

TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING held on February 23rd 2021.

Meeting held during the Coronavirus COVID 19 and conducted as a virtual meeting via Zoom

Present : Councillors – Mrs A Roberts (Chairman), L Allen, L Bazeley, Mrs J Burnhill, P. Highland, G Hooper, M Luke, Mrs M Rance-Matthews, Mrs S-A Saunders, M Shand, Miss K Sturtridge, Mrs A Wills and the Parish Clerk, D Stevens.

Apologies : None

The Chairman, Mrs A Roberts again welcomed everyone, including Cllr J Wood and Mr P Guest prospective candidates for Cornwall Council , Bugle ward and confirmed there were no declarations of interest from Councillors .

Public Question Time

No matters raised in public question time.

Min 10/21 Minutes of Meeting held on January 26th 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on January 26th 2021 had been circulated and will be approved at the next appropriate meeting once normality resumes and the opportunity to hold meetings becomes available.

Min 11/21 Matters arising from the minutes.

Matters to report on from the January 26th meeting some of which would be covered in later agenda items

- (i) Min 04/21 (i) The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Matthew Healey, Westcountry Rivers Trust and had confirmed that he would like to work with the Parish Council. He had requested a look at the details of the Wesley Terrace planning application and it's effect on the StARR project.
- (ii) Min 04/21 (ii) It would appear that some of the play equipment at the Cornwall Council park at Charles Street, Bugle had been repaired and put back in place.
- (iii) Min 04/21 (vi) A reply had been sent to Wendy Tubb, 'Save the former Carclaze School' group.
- (iv) A further complaint from another resident at Century Close re the dog waste bins, Wainhomes had been contacted and they had sent a vehicle from Honiton to empty the bins.
- (v) Min 04/21 (viii) Details were given of the re-routing of electricity cables by Imerys at the top of Penhale Road and Wes Pascoe had confirmed that more landscaping and tree planting would take place in the area and onto Carloggas Downs.
- (vi) Min 05/21 The Clerk gave details of the final outcome of the dispute with British Telecom re the transfer of the office telephone line facilities. The account had been reduced from £670.44 to £344.50.

Min 12/21 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Mrs S-A Saunders reported that it had been a most unsatisfactory month where it appears officers have 'gone to ground' leaving all complaints and issues until after the elections. A prime example being no contact re Bugle Park even though the work had been completed. Ongoing from this she had been in conversation with Jon Mitchell, Cornwall Council Estates Department and the Community Liaison local manager, Tasha Davis re progress following initial conversations with the Parish Council re Devolution. It appeared this had been shelved and that there is such a backlog of projects across the two local network areas that realistically very little progress could be made with our projects in the immediate future. There was a short-term, interim option of organising a 'tenancy at will' arrangement, which would enable the Parish to take the asset on without the freehold to allow better local management. A meeting to be arranged with the Chairman and the Clerk and Cornwall Council representatives.

She had been contacted back before Christmas by a resident of Beam Lane complaining about the state of the lane which is like a number of our unmade, unadopted lanes with only a couple properties at the top just by the entrance of an old Imerys site that is now rarely used by the company with the result that Imerys no longer maintain the road. According to Imerys like all similar lanes when the company sell the property the deeds confirm that the maintenance of the lane becomes the responsibility of the resident. Imerys representative, Wes Pascoe however confirmed that so long as Imerys use the land they will make a contribution in part to the upkeep, but will not take ownership of the lane. This issue needs addressing and to add to this the condition of the lane has not been helped by the attenuation pond for the Goonbarrow Meadows/ Netley Meadows site appears to be over-topping during adverse weather and the run-off adding to the damage to the lane. It was confirmed that the pond was the responsibility of Wainhomes and Cllr Saunders stated that she had contacted them with little success. The Clerk praised Cllr Saunders for her handling of this situation and confirmed that the same resident frequently posted on a social media site derogatory remarks and the Clerk requested on a number of occasions that he made contact so the matter could be explained.

Another disappointment this week was the withdrawal of the application PA20/07776 Mr Scott, 20a Rosevear Road, Bugle that was being taken to appeal and the procedure in which this had been done left a sour taste. Other items that she had been working on like Treverbyn road, and Trethowel flooding that had raised concerns would be spoken about later on as agenda items.

Earlier in the day Full Council had approved the Cabinet's recommendations of 4.99% rise in Council Tax comprising of 3% Adult Care and 1.9% Cornwall Council tax increase.

County Councillor M Luke confirmed the comments of County Cllr Saunders on the budget for the forthcoming year stating reluctantly Council was left with no choice but to accept the increase in the budget.

Local casework included a meeting with the Environment Agency re flooding issues emanating from the new West Carclaze Garden Village. He together with the Clerk had received a reply from Rachel Tatlow, Cormac Ltd stating that she had inspected the damage to the benches on the new stretch of the A391 and was investigating whether the benches can be repaired or remove. Cllr M Luke was advocating renewal of the benches made of a stronger material.

The latest update on the work at the Old Carclaze School was that the removal work had been postponed again as the contractors had doubled their costings. This had led to further consultations with the Insurance company to confirm if they are prepared to pay the extra amount.

A recent report from the works at Eden Geothermal Project stated that the groundworks were continuing slowly due to adverse weather conditions and the drilling rig that was coming from Eastern Europe had been delayed because of extra paperwork now we have left the European market.

Min 13/21 Matters within the Parish

- (i) The Clerk gave details of his discussions with Imerys over a parishioner, a former employee of the company requesting on his death having his ashes spread on Carloggass Downs. The company had agreed provided no permanent memorial was erected.
- (ii) Correspondence from a relative of a resident of Stannary road complaining about various issues with residents of a neighbouring property. The Clerk gave further details of the issues with the occupiers of the property and conversations that he had with Wes Pascoe about his former tenants.
- (iii) Correspondence from a number of residents of Century Close commenting on the lack of clearing the dog waste bins by the children's play area. The Clerk had informed them it was the responsibility of the developers, Wainhomes. After a number of phone messages left with Wainhomes the bin had been cleared with the vehicle coming from the developer's base at Honiton.
- (iv) Cllr Mrs S-A Saunders gave an update on her recent unsatisfactory conversations with the Environmental Health & Protection Officer re issues at Treverbyn Road, Stenalees. She was awaiting feedback from various officers on progressing the matter further. She promised to keep on top of them to get responses and added that in a community that is very tolerant it is heartbreaking what is going on and needs to be resolved. The Chairman thanked County Councillor Saunders for all her efforts with this on-going issue.
- (v) Cllr Mrs A Wills reported that there is a large new residential caravan at Hillview, Scredda.
- (vi) Cllr P Highland spoke about taking a matter to Enforcement re a static caravan with a fence around at Lower Molinnis.
- (vii) Cllr P Highland then suggested that it would be appropriate to put a dog-bin somewhere in Higher Bugle (Rockhill Business Park).
- (viii) The footpath at Trethewel that needs clearing has led to a discussion between Cllr Highland and A1 Grounds that a Beech tree was blocking the footpath. Cllr L Allen clarified the situation stating that neighbouring properties often when clearing the vegetation threw it on and encroached on to the footpath. A1 needs confirmation that the Council can give assurance that the expense can be justified.
- (ix) Cllr L Allen stated that he had numerous complaints on the footpath/ right of way to Greensplat from the road bridge at Ruddlemoor which has been gated and padlocked. The Chairman gave an explanation on the difficult and complex situation with the owners of Boscawel Farm. Cllr Mrs S-A Saunders that Countryside Officer, James Clapp had promised her that he would look into the situation and report back, which dates back to last Summer.

- (x) Cllr Mrs A Wills reported that the area at Treverbyn road, St Austell is full of building materials despite the planning application being refused. She added that parts of the recent document on Planning circulated by the Clerk had valuable information on illegal caravan sites and annexes.
- (xi) Cllr P Highland referred to a recent post on social media Bugle Grapevine which reported that a bird feeder needed attention in the Children's play park. On examination it appears to be in the Cornwall Council park at Charles Street. The Clerk confirmed that it was not Parish Council property but he would check the venue.

Min 14/21 Finance

Councillors were presented with a list of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the month ending February 23rd 2021. A detailed breakdown of transactions was given by the Clerk adding that he anticipated an increase in income with payments from Cornwall Council for Local Maintenance Partnership (footpaths) and grass cutting for Treverbyn cemetery plus a payment from HMRC for Vat 2019-2020.

Cllr P Highland questioned the amount charged for the office rental £4620 charged by Rockhill Business Park in comparison to the £4610.40 offered by Treverbyn Community Hall. Essentially the new rental is £350 per month and there is a difference of £9.60p more which might need explanation. The Clerk pointed to various items Rental Dec 15th - Feb 1st (no charge), signage on site both inside and outside the office/ meeting room, glass partition and blinds separating the offices and the office being cleaned on a weekly basis. This together with the ability to go into the property at anytime is such an advantage, plus the ability to easily access when meetings return to normal.

Cllr M Shand stated that he had visited the new premises and commented how quiet it was but that some more shelving was required for the vast number of files and documents. It was agreed that the Clerk get some prices for consideration.

Finance accounts to be approved, proposed by Cllr Mrs A Wills, seconded by Cllr M Luke. Two abstentions (PH and SAS).

Min 15/21 Correspondence

The Clerk has continued to keep councillors informed by forwarding matters of interest and importance.

- Latest Cornwall Council updates and CALC Covid19 information are regularly circulated.
- Letter of thanks from Children's Hospice South West re donation the late To Ford.
- Notification of inspection of Lower Molinnis play area equipment by Rospa play safety in April.
- Information on bus service alterations in the St Austell area but none for our Parish.
- Notice that West of England Bandsmen' Festival in June has been postponed for another year.
- Notice of a meeting on Friday February 26th for the Tour of Britain Cycle race for September.

- Meeting of Eden Gateway Group on Thursday February 25th.
- Royal Cornwall Hospital NHS Trust looking for a Non-executive director (More information available)
- Minutes of Eden Geothermal Community Liaison Group meeting held on February 10th included details of funding available to local organisations.
- Road Closures : Feb 22 – March 12 Bodmin Road, Trethowel. (24 hours water main works).
March 22 – Apl 1 Drummers Hill, Scredda – Ruddle Moor. (07.30 – 17.00 resurfacing).
Apl 12 – Apl 16 Carclaze Road, St Austell. (24 hours water main works).

Cllr Mrs S-A Saunders clarified that some grant money from Central Government had become available to upgrade rural roads and Drummers Hill was included in that scheme to improve drainage, road surface and provide a new cycle route plus 'Unsuitable for HGV vehicles'. Cllr Mrs A Wills and Cllr Mrs J Burnhill laid claim to some of those signs for the issues of vehicles in Carbean.

Min 16/21 Trethowel Flooding

County Cllr Mrs S-A Saunders provided information breaking it down into bitesize pieces:

- (i) Bojea Lane water runoff and sand onto the B3274 blocking the drains. Rachel Tatlow, Cormac is liaising with the Enforcement Officer dealing with the works at Bojea Farm together with the water runoff the Contec site and coupled with the exploratory work to resolve the flooding on the B3274 there is a suspicion that there is water coming from some old pipework connections where it is supposed to drain into the river. It is intended that some exploratory work is undertaken to check if this is creating the pooling of water. Rachel Tatlow is heavily involved and the clearance of the gulleys would take place whilst the traffic lights system was still in operation.
- (ii) Distressing issues for residents that are having problems with runoff water flooding parts of their property and it is suspected that part of the reason for that is water coming from pipes flowing down onto the Sustrans trail. The other source to be investigated is water overtopping from the lake created at Bojea Farm.(over 1 acre in diameter). She added that she had some reassurance that Martin Clemo, Cornwall Council would be reporting back on any investigations that take place.
- (iii) Added to this there are some defunct Imerys pipes lie behind those properties that should be taking water to the river are causing further complications.

She added that it appeared that a lot of exploratory work is being undertaken by various officers and departments to try to resolve this historical problem. There is now a designated officer, Robin Andrew who has taken full responsibility to co-ordinate this project.

The Clerk stated that he had received a number of requests from residents to attend a meeting to express their serious concerns and it was agreed that the invite should remain open at anytime but it would be more appropriate once more information is available. He had also requested a written report from Imerys on their involvement. He added that he had received a phone call from a resident (A senior geologist) who walked the footpath on most days and his words were quote ' it is a potential Aberfan situation'

Min 17/21 Lower Molinnis Footpath

Cllr P Highland was pleased to see it as an agenda item again and he hoped that the pressure is kept up. Cllr Mrs S-A Saunders was hopeful that the project will go ahead and she was aware that some preliminary measurement work had commenced. The timetable according to James Clapp, Countryside Officer, is that it should be programmed into early in the new financial year.

Min 18/21 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk informed councillors of the history of the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and details of the payment made to Situ8 for the consultancy advice from Paul Webber. His last attendance was the October 8th 2019 meeting and David Hooper who had taken over Cllr Mrs S-A Saunders role for the Council had left. After some discussion it was agreed to invite Mr Webber and Mr Hooper to a forthcoming meeting. **Action taken.**

Min 19/21 Clay Community Network Panel

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for preparing and circulating notes from the Clay Community Network Panel meeting held on February 8th. It gave an update on the St Austell- A30 link road and there was an informative presentation of loan sharks and fraudulent activities from Dave Monks.

Min 20/21 Elections

The Clerk had forwarded to all councillors a timetable of dates relating to the elections on Thursday May 6th and the nomination papers need to be registered by 4.00pm on April 8th. Everyone is awaiting for Government guidelines on how and where to get signed and deliver the documents. He agreed that he would infor

Min 21/21 Parish website

Cllr M Shand stated that he had confirmed that the payment was for all the www.treverynparishcouncil.co.uk site is for 5 years. An update had happened to a faster site at the weekend which had caused a few issues for councillor's e – mails. He was thanked for assisting councillors on this changeover.

Min 22/21 Emergency Items

There were no emergency items.

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm

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