

WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN

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

Present	Cllr. M. Davies (Chairman)	Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk)	Cllr. Ms. J. Shearer (Vice-Chair)
	Cllr. R. Wilson	Cllr. E. Piper	Cllr. Mrs. W. Symons
	Cllr. Ms. A. Lake	3 Members of Public	

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
190/23	Apologies:- Councillor S. Coy, Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse.	
191/23	<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):- One member of public raised the issue of a corner nearby where they live explaining that tractors causing damage as they are going through. They feel that either a speed or width restriction is needed as the tractors are damaging the hedges. They have contacted Cornwall Council, who have advised repairs are down to landowners. Chairman to discuss with Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse Action: Chairman.</p> <p>Also, on the Tremore Road there is an orange coat hanging in a tree. It is believed an agricultural contractor put the coat in place to highlight a low hanging branch. They feel it needs reporting to Cornwall Council Action: Chairman to mention to Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse as well.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p>
192/23	<p>Monthly Cornwall Councillor Report:- Apologies received from Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse report received as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I returned to Cornwall after a very enjoyable road trip in France. Much the same problems in France as we have here, but of course a much larger country with the same number of residents. Fuel is more expensive than here. • I have dealt with two confidential planning matters in Withiel basically giving advice. • I attended a lunch and meeting regarding the proposed Cornwall Gateway which is a vision for a retail park and visitor attraction to promote local producers and food industry. This is proposed for the Callywith area. • I have not had any information about the proposed TRO consultation for Withiel. <p>Chairman thanked the Clerk for circulating Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse's report this evening. There were no questions from the Councillors present on this report.</p>	
193/23	Members Declaration of Interest in items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:- None.	

194/23	Confirmation of Minutes from the Monthly Meeting held on the 4th October 2023:- Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Meeting held on the 4 th October 2023 as circulated were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman (Proposed: Councillor Ms. J. Shearer; Seconded: Councillor Ms. A. Lake)										
195/23	Matters Arising from the Monthly Parish Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th October 2023:- None.										
196/23	Highway Issues in the Parish:- Councillor R. Wilson reported a complaint about a Passing Place, the site of this was not detailed. He went on to say that a representative of Cornwall Council has been out about all of them and reviewed and will report back in due course. Councillor Mrs. W. Symons reported the drain by the Church which was blocking and the next day they cleared it but other parts they have not done, so she will report again Action: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons.	Cllr. Mrs. W. Symons									
197/23	Footpath Issues in the Parish:- No update.										
198/23	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:- None Received. Copies of Local Plan – Clerk reported these are available at a cost of £10.00 per copy. Resolved to purchase 7 copies of the Local Plan to better inform councillors to make better informed decisions around planning applications. (Proposed: Councillor Ms. A. Lake; Seconded: Councillor E. Piper) Action: Clerk. Councillor E. Piper would like to see the Parish Council making informed decisions and not going along with the Planning Officer.	Clerk									
199/23	Monthly Accounts for November 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 November 2023 as circulated on schedule, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor Ms. J. Shearer; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons) <table border="1" data-bbox="204 1417 1355 1529"> <tr> <td data-bbox="204 1417 778 1451">HSBC – Bank Charges</td> <td data-bbox="786 1417 970 1451">£8.00</td> <td data-bbox="978 1417 1355 1451">October 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="204 1451 778 1485">Salaries and Expenses</td> <td data-bbox="786 1451 970 1485">£254.26</td> <td data-bbox="978 1451 1355 1485">November 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="204 1485 778 1529">HMRC – Income Tax</td> <td data-bbox="786 1485 970 1529">£57.20</td> <td data-bbox="978 1485 1355 1529">November 2023</td> </tr> </table>	HSBC – Bank Charges	£8.00	October 2023	Salaries and Expenses	£254.26	November 2023	HMRC – Income Tax	£57.20	November 2023	Clerk
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200/23	Approval of Budget/Setting of Precept for the next Financial Year (2024-2025) including Policy for Reserves to be confirmed and adopted:- Resolved to carry forward to the December meeting to allow Councillors to review paperwork circulated to inform the precept needed and agree a reserves policy (Proposed: Councillor M. Davies; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons) Action: Clerk.	Clerk									
201/23	Voltaise Solar Funding and how to deal with applications and advertising:- Clerk reported on the new savings account which is in the process of being set up. Councillor Ms. A. Lake reported that she will put together a draft application form with updated information relevant to Withiel this can then be discussed and agreed at the next meeting. Councillor Ms. A. Lake to circulate to Councillors Action: Councillor Ms. A. Lake.	Cllr. Ms. A. Lake									

202/23	Camel Valley Community Area Partnership:- No update.	
203/23	Climate Change and the Environment:- No update.	
204/23	Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:- No update.	
205/23	Withiel Community Emergency Plan:- No update.	
206/23	Air Quality Engagement Event:- No report as Councillor R. Wilson had been unable to attend.	
207/23	<p>CERC Tour:- Councillor R. Wilson sent a report as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was delighted to join members of Lanhydrock Parish Council on their tour of the CERC plant at St. Dennis earlier this month. • The Cornwall Energy Recover Centre (CERC) is operated by Suez in partnership with Cornwall Council and its purpose is to incinerate all non-recyclable waste and convert it into electricity. • Suez are one of 3 stakeholders and work in partnership with Biffa, who are responsible for the collection and haulage of the waste, and Blue Phoenix who process the ash and residue from the incineration process into secondary aggregate which then gets used in the construction industry, primarily for used as a substrate for new roads. • The plant is based around steam turbine and generator which typically produces 24MgW per hour of electricity which is enough to power 21,000 homes. The plant is self-powering; however, diesel is used to ignite the burners, and once built up to optimum efficiency the incinerator reaches a temperature of 1100 degrees Celsius. The boiler superheats the steam to 400 degrees which drives the turbine, rotating the generator which produces the electricity. The steam is air cooled and recycled around the plant to be reheated ad infinitum. The plant does bring in purified water for maximum efficiency of the boiler, so it is cost effective to reuse as much water as possible. Any scrap metals that do not burn are riddled out of the ash and recycled. The ash is then conveyed to the adjacent Blue Phoenix plant to be reclaimed for aggregate. Smoke and fumes from the incinerator are diverted through an atomiser and liming process to remove as many toxic particulates as possible, also re-processed by Blue Phoenix, before being released into the atmosphere via a 100m stack. • The bunker can hold up to 7,000 tonnes of waste and can burn around 800 tonnes per week. This is all non-recyclable waste that would otherwise go into landfill, so the plant has a dual purpose of reducing landfill as well as generating power. Currently up to 35% of waste is derived from foodstuffs and there is to be a new roll out of waste collection across Cornwall where food waste will be collected separately and sent to an anaerobic digester plant to make biofuels. • It was a fascinating afternoon, and I must thank Lanhydrock Parish Council for allowing me to join them and Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse for recommending the visit. <p>There were no questions from the Councillors present on this report. Chairman thanked Councillor R. Wilson for his report.</p>	

208/23	Parish Councillor Training Requirements:- Councillor Ms. A. Lake reported on some free planning training she will be attending and she would circulate to other Councillors Action: Councillor Ms. A. Lake.	Cllr. Ms. A. Lake
209/23	Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NALC – Events 2. Cornwall Community Land Trust – Free Seminar 18th October 2023 – Housing Crisis? Can communities lead the fightback? 3. Cornwall Council – Town & Parish Council Newsletter: 5th October 2023 4. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin – 10th October 2023 5. House of Commons – Scott Mann MP updated postal address 6. NALC – Newsletter 7. Devon & Cornwall Police – Police Running Operation Loki in Bodmin and surrounding areas 8. Tamar Toll Action Group – Consultation 9. Cornwall Council – Good News Story & Launch Event Invitation 10. CALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin 11. CALC – Town & Parish Council Finance Briefing slides: 12th October 2023 12. NALC – White Ribbon Day 13. CALC – News Round Up: Friday 13th October 2023 14. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin – 17th October 2023 15. NALC – Job Listings 16. NALC – Star Council Awards 2023 17. Devon & Cornwall Community Watch Association – Request following CAP Meeting 18. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin – 24th October 2023 19. CALC – Presentation Slides from Steve Rowell on Martyn’s Law 20. CALC – AGM – Tuesday 24th October a 7.00pm in St. Erme Community Centre 21. CALC – Martyn’s Law Briefing by Steve Rowell: Online Teams Link – Thursday 9th November 2023 at 11am 22. Great Western Railway – Ticket Office Proposals 23. Cornwall Council – Community Levelling Up Grant Information Events 24. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – Councillor Advocate Seminar on the 21st November 2023 – 101 Call Back Service, Op Scorpion Round-up, Policy Enquiry Offices and Channel 4 documentary on spiking in which Commissioner features 25. Cornwall Council – Annual Rough Sleeper Count – Volunteers Needed 26. CALC – Information Requests and NALC Legal Update 27. Cornwall Council – Cornwall Community Flood Forum Conference to be held on Friday 3rd November at Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge 28. Cornwall Council – Local Council Planning Training: 23rd November 2023 – Part 1: Neighbourhood Plans, Part 2: The Local Plan and call for sites 29. CPRE Cornwall – Help protect our Cornish Countryside and Coast 30. Great Western Railway - Reminder - Network Rail Re-signalling Work 31. Bodmin Police Station - November 2023 Bodmin/Wadebridge Neighbourhood Police Team Newsletter 32. Cornwall Council – Planning News for Local Councils and Agents – Autumn Edition 33. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin – 31st October 2023 34. Great Western Railway – Storm Ciaran Travel Update 	

	35. Rural Services Network – Rural Funding Digest – November 2023 Edition 36. Cornwall Council – Postponed Workshop Events in relation to Grants for Communities on the 2 nd November 2023 37. Cornwall Council - Playing Pitch Strategy and Sport Facilities Study 38. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine (Councillor R. Wilson)	
210/23	Any Urgent Matters the Chair considers relevant for this meeting:- None.	
211/23	Date of next Meeting:- Next meeting would be held on Wednesday 6 th December 2023 at 7.00pm in the Withiel Village Hall Committee Meeting Room. There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.40pm.	

Signature:

Chair

Date: 6th December 2023