

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**CONDUCTED ON-LINE BY 'ZOOM' ON**  
**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.00pm**

ATTENDANCE

Present were Cllr P Blease (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Thomas, Cllr Mrs C Sylvester, Cllr A Bunclark, Cllr M Whitbread-Jordan, Cllr H Jones, Cllr W Thomas, Cllr S Watt, Cllr Ms H Downing, Cllr Mrs S Maskelyne (from the point mentioned) and the Clerk.

One Member of the Public was present – Ben Salfield (Prospective Cornwall Councillor).

Brian Piper was also present.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ross Iles who was working.

2. URGENT ITEMS

The Clerk advised that there was one urgent item relating to the Christmas Lights which he would raise under Item 14.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3.2 The Clerk advised that he had had no written requests for dispensation to speak at the meeting.

4.1 MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

4.1.1 The Clerk advised that he was not aware of any suggested amendments to the Draft Minutes circulated prior to the meeting.

4.1.2 **RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as a true record of the proceedings.**

***Proposed by Cllr W Thomas, seconded by Cllr Bunclark and carried unanimously.***

**MINUTE 01/01/21**

The Chairman will sign the minutes as a true record of the proceedings when the opportunity arises.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2020 COUNCIL MEETING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

5.1 *Minute 09/12/20(2):*

The Clerk advised that the tree obstructing the grit bin at Tregolls had been removed by persons unknown, presumably Cormac, before Cllr W Thomas had had chance to do so.

5.2 *Minute 09/12/20(2):*

The Clerk advised that he had heard nothing from either Cllr W Thomas or Cllr Bunclark regarding an inspection of all the grit bins in the Parish.

Cllr Thomas informed the meeting that, because the one at Tregolls had been filled, he assumed that all the others had been done.

**Cllrs W Thomas, Mrs J Thomas and the Chairman agreed to look at various bins.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at this point at 19.05 to allow Public Participation.

- 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- 6.1.1 Ben Salfield introduced himself as the prospective Conservative candidate for the Lanner and Stithians Ward in the forthcoming County Council elections.
- 6.1.2 He advised that he was attending meetings of all the Parish Councils within the ward to observe and find out what was going on.
- 6.1.3 He stated that he believed that local politics was about communities and wanted to encourage public participation and working for communities.
- 6.2.1 Brian Piper advised that his application to Cornwall Council for a contribution from CIL towards the cost of solar panels and a battery storage system at the Stithians Centre had been successful to the tune of some £42,000.
- 6.2.2 He also advised that he had written an article for the Stithians times on home heating.
- 6.2.3 He referred to the letters he had compiled which were to be considered at this meeting and hoped that Members would agree to their being sent out.
- There being no further matters raised under Public Participation, the Chairman re-opened the meeting at 19.20.
7. STITHIANS ENERGY GROUP
- 7.1 *Report from Brian Piper:*
- 7.1.1 The Chairman presented his report on the work done by Brian Piper on preparing letters to service providers, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and sought Members' instructions on the matter.
- 7.1.2 **RESOLVED that the Clerk prepare and send the 22 letters referred to in the report.**  
***Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.***  
**MINUTE 02/01/21**
- 7.2 *Climate Emergency – SPC Action Points:*
- 7.2.1 The Chairman presented the Action Plan, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 7.2.2 **RESOLVED that Members would provide further information and updates to the Chairman by the end of January.**  
***Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by W Thomas and carried unanimously.***  
**MINUTE 03/01/21**
8. CLERK'S REPORTS
- 8.1 *Council's Current Financial Position:*
- 8.1.1 The Clerk presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 8.1.2 **RESOLVED to note the Council's current financial position.**  
***Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously.***  
**MINUTE 04/01/21**
- 8.2 *Appointment of New Clerk:*
- 8.2.1 The Clerk presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 8.2.2 He advised that he had had 16 expressions of interest. After conversations with two of them, he did not anticipate receiving applications from them. He further advised that no application forms had been returned.
- 8.2.3 **RESOLVED to note the report and the further information given to the meeting on the appointment of a new Clerk.**

***Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Watt and carried unanimously.***

**MINUTE 05/01/21**

9 PLANNING

9.1 *Notification of Planning Decisions Received:*

9.1.1 The Clerk drew the meeting's attention to the table of planning decisions, a copy of which is appended to these minutes and advised of the decisions made in respect of the five applications highlighted therein.

**This information was duly noted.**

9.2 *Notification of Planning Decisions received after publication of the agenda:*

9.2.1 The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been advised of one further planning decision relating to PA20/07956, an application for new stables at Penhalurick House, which had been approved.

**This information was duly noted.**

9.3 *Planning Applications Received:*

9.3(a) *PA20/10546 – Mr C Matheson – Rear & Side Extension – Boslowena, Trevales:*

9.3(a).1 Cllr Bunclark presented the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

9.3(a).2

**RESOLVED to support the application.**

***Proposed by Cllr Bunclark, seconded by Cllr Jones and carried unanimously.***

**MINUTE 06/01/21**

9.3(b) *PA20/07684 – Mr & Mrs Wilson - Replacement of 2 storey dwelling & garage with 2 pairs of semi-detached dwellings – Holmdale, Herniss:*

9.3(b).1 Cllr Jones presented the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

9.3(b).2 Members expressed some concerns over the application.

9.3(b).3

**RESOLVED NOT to support the application for the following reasons:**

- 1. The proposal is considered to be over-development of the site.**
- 2. Lack of parking provision given the fact that the access lane must be kept clear, as should Halvasso Road which is used by heavy commercial vehicles as well as “normal” traffic.**
- 3. There are doubts as to whether there is spare capacity in the sewerage system.**

***Proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Bunclark and carried unanimously.***

**MINUTE 07/01/21**

9.3(c) *PA21/00124 – Mrs V Prior – Amendments to PA20/01691 – 10 Gordons Close:*

9.3(c).1 The Clerk presented the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

9.3(c).2 **RESOLVED to ratify the decision taken by an e-mail vote to support the application.**

***Proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Bunclark and carried unanimously.***

**MINUTE 08/01/21**

9.3(d) *PA20/10207 – Mr J Richmond – New entrance lobby and front & rear extensions – 2 Woodside Cottages, Pelean Cross:*

9.3(d).1 Cllr Jones presented the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

9.3(d).2 **RESOLVED to support the application.**  
*Proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Bunclark and carried unanimously.*

**MINUTE 09/01/21**

10 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

10.1 *Notes of Progress Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021:*

10.1.1 The Clerk presented the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

10.1.2 **RESOLVED:**

1. To note the content of the report and the e-mails referred to.
2. To agree the content and financial implications of the notes of the EMC progress meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
3. To agree to purchase readymade anti-slip sheets for use on the zip wire ramp in the sum of £279.98 + £6.95 delivery + VAT.
4. To accept Tyrone Martin's quotation in the sum of £750 for carrying out the work detailed in the e-mail circulated to Members by the Clerk on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

*Proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.*

**MINUTE 10/01/21**

10.1.3 Further **RESOLVED** to give notice to the Rugby Club of the Council's intention to demolish the pavilion and to advise them that they will need to seek alternative arrangements for showers, changing rooms and storage.

*Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.*

**MINUTE 11/01/21**

11 PLAYING FIELD

11.1 *Footpath Access to New Playing Field:*

11.1.1 The Clerk presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

11.1.2 The Chairman advised that Rex Andrew had placed some material on site but the ground was still too wet to enable him to do any work.

11.1.3 **RESOLVED to note the content of the report and the information given to the meeting on the footpath access to the new playing field.**

*Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.*

**MINUTE 12/01/21**

11.2 *Playing Field Development Working Group:*

11.2.1 The Clerk advised that the Group had produced a "masterplan" for the playing field, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

11.2.2 There was considerable discussion over the various aspects of the proposal, but all Members were in favour of creating the footpaths which were proposed.

11.2.3 **RESOLVED that the Group would report to the February PC meeting with quotations for the footpath and a priority list of the other proposals.**

*Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously.*

**MINUTE 13/01/21**

12 CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 The Clerk presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He also presented his report on correspondence received after publication of the agenda, a copy of which is also appended to these minutes.

12.2 **RESOLVED:**

1. **To note receipt of the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter for December 2020.**
2. **To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**
3. **To note receipt from Devon & Cornwall Police of the December 2020 Edition of the Police & Crime Commissioner's Report.**
4. **To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**
5. **To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**
6. **To note receipt of the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter for January 2021.**
7. **To note receipt from Cornwall Council of an invitation to a "Teams" presentation of the launch of their Localism Vision and Strategy on 25<sup>th</sup> January.**
8. **To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

***Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.***

**MINUTE 14/01/21**

13 URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items for consideration at this point on the agenda.

14 AUTHORISING OF PAYMENTS

14.1 The Clerk presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

14.2 He also presented his report on invoices received after publication of the agenda, a copy of which is also appended to these minutes.

14.3 He also referred to a conversation he had had with Cornwall Councillor John Thomas concerning an application for a grant from his Community Chest.

14.4 **RESOLVED:**

1. **To approve payment of the sums shown in the reports totalling £5,990.51.**
2. **That the Clerk apply for the sum of £200 from Cllr John Thomas's Community Chest for a contribution towards the Christmas Lights, such money to then be transferred to the Lights Committee.**

***Proposed by Cllr Mrs Sylvester, seconded by Cllr Watt and carried unanimously.***

**MINUTE 15/01/21**

15 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The following items were identified for discussion at the February meeting:

- Report from Playing Field Working Group.
- Climate Change Action Plan.
- Dog Fouling.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Council Meeting would take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7pm.

The Meeting closed at 20.45.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

..... Chairman

Date:.....