

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**CONDUCTED ON-LINE BY 'ZOOM' ON**  
**TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 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 R Iles (from point mentioned), Cllr Ms H Downing, Cllr Mrs S Maskelyne and the Clerk.

One Member of the Public was present – Tim Luscombe (Prospective Cornwall Councillor).

Brian Piper was also present.

At the start of the meeting Members observed a minute's silence in memory of Charlie Burley who, until recently, had been Caretaker of the Stithians Centre and who passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> February.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Watt.

Cllr Iles apologised at the start of the meeting as he had been called out to work and would re-join the meeting as soon as he could.

Apologies were also received from Cornwall Councillor John Thomas and Ben Salfield.

2. URGENT ITEMS

The Clerk advised that there no urgent items for consideration.

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 JANUARY 2021 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 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 as a true record of the proceedings.**

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

**MINUTE 01/02/21**

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 JANUARY 2021 COUNCIL MEETING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

5.1 There were no matters arising.

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

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6.1.1 Tim Luscombe introduced himself as a prospective candidate in the forthcoming Cornwall Council elections and gave a résumé of his background and interests.

There being no further matters raised under Public Participation, the Chairman re-opened the meeting at 19.15.

7. STITHIANS ENERGY GROUP

7.1 *Report from Brian Piper:*

7.1.1 Brian Piper presented his three reports, copies of which are attached to these minutes.

7.1.2 **RESOLVED**

1. **To note the report from Brian Piper on the CPIR CNA Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

2. **To note the SEG report from Brian Piper.**

3. **To consider Brian Piper's comments on the proposed footpath around the Playing Field under Item 11.1.**

***Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Whitbread-Jordan and carried unanimously.***

**MINUTE 02/02/21**

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 He gave details of various additional information which had been included.

7.2.3 Cllr Mrs Thomas raised the matter of possibly harnessing water power in Kennall Vale.

7.2.4 **RESOLVED that Members would provide further information and updates to the Chairman in time for inclusion in the document to be considered at the next meeting and to keep the item on the agenda for each meeting as a progress report.**

***Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Whitbread-Jordan and carried unanimously.***

**MINUTE 03/02/21**

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 Cllr W Thomas, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously.***

**MINUTE 04/02/21**

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 **RESOLVED to note the information provided in the report on the appointment of a new Clerk.**

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

**MINUTE 05/02/21**

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 four 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 not been advised of any further planning decisions since the publication of the agenda.  
**This information was duly noted.**
- 9.3 *Planning Applications Received:*  
 9.3(a) *PA21/00889 – Mr & Mrs Cox – Conservatory extension and replacement of flat roof to existing garage with pitched roof – Woodstock, New Road:*  
 9.3(a).1 Cllr Jones presented the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.  
 9.3(a).2 **RESOLVED to support the application.**  
***Proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Bunclark and carried unanimously.***  
**MINUTE 06/02/21**  
 Cllr Iles entered the meeting at this point at 19.55.
- 9.4 *Planning Appeal against refusal of PA20/04058 – 5 Vicarage Close:*  
 9.4.1 The Clerk presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. There was considerable debate and it was:  
 9.4.2 **RESOLVED to maintain the Council’s objection to the application and to ask the applicant/tree surgeon to take whatever action is necessary to ensure that none of the trees, particularly where they overhang the highway, poses a danger to the public.**  
***Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Whitbread-Jordan and carried unanimously.***  
**MINUTE 07/02/21**
- 10 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
 10.1 *Notes of EMC Progress Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021:*  
 The Clerk presented the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.  
 10.1.1 **RESOLVED to agree the content and financial implications of the notes of the EMC progress meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**  
***Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Whitbread-Jordan and carried unanimously.***  
**MINUTE 08/02/21**
- 10.2 *Footpaths, Highways and Environment Portfolio Holder’s Report:*  
 There was no report.
- 10.3 *Dog Fouling:*  
 10.3.1 The Chairman presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. After considerable debate, it was:  
 10.3.2 **RESOLVED:**
1. **To publicise Cornwall Council’s reporting system for dog fouling with the appropriate link to their website.**
  2. **To publicise Cornwall Council’s cleaning up service for areas with excessive incidents with the appropriate link to their website**
  3. **To congratulate the Cubs’ initiative and encourage them to expand the geographical reach of their initiative to Longdowns, Penhalvean & Goonlaze.**
  4. **To investigate the availability of dog fouling signs from Cornwall Council.**

5. To investigate the possibility of highlighting problem areas on the ground using spray paint and a template.
6. That Cllr Mrs J Thomas consult various landowners about the possibility of them obtaining appropriate dog fouling signs from the NFU for use on Public Rights of Way.
7. That the Chairman consult the owner of Blythe in New Road about the relocation of the dog bin at the entrance to Collins Parc.

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

**MINUTE 09/02/21**

10.4 *Grit Bins:*

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

10.4.2 **RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to carry out a detailed survey of all the grit bins in the Parish and present a report to a future meeting.**

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

**MINUTE 10/02/21**

11 PLAYING FIELD

11.1 *Playing Field Development Working Group:*

11.1.1 The Clerk drew Members' attention to Brian Piper's comments referred to under Agenda item 7.1 and they were of the opinion that, as it was proposed to use compacted stone rather than tarmac, this would go some way to mitigating the impact on climate change. All were agreed that the matter of providing a footpath should be pursued and further consideration be given to more tree planting.

1.1.2 Members discussed the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes

11.1.3 **RESOLVED:**

1. That Cllr Whitbread-Jordan would attend a webinar hosted by the Prince's Countryside Fund on 3<sup>rd</sup> March with a view to investigating the availability of grants.
2. To seek a price from Rex Andrew for the construction of a footpath around the playing field.
3. To ask the Trustees of the Institute if they are willing to allocate monies towards works in the playing field.

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

**MINUTE 11/02/21**

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

1. To obtain a further quotation for the provision of a MUGA.
2. That the working group consider possible uses for the site of the pavilion post-demolition.
3. That the working group refine the proposals and produce an updated "masterplan" and a list of priorities with a view to putting the matter out for public consultation.

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

**MINUTE 12/02/21**

- 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 from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021.
  2. To note information from Cornwall Council that the Seven Stars has been accepted for inclusion in Cornwall Council's list of assets of community value, subject to any appeal.
  3. To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
  4. To note receipt from Devon & Cornwall Police of the January 2021 Edition of the Police & Crime Commissioner's Report.
  5. To note receipt from Devon & Cornwall Police of a Covid-19 Update dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
  6. To note receipt of the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter for February 2021.
  7. To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
  8. To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.*
- MINUTE 13/02/21**
- 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 **RESOLVED to approve payment of the sums shown in the reports totalling £7,349.86.**
- Proposed by Cllr Ms Downing, seconded by Cllr Bunclark and carried unanimously.*
- MINUTE 14/02/21**
- 15 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
- No items were identified for discussion at the March meeting:
- 16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
- It was agreed that the next Council Meeting would take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm.

The Meeting closed at 21.45

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

..... Chairman

Date:.....