

WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN

THE WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 5TH APRIL 2023 AT 7.00PM

Present	Cllr. Ms. J. Shearer (Chair)	Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk)	Cllr. M. Davies (Vice-Chairman)
	Cllr. R. Wilson	Cllr. E. Piper	Cllr. Mrs. W. Symons
	Cllr. Ms. A. Lake	Cllr. S. Coy	Cwll. Cllr. Mrs. J. Cruse
	22 Members of Public		

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
61/23	Apologies:- None.	
62/23	Newsletter Report Update and arrangements:- Chair to compose newsletter report Action: Chair.	Chair
63/23	<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):- Chair reported there is an item on the agenda under 'footpaths' - the proposed upgrade of the existing footpath from Glenview to Upper Hustyns (marked B-C-D on the map) and the addition of two sections of bridleway (C-E and from A-B). The Clerk has been asked to provide evidence of 1) Use of the way 2) Any actions taken to prevent or deter the public from using the path as a public right of way 3) Any documentation recording or relating to the path. This is for evidence gathering only. Therefore, evidence needs to be sent to the Clerk and she will submit all information. Members of the public raised the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links are excellent between neighbouring parishes allowing riders to move from parish to parish, it would be sad to lose this facility. • The previous owner of Higher Tregawne Farm confirmed he permitted access for horse riders to use Higher Tregawne as access to neighbouring Forestry Commission land. • This land has been used since 1966, and back to 1933 or even, possibly even back as far as 1912. • Used for at least 51 years, people could walk through middle of shed but most walked around. • Horse rider has used these routes in the 70's and 80's. • The current owner of Higher Tregawne Farm could not discuss what happened in the past, but he reported there must have been 20 years of uninterrupted use for this application to go forward. He does not believe this has happened. Members of the public disagreed with this statement and noted there was a clear 20+ years of use. • It was noted the discussion appears to be about access through this gentleman's property, however, we are also talking about going through other areas. It was noted this was a very valid point and suggested details are submitted to the Clerk. • Gate – owner reported only closed during milking times, there is a stile and dog gate as required on a footpath. But if the gate is shut it can be opened, it is only every shut when cows are crossing the lane. 	

	<p>Chair expressed thanks; this was very reassuring. This landowner owns a portion of the lane and current footpath which is used by walkers and horse-riders which he has given permission for in the past, as long as they respect the area and close gates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chairman suggested we need to establish when the application was made, and whether it is two separate applications, or all one application Action: Clerk. • It was suggested that there is a roman road somewhere along this route, but this has not yet been discovered. • Chair requested all submissions and information of use is forwarded to the Parish Clerk by Friday 21st April 2023. <p>Chair asked if any Councillors had any queries in respect of the planning application on the agenda this evening. Applicants advised that extension would allow them to sit and be able to look out at their garden, they have no intentions of having paying guests, it is purely for them, and their extended families use. Member of the public reported as a neighbour he supports and has no objections.</p> <p>Thirteen Members of public left the meeting at 7.38pm.</p>	Clerk
64/23	<p>Monthly Cornwall Councillor Report:- Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse reported as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Withiel Feasibility Study has been discussed by the Network Panel. To take Option 1 forwards would bring the schemes over budget. I have set back all my other schemes, but we are still over budget, and no other offer to set schemes back is forthcoming. It is agreed to go forward with the consultation for the Traffic Regulation Orders and if the results are favourable, we may have to wait for more funding, or there is also a possibility other schemes will come in under budget and we will be able to deliver this year. The last two incidents at Hellandbridge where drivers approached the bridge and ignored 4 mandatory signs resulted in one driver losing his job and the other being prosecuted for dangerous driving. The importance of evidence in both cases is vital to prosecution coming forward. • Councillor M. Davies queried whether there is a time frame for the public consultation as part of the Feasibility Study. • Full Council on the 18th April will be voting on giving Cornwall a referendum. We have two options put forward at this time. Option 1 being a referendum of this devolution deal by on-line and postal vote. Option 2 being a statutory referendum by postal or voting station and the decision on Option 2 would bar Cornwall from entering any Devolution deal which changes the constitution for a period of 10 years. I will be voting for Option 1 as it seems unwise to lock Cornwall out from any further Devolution Deals. It is possible there will be a call for amendments to those options. • The Devolution consultation came back with mixed responses. But to keep it simple it would seem that by questionnaire, overall, there was a majority of the general public against a Mayor. Major stakeholders, businesses, companies, tourist attractions who clearly might benefit from additional government funding, plus a smaller select group of individuals who were consulted by face to face were in favour of a Mayoral system. There was a discussion about the constitutional regulatory terms that might surround a Mayor for Cornwall and I listened in to it, but there was so much speculation and diving down rabbit holes that after an hour and a half I went into my garden to plant potatoes. It seemed a more beneficial use of my time. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornwall Council are continuing with a Level 2 Devolution Deal which does not require a Mayor. • Councillor M. Davies queried whether this is a time frame for the public consultation as part of the Feasibility Study. <p>Chair thanked Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse for her report this evening.</p>	
65/23	Mayor for Cornwall/Devolution Deal:- Email received from Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse last week in respect of the Devolution Deal which has confirmed above that there will be no requirement for a Mayor.	
66/23	Members Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:- Councillor Ms. J. Shearer expressed a non-registerable interest in respect of PA23/01544 Mr. & Mrs. Roberts.	
67/23	Confirmation of Minutes from the Meeting held on the 1st March 2023:- Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1 st March 2023 as circulated were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chair (Proposed: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons; Seconded: Councillor Ms. A. Lake)	
68/23	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st March 2023:-</p> <p>Page 3 Min.27/23 Way Markers for Tregustick Footpath:- Clerk reported a response had been received advising they are sorting out a lot of issues at year end and preparing new budget headings, etc. They will repair the roadside sign and install way markers as well and get that on the programme as part of the first few jobs.</p> <p>Page 3 Min.48/23 Highways Expression of Interest for Withiel:- Clerk reported update received from Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse in her report earlier.</p> <p>Page 4 Min.51/23 Community Benefit from Voltaire:- Clerk reported paperwork had been signed and returned Action: Keep Pending.</p>	Clerk
69/23	<p>Highway Issues in the Parish (Including discussion on Withiel roads used during the Royal Cornwall Show weekend):- Chair reported the problem of show traffic was raised by Councillor R. Wilson. Councillor R. Wilson reported the 3 days of Royal Cornwall Show the roads through Withiel are impossible to use. He wonders if anyone has ever questioned the traffic going through the parish. He spoke to Mark James of Cormac who advised the position is considered year on year and the Show have to carry out a traffic management plan, which has to be then signed off. This year's application has already gone through, although he suggested if the parish are concerned is to contact the Show and he would like support from Councillors to send a letter to follow up. Resolved to see what happens this year and include on the July meeting with any relevant evidence Action: Clerk/Councillors.</p> <p>Councillor R. Wilson on hedge growth that had been reported to him, he would inform them of the online links and complete himself if necessary.</p>	Clerk/ Cllrs.
70/23	Footpath Issues in the Parish (Including Application for Modification of Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way to add a Bridleway and upgrade a Footpath at Withiel CP):- Chair reported on footpath number appears to be different and have received several letters, approximately 26+ plus. Resolved to submit paperwork received in April (Proposed: Councillor M. Davies; Seconded: Councillor S. Coy) Action: Clerk.	Clerk

71/23	<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 Ms. J. Shearer expressed a non-registerable interest in respect of the following planning application and duly left the meeting room. PA23/01544 – Mr. & Mrs. Roberts – Construction of two storey side extension and detached garage, Penrose Cottage, Withiel – Support (Proposed: Councillor S. Coy; Seconded: Councillor E. Piper) (2 abstentions) Councillor Ms. J. Shearer returned to the meeting room.</p> <p><u>Planning Results:-</u></p> <p>PA23/00374 – Mrs. M. Matthews – Covered agricultural yard (Phase 1), Great Brynn Barton, Roche – Approved PA23/00375 – Mrs. M. Matthews – Covered agricultural yard (Phase 2), Great Brynn Barton, Roche – Approved PA23/00376 – Mrs. Myra Matthews – Covered agricultural yard (Phase 3), Great Brynn Barton, Roche PA23/00377 – Mrs. M. Matthews – Covered agricultural yard (Phase 4), Great Brynn Barton, Roche – Approved 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 – Approved 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 – Approved</p> <p><u>Planning Correspondence:-</u> Cornwall Council – PA22/02666 – Removal of Condition 5 of 7/87/0720/OOP restricting occupancy – Kerris Vale, Kerriers Road, Inches, Bodmin advising on appeal decision – Appeal Allowed, no costs claimed</p>	Clerk																					
72/23	<p>Monthly Accounts for Approval up to 31st March 2023 and April 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 up to 31st March 2023 and April 2023 as circulated on schedule, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor S. Coy; Seconded: Councillor M. Davies)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="204 1671 1353 1973"> <tr> <td>Final Accounts up to 31st March 2023</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HSBC – Bank Charges</td> <td>£8.00</td> <td>March 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Withiel Village Hall</td> <td>£165.00</td> <td>Hire Hall 6/4/22-1/3/23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>McAfee Renewal</td> <td>£64.99</td> <td>Annual Subscription</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accounts for April 2023</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries and Expenses</td> <td>£250.96</td> <td>April 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – Income Tax</td> <td>£57.00</td> <td>April 2023</td> </tr> </table> <p>CALC Subscription – Resolved to renew annual subscription for 2023/2024 in the sum of £215.96 plus vat, totalling £254.90 (Proposed: Councillor S. Coy; Seconded: Councillor Ms. J. Shearer) Action: Clerk.</p>	Final Accounts up to 31st March 2023			HSBC – Bank Charges	£8.00	March 2023	Withiel Village Hall	£165.00	Hire Hall 6/4/22-1/3/23	McAfee Renewal	£64.99	Annual Subscription	Accounts for April 2023			Salaries and Expenses	£250.96	April 2023	HMRC – Income Tax	£57.00	April 2023	Clerk Clerk
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73/23	<p>Bodmin Community Network Meeting:- Chair reported the final meeting of the existing Bodmin Community Network was an informal occasion and opportunity for those who have been involved over the approximately 10 years of its existence to have a chat, a bit of cake and a tipple. The Network has, in my opinion, been successful in bringing matters of importance to Parish Councils, especially rural areas like Withiel, to the attention of Cornwall Council, especially regarding highway matters and any funding available for improvements. Councillor R. Wilson attended with me and, I believe, has some information from St. John's Ambulance about training courses available. Councillor R. Wilson reported he had some information from the St. John's Ambulance, and he would include on the noticeboard. They are happy to come and talk to the Parish Council or members of the public. Chair suggested this could be included on a future agenda. The Bodmin Area has now joined a wider area - Bodmin, Wadebridge, Padstow, St. Teath and Tintagel and is renamed a CAP area (Cornwall Area Partnership). As Vice Chair of the existing Network, I have been attending a series of meetings to help form a framework - designed by ARUP - so that applicants for funding have some guidelines. I have made my feelings known that I, personally, felt unqualified to represent such a large area (often in the absence of the Chair) and was surprised by how few people were involved in the process and the speed at which it was being done. This is the document that has been produced but with the caveat 'subject to funding'. I have also attended workshop meetings about the working governance of the new CAP areas and can share details of progress if anyone is interested but the report of the last meeting last Wednesday in St. Erme is very long and too long for this report. It covers, for example, voting rights, number of meetings per year, process relating to remaining Highways funding (from the old Network areas). The inaugural session of each CAP area will be in the period from 24th May - 31st July 2023. Sarah Sims will remain as our CLO (Community Link Officer).</p>	
74/23	<p>Climate Change and the Environment:- No update.</p>	
75/23	<p>Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:- No update.</p>	
76/23	<p>Withiel Community Emergency Plan:- Councillor M. Davies reported he is following up in the background. One of the biggest issues is lack of emergency services. They want to have more first responders and train them up. They are now waiting to hear from the ambulance services. Councillor S. Coy suggested including information such as local utility companies contact numbers.</p>	
77/23	<p>Parish Councillor Training Requirements:- None.</p>	
78/23	<p>Free CPR & Defibrillator Sessions for Local Councils:- Chair reported that Councillors Mrs. W. Symons and R. Wilson were interested in having another training session. Resolved to suggest the Withiel Village Hall (Proposed: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons; Seconded: Councillor S. Coy) Action: Clerk.</p>	Clerk
79/23	<p>Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin 2. Cornwall Council – His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation 3. NALC – Newsletter 4. CALC – Carbon Literacy Project Webinar – 20th March at 10.30am 5. NALC – Events 6. CALC – Slides from CALC AGM Presentation on Cornwall Climate Risk Assessment 7. CALC – Two upcoming online events of interest – VAT on Sports Fees & Water Resilience and De-Salination in Cornwall 	

	<p>8. Cornwall Council – Town & Parish Council Newsletter – 10th March 2023</p> <p>9. Great Western Railway – Strike Dates</p> <p>10. CALC – Steve Parkinson Online Zoom Briefing – Changes to the VAT Rules on Sports Facilities</p> <p>11. CALC – Local Housing Schemes</p> <p>12. Cornwall Council – Making Cornish River Better – CC Citizen Science Event</p> <p>13. CALC – Code of Conduct Training – Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 6.30pm online</p> <p>14. Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network – Applications for consideration</p> <p>15. The Motor Cycling Club Ltd – The 99th Land’s End Trial – Friday 7th and Saturday 8th April 2023</p> <p>16. Cornwall Council – Bodmin Community Network Panel – Meeting to be held on the 29th March 2023 5.30-7.00pm at Chy Trevail, Bodmin</p> <p>17. Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust – Cornwall’s Centre for Research Innovation’s Inaugural Charity Ball</p> <p>18. CALC – 2023 Edition of JPAG Practitioners Guide</p> <p>19. Cornwall Cricket Board – Cricket in Cornwall</p> <p>20. Cornwall Council – Community Area Partnerships</p> <p>21. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – Thank You</p> <p>22. Great Western Railway – Customer & Stakeholder Annual Report feedback</p> <p>23. Cornwall Council – Consultation on Public Space Protection Order (Alcohol Consumption)</p> <p>24. Bodmin Police Station – April 2023 Bodmin/Wadebridge Neighbourhood Police Team Newsletter</p> <p>25. Forest for Cornwall – Tree ID Walks – April 21st and 22nd 2023</p> <p>26. CALC – Training Bulletin</p> <p>27. Paul Holden – Buildings at risk update and details of new Cornish book</p> <p>28. Citizens Advice Cornwall – Cost of Living Crisis in Cornwall</p> <p>29. Great Western Railway – Customer and Community Improvement Fund for bids after Easter</p>	
80/23	Any Urgent Matters the Chair considers relevant for this meeting:- None.	
81/23	<p>Date of next Meeting and Meetings for 2023:- Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Withiel Village Hall Committee Meeting Room. This meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and Main Meeting to include Nominations of Chair, Vice-Chair and Officers of Working Parties.</p> <p>All other Meetings to be confirmed as the Wednesday 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 8.35pm</p>	

Signature:

Chair

Date: 3rd May 2023