

WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN

THE WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00PM

Present Cllr. Ms. J. Shearer (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. R. Wilson
Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk)
Cwll. Cllr. Mrs. J. Cruse
Cllr. S. Coy
Cllr. Mrs. W. Symons

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
1/24	Apologies:- Councillors M. Davies, Ms. A. Lake, E. Piper.	
2/24	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):- None.	
3/24	<p>Monthly Cornwall Councillor Report:- Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse reported as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy New Year to all the Parish Council. • The heavy rainfall has continued to create flooding in all the villages, and I am gradually getting round to look at all the worst points. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of reporting any ditch or drain that is blocked as the Cormac Team seems to work well when such things are reported. • The cut back on annual maintenance has created a lot of problems as culverts and drains are not being cleared as often as they used to be due to cut back in the Highways budget. It is to be hoped that the 'pothole' funding will enable Cornwall Highways to increase their staffing. • I have a meeting on the 15th January with the Delegated Officer and Area Chief Planning Officer to discuss the Panderosa planning application. I was very disappointed with the decision made at Strategic planning to allow 84 hectares of good farming land to be turned to a solar farm. It is my opinion that we should be conserving our best and most versatile land for farming only. We have no idea what is around the corner, and we should always be mindful of food security. We should be supporting our local growers as being the most environmentally sound way of producing and distributing food. • It was noted there are no salt bins in Withiel parish as there were concerns who is spreading, etc., with regards to legal issues. • She has not heard with regards to the visibility at Withiel Crossroads or the flooding at Withiel, she has requested a meeting with Rachael Tatlow of Cormac or the Highway Steward. Councillor Mrs. W. Symons hopes once the drains are cleared sufficiently and the water washes away properly. Councillor Ms. J. Shearer and Clerk to report using the online system <p>Action: Councillor Ms. J. Shearer/Clerk.</p> <p>Vice-Chair thanked Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse for her report and for attending our meeting this evening. There were no questions from the Councillors present on this report.</p>	Cllr. Ms. J. Shearer/ Clerk
4/24	Members Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:- None.	

5/24	<p>Confirmation of Minutes from the Monthly Meeting held on the 6th December 2023:- Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Meeting Minutes held on the 6th December 2023 as circulated were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons)</p>	
6/24	<p>Matters Arising from the Monthly Parish Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th December 2023:-</p> <p>Page 2 Min.218/23 Withiel & Withielgoose TRO Consultation:- Acknowledgement required from Ed Maguire the comments of the Parish Council have been received and recorded in the scheme folder.</p> <p>Page 3 Min.222/23 Setting of Precept:- Acknowledgement received confirming the precept requirements in the sum of £8,000.00.</p>	
7/24	<p>Highway Issues in the Parish:- As discussed under Cornwall Councillor report earlier this evening.</p>	
8/24	<p>Footpath Issues in the Parish:- Councillor Ms. J. Shearer reported that the stiles and access at Brooklands and below Bosneives have been inspected and Cormac will consider assisting with the cost of installing new gates instead of the stiles which are no longer acceptable. Legally the issue of livestock control lies predominantly with the landowner, but they will try to assist in this case as they often do, but they need to review available budget to see what they can contribute. Cormac is catching up with storm damage throughout Cornwall but will be in touch soon to conclude this matter. Clerk reported the Footpath Local Maintenance Partnership Claim has been submitted today.</p>	
9/24	<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>PA23/10043 - National Grid – NGED proposed refurbishing and upgrading the 43CG circuit to three phase from Tremore to Borleasevath. The Circuit is 8819m in length and the work will involve the replacement of up to 108 poles on a like for like basis and the installation of a third wire for the entire length. All work will be undertaken off existing tracks and with the agreement of landowners, Natural England has been consulted on the work as it falls within the impact risk zones. 43CG Circuit Refurbishment, Tremore to Borleasevath - Support (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons)</p> <p>PA23/08612 – Mr. & Mrs. T. Mills – Formation of an annexe to replace the existing garage, Tremerrick, Tremore Valley, Bodmin – Objections remain the same as last month, putting forward our previous comments (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor S. Coy)</p> <p>Planning Correspondence Received:- Cornwall Council – Re-consultation on PA23/08612 – Mr. & Mrs. T. Mills – Formation of an annexe to replace the existing garage, Tremerrick, Tremore Valley, Bodmin – as noted above.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10/24	<p>Monthly Accounts for January 2024, including monthly bank reconciliation and budget monitoring and any other Financial Matters:- It was proposed that the Council approve and accept the accounts for January 2024 as circulated on schedule, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor S. Coy)</p>	

	HSBC – Bank Charges	£8.00	November 2023	Clerk
	Salaries and Expenses	£282.76	January 2024	
	HMRC – Income Tax	£64.20	January 2024	
	Receipt:- HSBC – Gross Interest	£41.25	December 2023	
11/24	Voltaise Solar Funding and how to deal with applications and advertising:- Clerk reported confirmation had been received from Eleanor Farnes of Cornwall Council of the amount available in the solar funding, in relation to PA12/10939 in the sum of £9,334.33. Apologies had been received from Councillor Ms. A. Lake and the Chairman; therefore, this item will be carried forward to the next meeting.			
12/24	Camel Valley Community Area Partnership:- Clerk reported the Agenda and Minutes had been received and circulated to Councillors from Cornwall Council – Camel Valley Community Area Partnership meeting to be held on Monday 8 th January 2024 from 18.30pm-20.30pm either remotely or in person at Wadebridge Town Hall, The Platt, Wadebridge. Camel Valley Draft Action Plan also forwarded.			
13/24	Climate Change and the Environment:- No update.			
14/24	Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:- No update.			
15/24	Withiel Community Emergency Plan:- No update.			
16/24	Parish Councillor Training Requirements:- Update received from the Chairman advising he took part in a planning training meeting on 12 th December (all about enforcement) quite depressing really in that the general take from the meeting is that enforcement is hard to achieve. This said he still stands by the feeling that we need to highlight planning breaches to the Enforcement Team and then leave it to them to deal with. He believes that our failure to report is an acceptance of what is happening and despite the fact we might not get the outcome we hope for we should uphold the planning rules and encourage all in the parish to do so, this includes applications, appeals and enforcements.			
17/24	Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin 2. Great Western Railway – Disruptions 3. CALC – Town & Parish Council Budgets – Election Costs 4. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - Official launch of Police Enquiry Offices openings next year 5. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - Your help please - let residents of Devon and Cornwall have their say on policing priorities 6. NALC – Events 7. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin – 12th December; 19th December 2023 8. Citizens Advice Cornwall – Winter Newsletter 9. Cornwall Council - Forest for Cornwall Winter Newsletter 2023 10. NALC – Newsletter 11. Cornwall Council – Planning Fees Update and Planning Consultation Responses – December 2023 12. Great Western Railway – Line Closures 13. Cornwall Council – Cornwall Communities welcome Afghan refugee families 14. CALC - December Edition of Civility and Respect Newsletter 			

	<p>15. Hedge Hogs R Us – Hedgehog Awareness</p> <p>16. CALC – Training – Introduction to Planning with Andrew Towleron 10/1/24</p> <p>17. Great Western Railway - Storm Henk impact on rail services</p> <p>18. Bodmin Police Station – January 2024 Bodmin/Wadebridge Neighbourhood Police Team Newsletter</p>	
18/24	Any Urgent Matters the Chair considers relevant for this meeting:- None.	
19/24	<p>Date of next Meeting:- Next meeting would be held on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7.00pm in the Withiel Village Hall. Apologies from Councillor Mrs. W. Symons and Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse for the next meeting.</p> <p>All other Meetings confirmed as the Wednesday 6th March, 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July, 7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December 2024.</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.48pm.</p>	

Signature:

Chair

Date: 7th February 2024