrete Ltd – Concrete Batching Plant, North East of Shalimar, Victoria, Roche – Support – Concerned about extra HGV's that may possibly come through Withiel Parish (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor Ms. J. Shearer)</p> <p>PA22/11015 – National Grid (South West) – Form B regarding a proposed new overhead line tee-off to feed a new primary ground mounted substation in Victoria, Higher Brynn Farm, Roche – Next Agenda</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Planning Results:- PA22/08310 – Ms. Heather Clayton – Application for the erection of agricultural buildings and new access onto the highway, Land South East of Inchs Cross, Withiel Road, Retire Common, Roche – Approved</p> <p>Planning Correspondence:- The Planning Inspectorate – Cornwall Council (Addition of Byways at Retire in the Parish of Withiel. Chair reported it is complicated and she has spoken with Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse about this. The area in question is very overgrown and the Council have re-routed the footpath, she believes it is to do with the Ramblers. Resolved this is noted and no comments to be sent.</p>													
10/23	<p>Monthly Accounts for Approval for January, including monthly bank reconciliation and budget monitoring and any other Financial Matters:- It was proposed that the Council approve and accept the accounts for payments for January 2023 as circulated on schedule, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons; Seconded: Councillor M. Davies)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>HSBC – Bank Charges</td> <td>£8.00</td> <td>November 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries and Expenses</td> <td>£250.26</td> <td>January 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – Income Tax</td> <td>£57.20</td> <td>January 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cornwall ALC Limited</td> <td>£24.00</td> <td>Councillor Training</td> </tr> </table>	HSBC – Bank Charges	£8.00	November 2022	Salaries and Expenses	£250.26	January 2022	HMRC – Income Tax	£57.20	January 2022	Cornwall ALC Limited	£24.00	Councillor Training	Clerk
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11/23	<p>Bodmin Community Network Meeting:- Chair reported from the meeting held on the 13th December 2022 as follows - Police update - figures circulated. Asked about help with Neighbourhood Watch and Amy Honeywill agreed to liaise with us to get it started. Her email address was circulated to Councillors, it is hoped that Councillor E. Piper will see if he can move things forward. Chair included a report from Adam Birchall on phosphates for anyone wishing to read.</p>													
12/23	<p>Climate Change and the Environment:- No report.</p>													
13/23	<p>Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:- Councillor E. Piper reported there was no update.</p>													
14/23	<p>Withiel Emergency Plan:- Councillor M. Davies reported this is still a working progress Action: Clerk to send a copy of the Emergency Plan to all Councillors and requested any useful information.</p>	Clerk												
15/23	<p>Parish Councillor Training Requirements:- None.</p>													
16/23	<p>Newsletter Report Update and arrangements:- Action: Councillor M. Davies to compile report for the newsletter.</p>	Cllr. M. Davies												
17/23	<p>Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin 2. Cornwall Council Pensions – Upcoming Employer Training Sessions 3. NALC – Local Leadership through challenging times 4. Cornwall Council Pension Fund – Funding Strategy Statement (FSS) Consultation 5. Cornwall Council – Bodmin Community Network Panel Meeting – Tuesday 13th December 2022, 17.30-19.00pm via MS Teams 6. CALC – Police & Crime Commissioner Survey 7. Cornwall Council – Winter Maintenance Update – Salt Bins 8. Cornwall Council – Proposed Cornwall Devolution Deal for Cornwall – Information and links 9. NALC - Events 10. Forest for Cornwall National Tree Week 2022 Newsletter 11. CALC – No Council Tax Referendum principles on Town and Parish Councils 													

	<p>12. Cornwall Council – Town and Parish Council Bulletin: 14th December 2022</p> <p>13. NALC – Newsletter</p> <p>14. CALC – International Women’s Day</p> <p>15. CALC – Christmas Closure Dates and Dates for New Year Meetings</p> <p>16. Cornwall Council – Christmas Trees</p> <p>17. Paul Holden – Cornish Buildings Group</p>	
18/23	<p>Any Urgent Matters the Chair considers relevant for this meeting:- Councillor R. Wilson reported the CALC AGM came in today and requested this be included on the next agenda Action: Clerk.</p>	Clerk
19/23	<p>Date of next Meeting and Meetings for 2023:- Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 7.00pm in the Withiel Village Hall Committee Meeting Room. All other Meetings to be confirmed as the Wednesday 1st March, 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 6th December 2023.</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.26pm</p>	

Signature:

Chair

Date: 1st February 2023