

# WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN

THE WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 AT 7.00PM

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

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
18/25	<b>Apologies:-</b> None.	
19/25	<p><b>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):-</b> Five members of the public in attendance. Member of public reported on the state of the roads again and asked whether they were being prepared properly before repairs were conducted, as he has concerns there are some places that have been repaired 3-4 times <b>Action:</b> Clerk to forward concerns to Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse to follow up.</p> <p>Another member of public was in attendance in respect of the Ruthern Valley application this evening. They hire equipment annually costing around £1,500.00 which is a lot of money. They put on other events as well and would like to use the new lights here as they will be much better. They also thought it would be good for the community to use and get value out of the lights. Councillor Mrs. W. Symons asked if it would be owned by the Ruthern Valley Players, they confirmed it would be and could be hired out. The equipment would be stored in a lock up container on the Withiel Village Hall premises. Councillor R. Wilson asked about making equipment available to groups, they advised it would have to be hired out for insurance purposes, for a small amount to cover costs and not make a profit. The suitability of the equipment and the ease of use was explained.</p>	<p><b>Clerk/ Cwll. Cllr. Mrs. J. Cruse</b></p>
20/25	<p><b>Members Declaration of Interest in items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:-</b> Councillors Ms. J. Shearer and R. Wilson declared a non-registerable interest under Paragraph 3.5A in respect of the Camel Valley CAP. Councillors Mrs. W. Symons and R. Wilson declared a non-registerable interest under Paragraph 3.5A in respect of the News and Views.</p> <p>Councillors M. Davies, Ms. J. Shearer, Ms. A. Lake declared a non-registerable interest under Paragraph 3.5A in respect of the Voltaire Funding application from Ruthern Valley Players.</p> <p>Councillor Ms. J. Shearer declared a non-registerable interest in respect of the letter from Cornwall Council for the appeal on PA24/02456 – Shepherds Hut, Land North West of Penosivvi, Withiel.</p>	
21/25	<b>Monthly Cornwall Councillor Report:-</b> Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse reported as follows:-	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Friday I met with Councillor R. Wilson to go round problem spots in Withiel. I have since forwarded photos and a request for the Highways Steward to do a further thorough inspection with a Parish Council member (Councillor R. Wilson has volunteered, although others can attend). It was evident to me that there are some very dangerous areas, and a push needs to be made on fixing these problems in Withiel. I have also requested removal of unnecessary bollards and general road furniture.</li> <li>• At Full Council which was last week we passed the 2025/2026 Budget. Confirmation that all the HWRC will remain open for 7 days and there will be no cuts to handmen services and children's service was also confirmed. We continue to suffer from unfair funding nationally and our rural areas are particularly affected since the Rural Relief grant was axed.</li> <li>• I have had no reports of stuck lorries for some considerable time, so I am really hoping the signage has made a difference.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman thanked Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse for her report and for attending the meeting this evening. There were no questions.</p>	
22/25	<p><b>Confirmation of Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025:-</b> Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 as circulated which were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman (Proposed: Councillor S. Coy; Seconded: Councillor E. Piper) (All in Favour)</p>	
23/25	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Monthly Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025:-</b></p> <p><b>Page 4 Min.205/24 Ownership of verge nearby House of Fishes Crossroads:-</b> Dealt with under Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse's report above.</p> <p><b>Page 4 Min.225/24 Edges of roads wearing away nearby second crossroads:-</b> Dealt with under Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse's report above.</p> <p><b>Page 6 Min.14/25 Public Register of applicants and subsequent outcome:-</b> Clerk reported a report had been put together and would be circulated after our decision this evening and then included on the website <b>Action:</b> Clerk.</p>	Clerk
24/25	<p><b>Highway Issues in the Parish:-</b> Chairman reported we would send information as report in public forum to Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse to arrange a site visit with the Highway Steward. Councillor S. Coy reported how Dipper Bridge at Ruthern recently got hit by a fallen tree and he wondered if there was a plan to get the problem sorted out properly, he would be interested to hear what the long-term plan was for this <b>Action:</b> Clerk to forward concerns to Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse to follow up.</p> <p>Chairman requested list of areas looked at by Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse and Councillor R. Wilson to be circulated to all Councillors so anyone else can add anything that may have been missed off <b>Action:</b> Clerk/Councillor R. Wilson/Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse</p> <p>Councillor E. Piper reported on a collapsed drain which is now choked and flooded in between the center of the two crossroads <b>Action:</b> Clerk.</p> <p>Highways Representative to be included on our list for May <b>Action:</b> Clerk.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Cwll. Cllr. Mrs. J. Cruse</p> <p>Clerk/ Cwll. Cllr. Mrs. J. Cruse</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

25/25	<p><b>Footpath Issues in the Parish (Including rolling contract with Max Simpson to continue with footpath strimming for the financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025):-</b> Resolved to appoint Max Simpson as our preferred Contractor for footpath maintenance on the rolling contract (Proposed: Councillor E. Piper; Seconded: Councillor Ms. J. Shearer) All in Favour <b>Action:</b> Clerk to send relevant paperwork and confirmation.</p>	Clerk															
26/25	<p><b>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:-</b></p> <p><b>Planning Applications:-</b></p> <p><b>PA25/01075 – Dr. &amp; Mrs. Ashby –</b> Prior Approval for the proposed conversion of two barns to two dwellings, Buzzards Reach, Withiel – <b>Received today, when official letter comes in Clerk will request an extension of time to include on the April agenda</b></p> <p><b>Planning Results:-</b></p> <p><b>PA25/00324 – Mrs. Sarah Griffin –</b> Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA22/07440 dated 14/7/2023 to allow repositioning of approved bat house, Higher Bosneives, Bosneives Hill, Withiel – <b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>PA25/00045 – Mrs. Sarah Griffin –</b> Submission of details to discharge Condition 6 in respect of Decision Notice No. PA22/07440, Land North of Higher Bosneives, Bosneives Hill, Withiel – <b>S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps</b></p> <p><b>Planning Correspondence:- EN23/00615 –</b> Land North West of Penosivvi, Withiel – Appeal against Enforcement Notice – without planning permission, the material change of use of agricultural land to residential through the stationing of a shepherds hut for residential accommodation (holiday let) and associated development consisting of a detached toilet/shower block, a partially paved area surrounded by a low-level log wall containing a hot tub, and a hardstanding area for parking. Also, the removal of a section of hedgerow – Michael Philip Cherry, Mrs. Kate Cherry and Jacqueline Anne Cherry.</p>	Clerk															
27/25	<p><b>Monthly Accounts for March 2025, including monthly bank reconciliation and budget monitoring and any other Financial Matters:-</b> It was proposed that the Council approve and accept the accounts for March 2025 as circulated on schedule, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons; Seconded: Councillor R. Wilson) All in favour</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="204 1711 1355 1901"> <tr> <td>HSBC – Bank Charges</td> <td>£8.00</td> <td>February 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simon Coy</td> <td>£38.00</td> <td>Wreaths</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries and Expenses</td> <td>£291.06</td> <td>March 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – Income Tax</td> <td>£66.40</td> <td>March 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Receipt:-</b> HSBC – Gross Interest</td> <td>£40.01</td> <td>February 2025</td> </tr> </table>	HSBC – Bank Charges	£8.00	February 2025	Simon Coy	£38.00	Wreaths	Salaries and Expenses	£291.06	March 2025	HMRC – Income Tax	£66.40	March 2025	<b>Receipt:-</b> HSBC – Gross Interest	£40.01	February 2025	Clerk
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28/25	<p><b>Voltaire Funding Applications received from Ruthern Valley Players:-</b> Resolved support (Proposed: Councillor E. Piper; Seconded: Councillor S. Coy), two other Councillors objecting, leaving a tied vote, with the Chair supporting the motion, their casting vote remains the motion was carried. Clarification from CALC to be sought <b>Action:</b> Clerk/Chairman.</p>	Clerk/ Chair															

29/25	<p><b>Camel Valley Community Area Partnership (Including Template from Cornwall Council for current projects, issues and/or questions):-</b> No update.</p> <p><b>Template from Cornwall Council for current projects, issues and/or questions:-</b> No update.</p>	
30/25	<p><b>Parish Councillor Training Requirements:-</b> None.</p>	
31/25	<p><b>Cornwall Council - Policy Update, Call for Sites and Neighbourhood Priority Statements:-</b> Councillor Ms. J. Shearer believes we should hold on until the Cornwall Local Plan has been agreed. Councillor R. Wilson reported they are also asking for comments on call for sites by 19<sup>th</sup> March, he wondered how Councillors felt about this. Do we want more homes, social houses in our Parish or are we happy with our Neighbourhood Plan as it currently stands. Several different emails have been circulated in the interim. Chairman reported that anyone could put in a Call for sites application. Councillor S. Coy believes Withiel should be fine as in his opinion our infrastructure will not support more development.</p>	
32/25	<p><b>Redruth Town Council - Letter re Allocation of Second Home Funding:-</b> Content of letter duly noted.</p>	
33/25	<p><b>Publishing News and Views Report (a) Sending report to News and Views Editor; (b) Whether the Parish Council wants our report included on the Withiel Village website and sending to the relevant Withiel Village Website Editor:-</b> Resolved that Councillor Ms. J. Shearer writes the report and sends to the Chairman and Clerk and then once agreed the Clerk sends the report to the News and Views Editor, a copy will also be sent to Cally Law to publish on the Withiel Village website (Proposed: Councillor S. Coy; Seconded: Councillor E. Piper) Motion Carried <b>Action:</b> Clerk.</p>	Clerk
34/25	<p><b>Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletin – 6<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025</li> <li>2. Cornwall Council - Policy Update, Call for Sites and Neighbourhood Priority Statements</li> <li>3. Office of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner - Terms of the Councillor Advocate Scheme (Induction Document)</li> <li>4. Office of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner - The Commissioner's weekly column - Standing united against sexual abuse and violence</li> <li>5. The Rural Bulletin – 11<sup>th</sup> February, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025</li> <li>6. NALC – Events Newsletter</li> <li>7. Rural Services Network Rural Funding Digest – February and March 2025 Editions</li> <li>8. Cornwall Council – Funding Opportunity</li> <li>9. Cornwall Council - Town &amp; Parish Council Newsletter: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025</li> <li>10. Great Western Railway - Changes to GWR Public Affairs team</li> <li>11. Office of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner - The Commissioner's weekly column - Bringing face-to-face policing back into the heart of more communities</li> <li>12. Cornwall Council – Draft Notes: Camel Valley Community Area Partnership Meeting - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025</li> <li>13. Office of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner - Tackling Antisocial Behaviour Together Conference 2025 - 13<sup>th</sup> March 09:30am - 13:00pm</li> <li>14. Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse – National Landscape Statement and Planning Position</li> <li>15. Bodmin Police Station – March 2025 Newsletter</li> </ol>	

	<p>16. Office of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner - The Commissioner's weekly column - This will be the year of visible, accessible policing in Devon &amp; Cornwall</p> <p>17. Cornwall Council – Supplier Update</p> <p>18. Cornwall Council - Candidate and Agent Briefing - 12th March 2025 at 5.00pm</p> <p>19. Office of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner - The Commissioner's weekly column - You said, we did: improving Torquay together</p> <p>20. CALC – One off Training Offer – Delivered by James Corrigan – Policies before and after elections and how to deal with it</p> <p>21. CALC - Training Bulletin March to July 2025</p> <p>22. NHS Cornwall &amp; Isles of Scilly - Cornwall together: January/February 2025</p> <p>23. Clerks &amp; Councils Direct Magazine (Councillor R. Wilson)</p>	
35/25	<p><b>Any Urgent Matters the Chair considers relevant for this meeting:-</b> Chairman noted that Councillor E. Piper commented that Jeremy Hancock would be a good candidate to come forward as a Parish Councillor. Councillor R. Wilson would collect the Councillor candidate packs and leave in the Withiel Village Hall and deliver for anyone who is interested.</p>	
36/25	<p><b>Date of next Meeting:-</b> Next meeting would be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 7.00pm in the Withiel Village Hall, Clerk recommended due to elections she would recommend this to be our Annual Parish Meeting. Resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting in April (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons) All in Favour <b>Action:</b> Clerk. All other Meetings confirmed for 2025 as follows – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025.</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.16pm.</p>	Clerk

Signature: .....

Chair

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025