

WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN

THE WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 2ND APRIL 2025 AT 7.09PM

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	4 Members of Public

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
46/25	Apologies:- Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse.	
47/25	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):- Four members of the public in attendance. One member of the public raised the issue of a stone put in the passing place up from Four Turnings Crossroads, he asked whether it was Cormac's attempt. Chairman advised he saw it and felt it was a very average job. Councillor R. Wilson believed it was not Cormac but possibly could be Wildanet as they were working in the area Action: Clerk to follow up with Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse. Another member of the public asked a question about monthly reports, he requested a small brief resume of the reports read out at the meetings. They then asked about Parish Councillor vacancies, Chairman and Clerk explained the election process. The final question was regarding the planning application for Dr. Ashby on the agenda this evening Chairman and Clerk explained the situation regarding Class Q development and said this would be covered more fully in the planning part of the evening.	Clerk
48/25	Members Declaration of Interest in items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:- 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. 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. Councillor Ms. J. Shearer declared a non-registerable interest in the planning application this evening for Dr. Ashby. Councillor E. Piper declared a pecuniary interest in respect of a planning application in his name to be discussed this evening.	
49/25	Monthly Cornwall Councillor Report:- Report received from Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse follows:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies for not being at the meeting but visiting family. • Not much to report. Rather oddly I have not been allowed to arrange the meeting between Highways and Councillor R. Wilson. Seemingly something to do with pre-election activity. Anyway, I have sent emails to both parties encouraging them to make the arrangement themselves. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incidentally there was a suggestion that we could engage volunteers under certain circumstances, and should I be around much longer I will push for this option as it makes sense to me. Best wishes and thank you for all your great work for Withiel. <p>Chairman thanked the Clerk for circulating Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse's report. There were no questions.</p>	
50/25	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 5th March 2025:- Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 5th March 2025 as circulated which were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman (Proposed: Councillor R. Wilson; Seconded: Councillor E. Piper) (All in Favour)</p>	
51/25	<p>Matters Arising from the Monthly Meeting held on the 5th March 2025:-</p> <p>Page 1 Min.19/25 Public Forum - State of Roads:- Clerk reported this had been added to the list compiled by Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse.</p> <p>Page 2 Min.14/25 Public Register of applicants and subsequent outcome:- Clerk reported a report had been put together and would be circulated after payment has been received from Cornwall Council funds and relevant payment made from last month and then included on the website Action: Clerk.</p> <p>Page 2 Min.24/25 Highway Issues in the Parish:- Clerk reported this had been added to the list compiled by Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse, which had been circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p>Page 3 Min.25/25 Re-appointment of Footpath Contractor:- Clerk reported paperwork had been sent but still awaiting a response Action: Keep Pending.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
52/25	<p>Highway Issues in the Parish:- Councillor R. Wilson reported he is meeting Highway Steward on Thursday the 10th April 2025 at 9.00am to discuss all matters on the list of outstanding highway issues and others he has noticed since and requested anything additional from Councillors, a number we put forward for inclusion.</p> <p>Highways Representative to be included on our list for May Action: Clerk.</p>	Clerk
53/25	<p>Footpath Issues in the Parish:- Councillor Ms. J. Shearer reported the bridge on the footpath at Whitehay is still damaged, she had forwarded an email from Chris Monk of Cormac to the Clerk as an update.</p>	
54/25	<p>To RECEIVE consultation response requests and to RESOLVE a response. Formal requests from the planning authority received before the start of the meeting will be considered, including Results/Correspondence/Any Letters received for or against any Planning Applications:-</p> <p>Planning Applications:- Clerk reported on the following two application as some queries had been received and Cornwall Council had responded - These applications are Class Q prior approval applications which means that there is no consultation sent to the Parish Council. The Parish Council are, however, welcome to submit any comments that they may have on the proposal via the public portal but should be aware that there would be no 5 Day Protocol applicable if views on the proposal differ. Cornwall Council planning is only able to assess whether this proposal complies with the criteria of Class Q of the General Permitted Development Order and not the Cornwall Local Plan/Neighbourhood Plan in the way that we would assess a full planning application.</p>	

	<p>PA25/01075 – Dr. & Mrs. Ashby – Prior Approval for the proposed conversion of two barns to two dwellings, Buzzards Reach, Withiel – Acknowledge receipt of the application (Proposed: Councillor E. Piper; Seconded: Councillor S. Coy) All in Favour</p> <p>PA25/01803 - Dr. & Mrs. Ashby – Prior Approval for the proposed conversion of a barn to a dwelling (Class Q), Buzzards Reach, Withiel – Acknowledge receipt of the application (Proposed: Councillor E. Piper; Seconded: Councillor S. Coy) All in Favour</p> <p>Councillor E. Piper declared a pecuniary interest in respect of the following planning application and duly left the meeting room:-</p> <p>PA25/01282 – Mr. Ed Piper – Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for a general-purpose agricultural storage building, Land at Higher Bosneives, Bosneives Hill, Withiel - Acknowledge receipt of the application (Proposed: Councillor Ms. A. Lake; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons) All in Favour</p> <p>Councillor E. Piper returned to the meeting room.</p> <p>Planning Results and Correspondence:- None Received.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																								
55/25	<p>Monthly Accounts up to the 31st March 2025 and April 2025, 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 2025 and April 2025 as circulated on schedule, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor Mrs. W. Symons; Seconded: Councillor S. Coy) All in favour</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="3">Accounts up to 31st March 2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>McAfee Subscription</td><td>£79.99</td><td>Annual Subscription</td></tr> <tr> <td>HSBC – Bank Charges</td><td>£8.00</td><td>March 2025</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Accounts for April 2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Salaries and Expenses</td><td>£295.51</td><td>April 2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – Income Tax</td><td>£67.20</td><td>April 2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cornwall ALC Limited</td><td>£276.52</td><td>Annual Membership</td></tr> <tr> <td>Receipt:- HSBC – Gross Interest</td><td>£44.35</td><td>April 2025</td></tr> </table>	Accounts up to 31st March 2025			McAfee Subscription	£79.99	Annual Subscription	HSBC – Bank Charges	£8.00	March 2025	Accounts for April 2025			Salaries and Expenses	£295.51	April 2025	HMRC – Income Tax	£67.20	April 2025	Cornwall ALC Limited	£276.52	Annual Membership	Receipt:- HSBC – Gross Interest	£44.35	April 2025	<p>Clerk</p>
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56/25	<p>Voltaire Funding Applications received from Ruthern Valley Players:- Clerk and Chair reported following last month and discussion with CALC as detailed in an email circulated our last proposal stood and the request has been sent for monies from the Voltaire funds held by Cornwall Council and once received will be paid to Ruthern Valley Players Action: Clerk.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs. W. Symons raised future discussion on suitability and any changes to the fund guidance Action: Agenda for June.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																								
57/25	<p>Camel Valley Community Area Partnership (Including Template from Cornwall Council for current projects, issues and/or questions):- Report circulated from Councillor Ms. J. Shearer as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barry Cornelius from Camel Valley Community Transport Service reported that the group has got the necessary documentation - a signed contract to secure funding for a coordinator - and has also now bought a second-hand 16-seater minibus for use in the community. He is awaiting a decision on a further CLUP funding agreement. Simon Betteridge from Compassionate Kernow described what he does to promote well-being within communities. 																									

Based at Wadebridge Football Club, the organisation is part of a national scheme to help people deal with long term illness, bereavement and mental health problems. He says that local sports club are often at the heart of communities and are ideally placed to promote compassion and has managed to get Wadebridge Football Club accredited as the only football club in the UK to be labelled a 'Compassionate Organisation'.

They deliver bereavement training, mental health issues and support for families suffering the consequences of suicide within immediate families and circle of friends. He claims that the quality of positive social relationships in communities promotes well-being more than any medical support and he is looking to build an ethos of well-being, not projects. The mantra TLC - talk, listen and connect is used widely during training and teaches people to care for others within their community.

- Sector Inspector Adam Stonehill reported that the police are still struggling to deal with increased shoplifting, drug dealing/possession and that the investigation into the huge fires on Rosenannon Downs is on-going but he was unable to comment. He asks people to please keep reporting crime.
- Following CAP initiative to promote youth projects, Naomi Osmond from the Cornwall Youth Work Collective is carrying out lottery-funded extensive investigation into youth provision in Cornwall which has not allegedly been done since 2006. Employed 15 youth ambassadors for two hours a week for a year to try and establish what youth provision is available. Transport in rural areas is a hindrance. They only found 27 open access youth clubs in Cornwall - no central directory so there may be many more but no information available. Very few are sustainable as there is little or no funding. Limited training of individuals qualified to run youth groups. Wants to increase provision for young people.
- Lucy Pearson from R J Working - using restorative practice which is a way of working together to resolve conflict and build stronger relationships. Restorative practice aims to prevent harm or recover from harm between people and also to help deal with bigger picture - racism, for example. Restorative practice tries to avoid culture of blame and discover instead how to repair harm after difficult relationships have broken down. Most of the work has been concentrated further west but she is keen to introduce to Wadebridge area and is currently working with Bodmin College. The practice encourages people skills - social and emotional - needed to build success in career opportunities. They also aim to make 'safe spaces' for people who feel different and struggle to form personal relationships. Often young people feel alone but they are able to make them feel welcome and part of a group. Working to promote resilience, leadership, teamwork and a sense of belonging especially dealing with, for example climate change, which is of major anxiety to young people.
- Jacqui White from Camelford Foodbank Issue emergency food boxes to local people in crisis for example after experiencing life-changing health problems. They also support people with benefit claims, surviving loss of income, housing or mobility. Since April 2024, they have supported people to claim £143,000.00 in eligible benefits, delivered 38 tons of, 258 food parcels to those in need. They also, although it is not advertised, help referred people in crisis with toiletries, cleaning products, pet food, school uniforms at cheap prices, nappies, furniture (when people have to set up a new independent home) and provide links and support to help navigate daunting applications forms when applying for benefits, housing help, job centre information, legal help and advice on domestic violence refuges.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachael Rothero people commissioning service director from Cornwall Council updated on briefing on the forthcoming cabinet meeting which would deal with housing plans, Cormac, waste strategy, Newquay Airport plans preventing homelessness/rough sleeping and energy policy. Details will be on the website. She reminded people need to register by Friday 11th April to vote in forthcoming local elections. • Pat Rogerson pointed out that Callywith College has dropped some academic subjects, which is, she said, very disappointing. • The next meeting is on 7th July 2025. • Councillor R. Wilson reported our church collected food bags at the harvest festival, so it feels like we did something towards this. <p>There were no questions.</p> <p>Template from Cornwall Council for current projects, issues and/or questions:- No update.</p>	
58/25	Parish Councillor Training Requirements:- None.	
59/25	<p>Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletin – 6th March, 20th March, 27th March 2025 2. Zurich Municipal Insurance Spring Update 3. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - Working as a Councillor advocate - good news stories plus important dates for your diary 4. BBC Radio Cornwall Make a Difference Awards 2025 5. Great Western Railway to add Class 175s to fleet 6. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - The Commissioner's weekly column - Cracking down on cannabis cultivation 7. Cornwall Council - Affordable Housing Newsletter - March 2025 8. The Rural Bulletin – 11th March, 18th March, 1st April 2025 9. Cornwall Council - Town & Parish Council Newsletter: 12th March 2025 10. NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin – 13th March 2025 11. Cornwall Council - Camel Valley Community Area Partnership Meeting - Monday 24th March 2025, 18:30pm-20:30pm 12. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - Tackling Anti-social Behaviour Together Conference 2025 13. Cornwall Council - Recent circular to Town and Parish Councils – Farmers Movement Cornwall 14. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - The Commissioner's Weekly Column - Cracking down on illegal tobacco and vapes in Devon and Cornwall 15. NALC – Events Newsletter 16. Cornwall Council - Camel Valley Community Area Partnership Meeting - Monday 24th March 2025, 18:30pm-20:30pm 17. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - Crime and Policing Bill 2025 – Summary 18. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - Press release - Commissioner says Devon & Cornwall Police complaints handling 'unacceptable' 19. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - The Commissioner's weekly column - A critical friend helping Devon & Cornwall Police strive for high standards 20. Cornwall Association of Local Councils - Staffing changes 21. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - The Commissioner's weekly column - Everyone has a part to play in creating safer communities 22. Bodmin Police Station – April Newsletter 23. Cornwall Rural Community Council - Clean Cornwall Newsletter 24. The Rural Services Network - Rural Funding Digest - April 2025 Edition 	

	25. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - Press release - Significant Steps to Tackle Increasing Antisocial Behaviour 26. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine (Chairman)	
60/25	Any Urgent Matters the Chair considers relevant for this meeting:- Chairman reported we are coming up to election and he thanked Councillor S. Coy for his years of service on the Parish Council. Councillors Mrs. J. Shearer and Ms. A. Lake reported they were not standing for election, they were also thanked for their service over the years.	
61/25	Date of next Meeting:- Next meeting would be held on Wednesday 7 th May 2025 at 7.00pm in the Withiel Village Hall, to include nominations of Chair, Vice-Chair, Monitoring Officers and Representatives Action: Clerk. All other Meetings confirmed for 2025 as follows – Wednesday 4 th June, 2 nd July, 6 th August, 3 rd September, 8 th October, 5 th November and 3 rd December 2025. There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.08pm.	Clerk

Signature:

Chair

Date: 7th May 2025