

WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN

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

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

| Minute | AGENDA ITEMS | Action |
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| 59/24 | Apologies:- Councillor E. Piper, Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse | |
| 60/24 | 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):- Three members of public in attendance. Would like the opportunity to answer any questions on correspondence in planning. Chairman advised we will discuss under planning and comments will be made by the Councillors, if the public wanted to add anything would be to do now. Public stated it is early stages on the site and following on from speaking to the Case Officer is to obtain comments tonight. | |
| 61/24 | Monthly Cornwall Councillor Report:- Apologies received report circulated from Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse as follows:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last week cabinet passed the government support grant of 2.4 million for the Camel Phosphates mitigation programme. I did get confirmation that this funding will go solely to small builds and priority given to community led projects. Mitigation measures include riparian strips, upgrading septic tanks and buying land credits. Larger companies will need to make and pay for their own arrangements. The embargo has affected development in Withiel. I have not heard of any problems with the new waste roll out which was coming to a very small area in the Withiel Parish. There has been extra funding coming into the Community Capacity Fund and that fund is still open for bidding. This would suit any project that is looking for help to get up and running as this is not a capitol fund. That is now closed is very oversubscribed. There is a training day available for all Councillors later in April. Details should have been sent out. Chair thanked Clerk for circulating Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse's report this evening. There were no questions from the Councillors present on this report. | |
| 62/24 | Members Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:- None. | |
| 63/24 | Confirmation of Minutes from the Monthly Meeting held on the 6th March 2024:- Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Monthly Parish Meeting Minutes held on the 6 th March 2024 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) | |
| 64/24 | Matters Arising from the Monthly Parish Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th March 2024:- None. | |

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| 65/24 | <p>Highway Issues in the Parish:- Chairman reported that hopefully everyone is aware where to report online, along with members of the public as well. There appears to be a lot of new cones put up recently, so it is hoped there may be some action taken.</p> | |
| 68/24 | <p>Footpath Issues in the Parish:- Councillor Ms. J. Shearer reported there had been no response from Chris Monk about the replacement chippings for Lanjew washed-out footpath. She offered to walk all the footpaths and welcomed any volunteers to assist to check all paths. Councillor Ms. A. Lake suggested a walk involving the public. It was agreed to include in the News and Views report to see if any members of the public were interested in taking up the offer. Also to include an item in the News and Views to welcome any comments and concerns regarding public footpaths to be sent to the Parish Council Clerk. Councillor R. Wilson suggested a pre-walk before inviting the public along as already mentioned.</p> | |
| 69/24 | <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:- No planning applications or results received this month.</p> <p>Comments from Councillors in respect of item (b) below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Mrs. W. Symons felt it was commendable that someone wants to do something about housing in the parish. She does however, have concerns in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and bringing more people into the parish, i.e. children, playschool and schools would not cope. • Councillor Ms. A. Lake reported the Case Officer has produced a very thorough report, pointing out this is not in line with the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Along with the issues that this is not supported by the majority of residents in Retire and not supported by Cornwall Council planning, she believes that 5 houses on the edge of 9 dwellings is disproportionately large. It is had odds as how housing has popped up in Retire, she is reiterating what the Case Officer has stated. • Councillor S. Coy reported the Neighbourhood Development Plan took a great deal of time and effort to produce, we are one of not many parishes that have an approved plan. It appears the proposals do not comply with the plan nor the Planning Officers. Therefore, he cannot support this proposal. • Councillor Ms. J. Shearer reported she could see this is a meaningful proposal but given the lack of policy support outlined, it is unlikely the development would receive support and she feels very strongly along with the Neighbourhood Development Plan. We have now also received a letter from several residents who are also against this and therefore, she would not support this. • Councillor R. Wilson reported he agrees with most of the Councillors. He is for affordable; however, he believes the problems are going to be with location. A lot of matters need tweaking before he could make a decision, although he has to take on board what members of public comments. • Chairman reported the concept is admirable, social affordable housing is a valuable asset. However, traffic and child aspects are major issues. We do have a Neighbourhood Development Plan, which runs up to 2030. When the Cornwall Plan is updated, we will review ours in line with this. We have a duty to review in the future but not at this point in time. <p>Planning Correspondence:- (a) Residents from Hamlet of Retire – Objections to led housing development within their hamlet;</p> | |

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| | <p>(b) Steve Martin – Pre-application for an affordable led housing development within the hamlet of Retire. Proposal put to the Parish Council by the Chairman that we do not support this application on the following grounds:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposal is not in line with our Development Plan 2. The proposal is not supported by the majority of residents of Retire. 3. The proposal is not supported by the Cornwall Council's Planning Department. <p>(Proposed by Chairman, Seconded by Vice-Chairman (unanimous) Action: Clerk.</p> | Clerk | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 70/24 | <p>Monthly Accounts up to 31st March 2024 and April 2024, including monthly bank reconciliation and budget monitoring and any other Financial Matters:- It was proposed that the Council approve and accept the accounts up to 31st March 2024 and April 2024 as circulated on schedule, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor S. Coy; Seconded: Councillor Ms. A. Lake)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="3">Final Accounts up to 31st March 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HSBC – Bank Charges</td> <td>£8.00</td> <td>February 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>McAfee Renewal</td> <td>£79.99</td> <td>Annual Subscription</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Accounts for April 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries and Expenses</td> <td>£282.76</td> <td>April 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – Income Tax</td> <td>£64.20</td> <td>April 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Receipt:- HSBC – Gross Interest</td> <td>£47.97</td> <td>April 2024</td> </tr> </table> <p>Membership Subscription to Cornwall Association of Local Councils:- Resolved to renewal annual membership in the sum of £222.41 plus vat totalling £262.56 (Proposed: Councillor S. Coy; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons) Action: Clerk.</p> | Final Accounts up to 31st March 2024 | | | HSBC – Bank Charges | £8.00 | February 2024 | McAfee Renewal | £79.99 | Annual Subscription | Accounts for April 2024 | | | Salaries and Expenses | £282.76 | April 2024 | HMRC – Income Tax | £64.20 | April 2024 | Receipt:- HSBC – Gross Interest | £47.97 | April 2024 | Clerk Clerk |
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| 71/24 | <p>Voltaise Solar Funding Update:- Chairman reported a set of guidance notes now need drawing up. Resolved to Councillor Ms. A. Lake and Chairman to draw up guidance notes Action: Chair.</p> | Chair | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 72/24 | <p>Camel Valley Community Area Partnership:- Councillor Ms. J. Shearer reported that an application was approved by the Panel. She expressed concerns that no all officers are voting on applications sent to them and then they automatically go through. Chairman suggested we write to the Link Officer if we believe applications are not being considered correctly. Councillor Ms. J. Shearer to follow up behind the scenes. There were no questions from Councillors.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 73/24 | <p>Climate Change and the Environment:- No update.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 74/24 | <p>Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:- No update.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 75/24 | <p>Withiel Community Emergency Plan:- No update.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 76/24 | <p>Parish Councillor Training Requirements:- Email circulated by the Clerk this afternoon from CALC with training.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 77/24 | <p>Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin 2. Cornwall Council – Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter – February 2024 3. Cornwall Council - Town & Parish Council Newsletter: 8th March 2024 4. Cornwall Council - Affordable Housing Newsletter - March 2024 5. Cornwall Community Land Trust – March News 6. Cornwall Council - 2024 Refresh of the Cornwall Planning Partnership | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>7. Cornwall Garden Society – Spring Flower Show 2024</p> <p>8. NALC – Events</p> <p>9. Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin – 12th March; 19th March; 26th March 2024</p> <p>10. NALC – Newsletter</p> <p>11. CALC – Safer Cornwall Newsletter – 2nd Edition</p> <p>12. Cornwall Council – Community Capacity Fund</p> <p>13. Great Western Railway - Devon re-signalling work from 16th-21st March 2024</p> <p>14. CALC: Training Update - Breakthrough March & April 2024 Training Course Dates</p> <p>15. Devon & Cornwall Police - Are you free for an hour to talk to our team about ASB and tackling drugs?</p> <p>16. Cornwall Council - Camel Valley Community Area Partnership Meeting - Monday 22 April, 18:30pm-20:30pm</p> <p>17. CALC: Training Update - Breakthrough March & April 2024 Training Course Dates</p> <p>18. Cornwall farmers joining mass international protests against Government's & Council's disputed Net Zero theory policies Madness</p> <p>19. Devon & Cornwall Police - The highs and lows of an incredible three years - Devon & Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioner</p> <p>20. Cornwall Council - Wadebridge Grant Funding Workshop, 24 April, 2:00pm-4:00pm</p> <p>21. Great Western Railway – New Rail Strikes</p> <p>22. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine (Chair)</p> <p>23. Devon & Cornwall Police - April 2024 Bodmin/Wadebridge Neighbourhood Police Team Newsletter</p> <p>24. CALC – Free Online Demonstration: Go collaborate – Community Engagement and Consultation Platform</p> <p>25. CALC – NALC Briefing – Practitioners Guide 2024</p> | |
| 78/24 | <p>Any Urgent Matters the Chair considers relevant for this meeting:- Councillor S. Coy reported he would not be standing for the next Parish Council, he is suggesting he retires earlier and hope someone could be co-opted and then they may follow through with the new Parish Council. He would be happy to assist the Clerk with the finances and precept up until the May elections. Chair thanked Councillor S. Coy for pre-warning the Parish Council and wait to hear from him in due course.</p> | |
| 79/24 | <p>Date of next Meeting:- Next meeting would be held on Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Withiel Village Hall, to include the AGM and Nominations of Chair, Vice-Chair and Officers.</p> <p>All other Meetings confirmed as the Wednesday 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 7.39pm.</p> | |

Signature:

Chair

Date: 1st May 2024