

WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN

THE WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 1ST MARCH 2023 AT 7.00PM

Present	Cllr. Ms. J. Shearer (Chair) Cllr. R. Wilson Cllr. Ms. A. Lake	Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk) Cllr. E. Piper Cwll. Cllr. Mrs. J. Cruse	Cllr. M. Davies (Vice-Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. W. Symons 10 Members of Public
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Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
40/23	Apologies:- Councillor S. Coy	
41/23	<p>Newsletter Report Update and arrangements:- Action: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons to compile report for the newsletter Action: Clerk.</p> <p>Agreed we allow 3 days for Councillors to review report circulated and Clerk can then send off to the Newsletter Editor, come to Clerk to tidy up and circulate to Councillors before sending on to the News and Views Action: Clerk.</p> <p>Preceding the public forum, Councillor Martin Davies presented the long-awaited feasibility study, requested on behalf of the residents of Withiel. Chair was handed over to Councillor M. Davies after his presentation, Councillors listened to local opinion which could influence the way the Parish Council voted when the item appears on the agenda. Members of the public were reminded that the rules during the public forum were that only one person speaks at a time through the Chair and not to engage in conversations amongst themselves.</p>	Cllr. Mrs. W. Symons Clerk
42/23	<p>Presentation on the Withiel Feasibility Study:- Councillor M. Davies reported on the feasibility study and produced a map of the area in question. The Parish Council needs to vote tonight. Option 1 and 2 is talking about signage, which Councillor M. Davies reported in more detail as per feasibility study received. Option 1 is more restrictive; a consultation would be held with local businesses and the Parish Council. Option 2 is literally to move signage and put in additional signage. Questions will now be taken in Public Forum.</p>	
43/23	<p>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 expressed his concerns regarding the cost of the feasibility study and the speed limits. The additional road signs at Polmorla, he believes is not in the correct place as traffic does not go through this area to get to Withiel. Member of the public believes in the first option, if anyone needs to get anything larger through, they will still be able to, who will monitor this. Email received from member of public, which Chair read out expressing their concerns about the HGV issues.</p> <p>Member of the public reported on the issue in Retire. It appears there may have been an assumption it might have been the Ramblers, apologies were made and it would be made clear there is not a ROW through Retire. Clerk received correspondence which would be noted under footpath matters this evening.</p>	

	<p>Mrs. Matthews attended in respect of her planning application this evening, advising it is in four phases, it would not been seen and hopefully will be a vast improvement for them and not a visual impact. Councillor R. Wilson queried growing all feed on site, which was accurate. One animal does not necessarily produce more gas than another. Agricultural only produces 6% of gases.</p>	
44/23	<p>Monthly Cornwall Councillor Report:- Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse reported as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have received confirmation that the signs for the lorry parking restrictions at Brynn are on their way we await. An appeal for the stationing of a shepherd's hut at Brynn Mill has been dismissed due to the unsustainable position of the hut. • I attended a meeting with Deheena Davidson Under-Secretary of State or Levelling Up to hear more about the Devolution Deal. Main points in favour of a Mayoral system were more power, seat at the table and ability to bang on the table. Good framework to access additional funding for Cornwall going forward. Concern that Cornwall will be lumped in with Devon and the South West in another devolution deal. (Bearing in mind that the Labour party favour devolution and the Mayoral system). I also attended the Public Consultation meeting in Bodmin which was well attended, and a varied number of questions put to the Council Leader and Cabinet Member. • The HDB2 Treveth development at St Lawrence has received 5.6 million to ensure the successful completion of the 100 affordable homes. This has been offered through Levelling Up funds and displays confidence and support from the government. • Full Council passed a resolution to make an additional 100% charge to second homeowners. This will not be imposed on homes that are offered for holiday let and accommodation. Further scrutiny will be applied going forward. A letter was also sent asking that we can match the 300% charge currently raised in Wales. At Full Council we approved the final draft of the Climate Emergency Development Plan which will sit under the Cornwall Local Plan in policy decisions. I spoke regarding my particular concerns on policy AL1 which could over-ride Policy 7 of the Local Plan which limits development in the open countryside. I am also concerned with the re-introduction of wind farms and their impact on the landscape value of the countryside particularly the buffer zone for the AONB. • Next year's Budget was also approved at Full Council and the 60 million pounds deficit has been balanced which is a great achievement. We regretfully must raise Council tax to 2.99% plus 2% Adult Social Care levy. But we have government assured funding to be able to continue the Household support fund and other funding to assist those families who are struggling with the cost of living. <p>Chair thanked Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse for her report this evening.</p>	
45/23	<p>Members Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:- Councillor Mrs. W. Symons declared a non-registerable interest in respect of the planning applications for Mrs. M. Matthews.</p>	
46/23	<p>Confirmation of Minutes from the Meeting held on the 1st February 2023:- Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st February 2023 as circulated were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chair (Proposed: Councillor E. Piper; Seconded: Councillor R. Wilson)</p>	
47/23	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st February 2023:-</p>	

	<p>Page 2 Min.27/23 Way Markers for at Tregustick Footpath:- Clerk reported no response had been received Action: Keep Pending.</p> <p>Page 2 Min.27/23 Pot Holes in lane at top of Saints Way to Bus Stop:- Clerk reported a response was received and it is not a Right of Way but they will see what they can do as it is the route of the Saints Way.</p>	Clerk
48/23	<p>Highway Issues in the Parish (Including (a) Update on Highways Expression of Interest for Withiel; (b) 20mph Speed Signs; (c) Request for Grit Bins Contribution to St. Wenn Parish Council):-</p> <p>Update on Highways Expression of Interest for Withiel:- Resolved to select Option 1 the recommended option by Cormac (Proposed; Councillor M. Davies; Seconded: Councillor Ms. A. Lake), all in favour Action: Clerk.</p> <p>20mph Speed Signs:- Resolved to leave in abeyance.</p> <p>Request for Grit Bins Contribution to St. Wenn Parish Council:- Resolved to leave in abeyance.</p>	Clerk/ Cllr. M. Davies
49/23	<p>Footpath Issues in the Parish (Including Letter from member of public in respect of Rights of Way through Retire and response from Cornwall Council):- Correspondence received from member of the public and duly circulated in respect of Retire. Correspondence received advising this is an ongoing legal process. Natural Environment Record Officer of Countryside Rights of Way reported she is dealing with the ongoing Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) application at Retire, Cornwall Council reference WCA 481. The Order made by Cornwall Council, to add rights of way at Withiel, has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment for a decision on the confirmation of the Order because Objections were made to the Order and not subsequently withdrawn. A written representation procedure is underway and is due to conclude by all parties on 17th March 2023, thereafter we can only await a decision by the appointed inspector.</p>	
50/23	<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>Councillor Mrs. W. Symons declared a non-registerable interest in respect of the six planning applications for Mrs. M. Matthews and refrained from voting:-</p> <p>PA23/00374 – Mrs. M. Matthews, Matthews Bros Ltd – Covered Agricultural Yard (Phase 1), Great Brynn Barton, Roche – Support (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor Ms. A. Lake) (1 abstention)</p> <p>PA23/00375 – Mrs. M. Matthews, Matthews Bros Ltd – Covered Agricultural Yard (Phase 2), Great Brynn Barton, Roche – Support (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor Ms. A. Lake) (1 abstention)</p> <p>PA23/00376 – Mrs. M. Matthews, Matthews Bros Ltd – Covered Agricultural Yard (Phase 3), Great Brynn Barton, Roche – Support (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor Ms. A. Lake) (1 abstention)</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk

	<p>PA23/00377 – Mrs. M. Matthews, Matthews Bros Ltd – Covered Agricultural Yard (Phase 4), Great Brynn Barton, Roche – Support (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor Ms. A. Lake) (1 abstention)</p> <p>PA23/00372 – Mr. Roger George Matthews – The proposal is to erect a (two phase) lean-to on the western elevation of the existing fodder building at Lower Brynn Barton – (Phase 1), Yard South of Lower Brynn, Roche - Support (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor E. Piper) (1 abstention)</p> <p>PA23/00373 – Mr. Roger George Matthews – The proposal is to erect a (two phase) lean-to on the western elevation of the existing fodder building at Lower Brynn Barton – (Phase 2), Yard South of Lower Brynn, Roche - Support (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor E. Piper) (1 abstention)</p> <p>PA23/01544 – Mr. & Mrs. Roberts – Construction of two storey side extension and detached garage, Penrose Cottage, Withiel – Next Agenda, Extension of Time granted</p> <p><u>Planning Results:-</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 – Approved</p> <p>PA22/10990 – Mr. N. Fahey – Concrete Batching Plant, Land North East of Shalimar, Victoria, Roche - Approved</p> <p>PA22/11444 – Mr. Udy – Erection of light industrial unit, Existing Builders Yard, Victoria, Roche – Approved</p> <p>PA23/00273 – Mr. G. Mcnerlin – Change of use of dwelling and site to offices and associated storage, Eothen, Victoria, Roche – Approved</p> <p><u>Planning Correspondence:-</u> None Received.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>									
51/23	<p>Monthly Accounts for Approval for March 2023, 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 March 2023 as circulated on schedule, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor Ms. J. Shearer; Seconded: Councillor M. Davies)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="204 1671 1355 1787"> <tr> <td>HSBC – Bank Charges</td> <td>£8.00</td> <td>January 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries and Expenses</td> <td>£250.26</td> <td>March 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – Income Tax</td> <td>£57.20</td> <td>March 2023</td> </tr> </table> <p>Correspondence received from Voltaise (UK) Limited in respect of the Community Benefit Payment in relation to the Unilateral Undertaking in relation to the land known as Kerriers Solar Park in the sum of £28,978.00. Resolved to check figure previously discussed and let Councillor S. Coy agree if acceptable (Proposed: Councillor Ms. S. Shearer; Seconded: Councillor M. Davies) Action: Clerk.</p>	HSBC – Bank Charges	£8.00	January 2023	Salaries and Expenses	£250.26	March 2023	HMRC – Income Tax	£57.20	March 2023	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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52/23	Bodmin Community Network Meeting:- Chair reported the final meeting of the Bodmin Community Network is scheduled for the 29 th March 2023 at which it is hoped that someone from St John's Ambulance will attend to talk about courses in first aid following a request from me for information which may help local interest in this.	
53/23	Climate Change and the Environment:- Chair reported that along with Councillor R. Wilson they listened to a talk at the CALC AGM from Rhys Hobbs, Head of Environment Partnerships and Climate Change, Cornwall Council. Cornwall is the first county to implement a risk assessment. An Accessible Summary Report is what we can read on the website - https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/climate-emergency/the-carbon-neutral-challenge/	
54/23	Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:- No update.	
55/23	Withiel Community Emergency Plan:- Chair reported there may be some local training from St. John's Ambulance.	
56/23	Parish Councillor Training Requirements:- Clerk reported there were two options for Code of Conduct for Councillor E. Piper. Cornwall Council advised they do not have training planned for the immediate future but sent two YouTube videos which may be of assistance, which were free. Alternatively, CALC advised there would be an online session led by Sarah Mason for Tuesday 21 st March at 6.30pm at a cost of £20.00 plus vat. Clerk to send links to Councillor E. Piper to establish whether this would be suitable training, if not to arrange to book on the course Action: Clerk. Chair reported she would be happy to do more training as Chair but as we are going to elect the Chair in May, seems bad timing. Clerk advised that CALC had informed her they have another Chairmanship training session planned for June/July, specifically targeted at new Chairs, although the date is to be confirmed.	Clerk
57/23	Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:- 1. NALC – Events 2. CALC – Community Food Growing Spaces Audit 3. NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin 4. NALC – Newsletter 5. CALC – Community Food Growing Spaces Survey 6. CALC – Section 137 Expenditure Limit 2023-2024 7. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – Councillor Advocate Update February 2023 8. Cornwall Council – Local Council Planning Training: Climate Emergency DPD Policies and Planning Processes – 22 nd March 2023 15.30-17.00 9. CALC - Speed Activated Signs 10. CALC – AGM – Tuesday 21 st February 2023 11. CALC – Accounts for 2021-2022 12. Cornwall Council – Town & Parish Council Newsletter – 10 th February 2023 13. Bodmin Police Station – February Newsletter 14. CALC – Safeguarding Training Session – Friday 3 rd March 2023 at St. Erme 15. CALC – Community Housing Conversations – 19 th April 2023 4.00-8.00pm, to be held in Pool, Redruth 16. Team Treguddick Distillery – Farm Wilder Talk & Dinner – Friday 3 rd March 2023 17. Cornwall Council – Government consultations on planning changes – Cornwall Council proposed response	

	<p>18. CALC – Being a Good Chair Training – Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.00pm 19. Cornwall Council – Community Capacity Fund 20. CALC – Training – Planning Enforcement & Appeals – Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 6.30pm via Zoom 21. Sian Lee – University of Exeter Research Invitation 22. Wheal Martyn Clay Works – Clothes Swap Evening – Thursday 23rd March 2023 from 6.30pm 23. Ocean Housing – Newsletter 24. CALC – Local Housing Schemes 25. Bodmin Police Station – March 2023 Newsletter 26. Police & Crime Commissioner – Thank You Event to be held on Saturday 25th March 2023 at China Fleet Country Club, Saltash 27. CALC – Civility & Respect Project Newsletter – March 2023 28. RPM Bike Trials Display Team – Entertainment for Parish Council and Local Event 29. Cornwall Council – Affordable Housing Team Newsletter – March 2023</p>	
59/23	Any Urgent Matters the Chair considers relevant for this meeting:- None.	
60/23	<p>Date of next Meeting and Meetings for 2023:- Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7.00pm in the Withiel Village Hall Committee Meeting Room.</p> <p>All other Meetings to be confirmed as the Wednesday 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 8.15pm</p>	

Signature:

Chair

Date: 5th April 2023