

TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL.

COUNCIL MEETING held on January 26th 2021.

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

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

Apologies : Councillors – L. Bazeley and Mrs A Wills.

There were no members of the public present.

The Chairman, Mrs A Roberts again welcomed everyone and confirmed there were no declarations of interest from Councillors .

Public Question Time

No matters raised in public question time.

Min 01/21 Minutes of Meeting held on December 15th 2020.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 15th 2020 had been circulated and will be approved at the next appropriate meeting once normality resumes and the opportunity to hold meetings becomes available.

Min 02/21 Matters arising from the minutes.

Matters to report on from the December 15th meeting some of which would be covered in later agenda items

- (i) Min 108/20 (viii) The Clerk had written to Mr N Richards expressing concerns at the speed of traffic leaving his site at Ballarat, Red Lane, Bugle. No reply had been received.
- (ii) Min 113/20 Mention will be made later in the meeting on the issues with British Telecom moving the telephone line to the new office premises.

Min 03/21 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Mrs S-A Saunders reported that the new year had started busily with meetings of various committees. The most memorable item being Full Council debating the recommendation from an Independent Review to increase councillor's allowances by 4.9%. A lot of consideration had to be given to the implications of the Covid-19 effect on the finances of residents. Council rejected the proposal and it will be left on the table for the new administration after the forthcoming May elections. Other meetings of the Appeals Panel and Scrutiny considered the medium- term financial plan and recommending to Full council a 4.99% rise in Council Tax comprising of 3% Adult Care and 1.9% Cornwall Council tax increase.

Since the beginning of the year there has also been a lot of local casework mainly personal issues but others included complaints of the amount of litter strewn roadside along the A391 from the A30 Innis downs towards

Bugle (Biffa had agreed to do an extra clearance despite their contract being for only one per year) and another issue was a complaint from a resident of Rosevear Road about noise and vibrations coming from the building site at the nearby former garage premises.

Cllr Mrs Saunders added that her most heartwarming experience of the past month had been her voluntary work assisting with marshalling at the Clay Practice, Roche surgery during the vaccination process. The procedure had been set up at very short notice to cover the whole Primary Care Network of the clays area plus St Stephen, Probus and the Roseland area. It had been reassuring to know that the 80+ age group had been completed in 5 days at the rate of 7 patients every 10 minutes.

County Councillor M Luke had also been very busy with meetings of various committees together with Full Council. Similarly to Cllr Saunders all committees having to look at methods of reducing the budget and having to recommend difficult decisions for non-dedicated services e.g Drug & Alcohol agencies, Refuge and other social services. A further recommendation going to Full Council was to seek to employ more officers into the Fire Service to survey and inspect fire safety on all business premises that have been neglected over recent years.

Local casework included a meeting with the new West Carclaze Garden Village Gateway committee who were looking at interconnection of the various groups i.e Sustrans, Imerys, SABEF, Eden Project to provide better access links to the Garden Village. Cllr Luke had complained that the group had not taken into consideration that the village is in fact located in Treverbyn Parish and was too St Austell based.

Other matters as casework included vandalism on a fence in Trethurgy and that there was no update on the work at the Old Carclaze School, except that the Insurance company had agreed to the costing to make the building safe, clear dangerous materials and remove the asbestos. Chairman Mrs A Roberts expressed her concerns and hoped that the date stones were not lost in the removal process.

Min 04/21 Matters within the Parish

- (i) The Clerk read correspondence from Matthew Healey, Project Manager, Westcountry Rivers Trust who is working on a couple of projects to do with flooding and fish habitat improvements in the area. He was enquiring about the water that runs down the footpaths past the old vicarage at Treverbyn. He also indicated that he was hoping to do further work in the Parish to reduce flood risk in the StARR project. Councillors discussed various items that would be of interest to his project and it was agreed that the Clerk write to Matthew and invite him to a future meeting. **Action taken.**
- (ii) Correspondence from Huw Hennessy, an author of a new guidebook, Cycling in Cornwall & The Scilly Isles for BRADT travel guides, requesting in information on Lansalon pit and the railway line through Ruddle Moor. The Clerk had supplied some details and directed him to contact Wes Pascoe (Imerys) and Colin Vallance (SouthWest Lakes) for further information.
- (iii) Correspondence from a new resident of Bugle commenting on the village parks in particular the dangerous state of the equipment in the main park in Charles Street. His concerns had been acknowledged by the Clerk who had suggested he also contact the owners Cornwall Council at environmentservices@cornwall.gov.uk. Cllr Mrs S-A Saunders who had visited the park, commented on it's sad and sorry state and also agreed to make further enquiries.

- (iv) Complaints from a resident of Treverbyn Road, Stenalees about rubbish being dumped on land opposite Ingledene and also concerns expressed about the state of the land adjacent to Hillcrest where a large deposit of horse manure and tyres were causing health hazards. The Clerk stated the latter matters had been reported and believed that there was still an Enforcement notice on this site.
- (v) A resident from Century Close, Carclaze had written expressing her real concerns accompanied by graphic photographs of dog waste spilling on to the children's play area. It was explained that it was still the responsibility of the developers, Wainhomes and it was suggested to contact them. The Clerk had also agreed with her that he would also contact Wainhomes. **Action taken.**
- (vi) Correspondence was read from a group 'Save the former Carclaze Old School' with various comments and questions on points that were more relevant to Cornwall Council.
- (vii) Cllr G Hooper stated that he had received a number of complaints from residents of Caudledown Lane that a large horsebox owned by residents on Stannary road but parked at the lane access was causing a dangerous obstruction to vehicles trying to access the A391.
- (viii) Cllr M Shand reported on excavation works creating a real mess at the entrance to Carloggas Downs at the junction to Penhale Road.

Min 05/21 Finance

Councillors were presented with a list of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the month ending January 26th 2021. A detailed breakdown of transactions was given and acknowledged to be correct and approved. Proposed by Cllr M Luke, seconded by Cllr L Allen. All in favour.

The Clerk reported that he had received an account from British Telecom for £670.44p which he had challenged and needed to be reviewed along with the formal complaint that had been lodged with the company. He hoped to be able to give better clarity of the situation at the meeting on February 9th.

Discussions followed on the outstanding account from Treverbyn Community Hall for the office rental for the period from November 9 – December 15. Some councillors were disappointed at this charge considering the difficulties experienced using the office facilities over the past year during the Covid-19 lockdowns. It was pointed out that although little goodwill had been shown by the Hall there was no legal argument to not pay this account. Account £384.16p to be paid, proposed by Cllr Mrs S-A Saunders, seconded by Cllr G Hooper. **Cheque no 003386**

The Clerk then stated that there was an offer from Zoom for a substantial reduction if the Council agreed to pay an annual subscription of £158.27p. Proposed by Cllr M Shand, seconded by Cllr P Highland. All in favour. **Cheque no 003390**

Min 06/21 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.
- Confirmation has been received that elections for County and Parish councillors will take place on May 6th.
- The Standards Committee were commencing consultations on proposed changes to the Code of Conduct and any comments to be submitted to simon.mansell@cornwall.gov.uk.
- Notes on Clay Community Network virtual meeting held on December 7th were available to councillors.
- Notification of Eden Geothermal Community Liaison Group virtual meeting on February 10th .

Min 07/21 Lower Molinnis Footpath

Correspondence from a number of residents of Lower Molinnis had been circulated to councillors complaining about the state of the access lane to Lower Molinnis from the railway crossing . Large potholes created a poor surface that prohibited some invalid residents being able to use the lane. Cllr P Highland reported that matters had moved on during the month with Mr S Double’s office contacting Cornwall Council. County Cllr Mrs S-A Saunders had also contacted Cormac and the Countryside team to survey and report back. She added sadly there is a saga of the state of many of our Parish lanes that are not part of the infrastructure of Cornwall. These are usually single lane tracks used in the clay industry and have now become access roads to the many new properties in our community.

Min 08/21 Parish website

Cllr M Shand stated there was little to report except that he would confirm with hostPapa domain that the hosting was for 2 years.

Min 09/21 Emergency Items

There were no emergency items.

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm

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