

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL
CONDUCTED ON-LINE BY 'ZOOM' ON
TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2020 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 (from the point mentioned), Cllr W Thomas, Cllr S Watt (from the point mentioned), Cllr R Iles, Cllr Ms H Downing, Cllr Mrs S Maskelyne and the Clerk.

Members of the Public present were Chester Mouncher & Leona Quick to the point mentioned and John Colgate from the point mentioned.

The Chairman welcomed two new Councillors – Helen Downing and Sylvia Maskelyne.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies, but the Clerk advised that Cllr Jones had indicated he would be late..

2. URGENT ITEMS

The Clerk advised that there were no urgent items

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 SEPTEMBER 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 15th September 2020 as a true record of the proceedings.**

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

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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 SEPTEMBER 2020 COUNCIL MEETING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

5.1 *Minute 06/09/20:* The Clerk advised that the access tower had been delivered and used by Tyrone who was impressed with it.

5.2 *Minute 07/09/20:* The Clerk advised that Kerry Goddard's lease had been signed.

5.3 *Minute 09/09/20:* The Clerk advised that both letters relating to Climate Change had been forwarded to Brian Piper.

5.4 *Minute 10/09/20:* The Clerk advised that the plants had been delivered by the Chair and Vice-Chair to ex-Councillors Mrs Kavanagh and Mrs Wood on 18th September.

5.5 *Use of Playing Field by Seven Stars Inn:*

5.5.1 The Clerk referred to the items identified at the September meeting for discussion at this meeting, one of which was the possibility of offering the Seven Stars temporary use of the playing field to assist any potential new

landlord in their operation during the present pandemic. He reminded Members of e-mail discussion which had taken place subsequent to the September meeting during which he had ascertained that the title deed to the playing field contained a covenant whereby it could not be used “*as or for a hotel, tavern, inn or public house*”, thus negating any offer which might have been considered.

5.5.2 He therefore advised that it was not on the agenda.

5.5.3 He was, however, able to give an update on the current situation as regards the tenancy and advised that both the people who were previously interested had withdrawn. A further viewing by another prospective tenant was due to take place on 10th October.

5.5.4 **The Chairman advised that, in view of the difficulties being experienced by the Brewery in letting the pub, it was his intention to proceed with the application to declare it an Asset of Community Value.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at this point at 19.09 to allow Public Participation.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6.1 Leona Quick gave details of the (substantial) work carried out by SWW to the drainage system for their property, Mabel's Cottage, to alleviate their flooding problems and said that they had received substantial compensation from SWW for damage caused previously. There had been over 60 instances of flooding during the past two years, all of which they had reported to SWW and this had made SWW take the action they had.

6.1.2 She pointed out that this work will not necessarily alleviate the problem of the flooding of Hendra Road.

6.1.3 She also thanked the Council for their support in getting the work carried out.

6.1.4 The Clerk agreed to do the following:

1. **To write to SWW asking them exactly what work they still intended to carry out and what measures they would be taking to alleviate the problem of raw sewage flooding Hendra Road.**
2. **To write to Cormac asking them to ensure that the highway drains in Hendra Road are modified so that they can provide assurances that this work will permanently alleviate the regular flooding of this area.**

Cllr Watt entered the meeting during Public Participation at 19.11.

There being no further matters raised under Public Participation, the Chairman re-opened the meeting at 19.22, whereupon Chester and Leona Mouncher left, the Chairman having thanked them for the information provided.

7. CLERK'S REPORTS

7.1 *Council's Current Financial Position:*

7.1.1 The Clerk presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He advised that there was an error in the Reconciliation Sheet whereby the balance available in the General Reserve was not displaying the correct amount of £25,169.19.

7.1.2 **RESOLVED to note the Council's current financial position.**

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

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- 7.2 *Appointment of New Clerk:*
- 7.2.1 The Clerk presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 7.2.2 He advised that, as the Chairman had interests in both organisations, he and the Treasurer of the Stithians Centre had an informal meeting.
- 7.2.3 Because of the present uncertainty regarding the workplace of the new Clerk, he advised that, rather than allowing something in the 2021/22 Budget, a sum of money should be earmarked in the General Reserve to cover expenditure in 2021/22 and, when an actual figure is known, an item can be included in the 2022/23 Budget.
- 7.2.4 **RESOLVED:**
1. To agree to appoint a new Clerk with effect from 1st April 2021, if possible, to overlap with the current Clerk until the end of June 2021 and to set up a Working Group comprising the Chairman, Vice – Chair, the present Clerk and Cllr Jones to oversee the matter.
 2. To ear-mark a sum of £4,000 within the General Reserve to cover the cost of accommodation for the Clerk in the Stithians Centre if necessary and, if applicable, to allow for an appropriate sum in the 2022/23 Budget.
- Proposed by Cllr Iles, seconded by Cllr W Tomas and carried unanimously.*
- MINUTE 03/10/20**
- 7.3 *2021/22 Draft Budget:*
- 7.3.1 The Clerk presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 7.3.2 **RESOLVED:**
1. To agree an increase in the Precept for 2021/22 of 2.63%
 2. To agree the draft budget for 2021/22 as presented to the meeting subject to any changes which may become necessary and to receive the final draft budget at the November Parish Council meeting.
- Proposed by Cllr Whitbread-Jordan, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously.*
- MINUTE 04/10/20**
- 7.4 *Village Pumps:*
- 7.4.1 The Chairman spoke to the Clerk's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He informed the meeting that he had spoken to Mrs Bowden and will check the sites to see if suitable plaques can be erected. He will then agree wording with Mrs Bowden and obtain quotes for her consideration.
- 7.4.2 **RESOLVED to note the information provided on the installation of plaques to denote the sites of village pumps.**
- Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.*
- MINUTE 05/10/20**
- 7.5 *Parish Council Website:*
- 7.5.1 The Clerk presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and advised that he was still awaiting a first sighting of the new website.
- 7.5.2 **RESOLVED to note the information provided in the report on the Parish Council's website.**

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

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7.6 *Cornish Cross – The Old Vicarage:*

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

7.6.2 **RESOLVED to note the information provided in the report on the Cornish Cross situated in the garden of 1 The Old Vicarage and to agree not to pursue the matter of moving it to the Churchyard at the present time but to publicise its existence on the “Memories of Stithians” Facebook page.**

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

MINUTE 07/10/20

8 PLANNING

8.1 *Notification of Planning Decisions Received:*

8.1.1 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.

8.1.2 He also informed Members of the result of an appeal against the refusal of permission to erect a dwelling to the rear of Capensis, Tresevern Croft (PA19/10350) and advised that the appeal had been dismissed.

This information was duly noted.

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

8.2.1 The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been advised of one further planning decision relating to Trelan Barn (PA20/03471), which had been approved, albeit it was slightly scaled down from the original following discussions between Cornwall Council and the Applicant.

This information was duly noted.

Cllr Jones entered the meeting at this point at 19.49

8.3 *Planning Applications Received:*

8.3(a) *PA20/05463 – Mr Rashleigh – Alterations to outbuilding to create ancillary bedroom & bathroom – Brooklyn, Tregonning Road:*

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

8.3(a).2 **RESOLVED to support the application.**

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

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8.3(b) *PA20/05430 – Ivan Semenenko – Single storey side extension to artist studio – Carn Vean, Access to Tretheague Mill:*

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

8.3(b).2 **RESOLVED to support the application.**

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

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8.3(c) *PA20/07703 – Mr & Mrs Wilkes – Demolition of barn, removal of caravan and construction of residential annexe – Beechwood Farm, Pelean Cross:*

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

8.3(c).2 **RESOLVED to support the application.**

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

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8.3(d) *PA20/06400 – Mr & Mrs R Hocking – Redevelopment of Penmennor Cottage and Penlea:*

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

8.3(d).2 **RESOLVED to support the application.**

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

MINUTE 11/10/20

9 **PLAYING FIELD**

9.1 *Project Ambitions & Priorities:*

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

There was considerable debate over which and how schemes should be prioritised.

RESOLVED:

1. **To go ahead with the surfacing of the Playing Field Car Park and to authorise the Clerk to negotiate a price with Rex Andrew based on his quotation dated 12th March 2020 ensuring that the construction was adequate for heavy vehicles which sometimes use it. Work to be funded from Reserves at the Clerk's discretion and the Institute Trustees if possible.**
2. **To consult the public to ascertain priorities for the other projects detailed in the report.**
3. **To form a Working Group comprising Cllrs Iles, Watt, Jones and W Thomas to consider how best to effect this consultation and to report further to a future PC meeting**

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

MINUTE 12/10/20

John Colgate entered the meeting during consideration of the above item at 20.02

10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

10.3 **RESOLVED:**

1. **To note receipt from Devon & Cornwall Police of the first issue of their Rural Affairs Newsletter dated September 2020.**
2. **To note receipt from Devon & Cornwall Police of their Alert relating to respecting the newly-issued regulations restricting gatherings to six people dated 17th September 2020.**
3. **To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 18th September 2020.**
4. **To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Community Governance Review Update dated 21st September 2020.**
5. **To note receipt from Devon & Cornwall Police of the Police & Crime Commissioner's Report dated September 2020.**

6. To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 25th September 2020.
7. To note receipt of the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter for October 2020.
8. To note receipt from Devon & Cornwall Police of information relating to the Older Drivers Forum.
9. To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 2nd October 2020.
10. To note receipt from SWW of information relating to improvements to the drainage system in the Parish.
11. To note receipt from Cornwall Council of their Town and Parish Council Covid-19 Update dated 16th October 2020.
12. To support, rather than merely raise no objection to, an application for street trading in the lay-by in Church Road opposite the school.

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

MINUTE 13/10/20

11 URGENT ITEMS

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

12 AUTHORISING OF PAYMENTS

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

12.2 **RESOLVED to approve payment of the sums shown in the reports totalling £5,117.67.**

Proposed by Cllr Whitbread-Jordan, seconded by Cllr Bunclark and carried unanimously.

MINUTE 14/10/20

13 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

This item generated considerable discussion on various matters, some of which were not necessarily the responsibility of the Parish Council.

The Clerk did, however, agree to the following:

To write to the Secretary of State to press for Cornwall Council to proceed with Modification Orders in respect of Footpath 25 submitted to them by SPC in 2013 and to submit the Council's "wish list" of amendments/corrections to the definitive map.

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

- Final 2021/22 Budget – Clerk to report.
- SWW Drainage Improvement Works – Clerk to report.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Council Meeting would take place on Tuesday 17th November at 7pm.

The Meeting closed at 20.56.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

.....Chairman

Date:.....