



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17 February 2025

Present: Councillors D Pengelly (Chair), A French, J Greville, N Jolliff, P Lightfoot, M Potter, A Sharpe, C Wakeham, B Taper, M White, Parish Clerk, Councillor J Candy (CC), PCSO S Cocks

021/25 Open Session

PCSO Cocks reported that there were 2 crimes in January, 1 assault and 1 commercial burglary on a campsite. We are getting more reports of online banking fraud. Please support the vulnerable and spread the word through the community. Parishioners were reminded to report potholes and other issues using the Cornwall Council report it facility.

A parishioner asked if there had been any further reports of washed-up drugs. Councillor S Cocks confirmed there had been and asked for anything further to be reported to the Police ASAP.

022/25 Closed Session

Apologies for Absence – Councillor Smith

023/25 Members' Matters

Councillor J Greville declared an interest in the toilet agenda item.

024/25 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 January 2025

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 20 January 2025 which were confirmed as a true and correct record.

025/25 Matters Arising from Last Meeting's Minutes (not addressed in the agenda)

None

026/25 Finance

It was resolved to approve the financial statements that had been circulated including expenditure totalling £52643.65

027/25 Planning Applications

Applications

There were no objections to the following application:-

- PA25/00750 The Old Vicarage Talland Bay Proposed replacement shed, new glass house and pond

Objections were made on the following application which was felt to be out of character, too prominent and very large:-

- PA25/00666 Polperro Bay Cottage The Warren Proposed decking alterations

Withdrawn

- PA24/08130 Builders Yard The Coombes Conversion of disused storage facility to residential dwelling

Approved

- PA24/08607 Kilminorth Park Muchlarnick 'Outline application for the erection of agricultural dwelling. Installation of septic tank and alteration of existing vehicular/pedestrian access' without compliance with Condition 3 of decision notice E2/87/00723/O dated 05/01/1988.

028/25 Reports

Councillor Candy had sent in the following report.

- 1) Improvements made to Pelynt Sewage Treatment Works should reduce the risk of contamination in bathing water.
- 2) Polperro Chapel is opening as a warm space partly funded by my Community Chest.
- 3) The Prince of Wales Pier restoration is progressing well, on target for completion by end of March.
- 4) Cornwall Council are removing the barriers on Millpool Car Park, which is concerning as the current system gives flexibility for those visiting the town.
- 5) The failed deal to transfer some of the assets at Newquay Airport has cost £1.3 million in consultants and legal fees
- 6) Plans to save money in this financial year by closing several Adult Education sites have been challenged by the opposition due to a lack of consultation and scrutiny of the decision, but only Launceston has been saved.
- 7) The Cornwall Council budget will be set in February, but the Tories have now lost their majority, so the meeting on 25th February will be interesting, with an alternative budget proposed by the opposition.
- 8) Cornwall Council has rejected a devolution offer by Labour which would have covered Cornwall and Devon, controlled by a Mayor.
- 9) The last Cornwall Council meeting passed a motion asking the National Trust, and other large estates, to consider using some of their holiday rental properties as full time residential homes, due to the housing crisis. We have nearly 1000 people in temporary accommodation, and 23,000 families and individuals on the housing waiting list.
- 10) I hope to attend your Mayor making on 8th March.

029/25 Public Toilets update

Councillor Candy gave an update on the Talland Bay toilet environmental permit which has been rejected because there is a mains sewer within half a mile however this goes upwards which is not practical. Stenlakes are going to follow this up.

A discussion regarding the cost of having two sets of public toilets in close proximity was had and costings had been circulated to Councillors. The costings showed a year-on-year loss and a proposal that the Crumplehorn toilets were closed after October half term was made. The current contract runs until April 2027 and it was agreed to ask the contractor for revised costs for this proposal.

030/25 Village Hall update

- A response to the solicitor regarding the lease has been drafted
- The working group had met with the village hall working group. The Parish Council has still not received the information requested last year as per minute 181/24 November 24 minutes. It was agreed to draft a further letter detailing o/s concerns.

031/25 Big Green update

- It was resolved to make a donation of £200 towards water used during the Big Green project to the Methodist Chapel
- It was agreed to ask the school if they could attend the opening if it was held on a Thursday.
- The handover is due to take place Monday 24 February.

032/25 Telephone box painting Lansallos

Looe Shedders are not able to do this work. A contractor is still being sought.

033/26 Works contracts

It was agreed to accept the quote from K Courts if it was a reasonable percentage increase from the previous quote.

034/25 Co-option of Councillor

There had been one applicant for the vacancy. It was resolved to co-opt Becky Taper.

035/25 Correspondence for action

- Request to use BG 14-22 Green for the Festival. It was agreed to approve the request pending completion of a new hire agreement to be drafted.
- It was resolved to accept the Polperro Service Level Agreement - April 2025 - March 2026 that had been circulated.
- It was agreed to ask the school if they would like the wooden benches that had been donated as it was felt they were not sturdy enough for long term public use.

036/25 Clerks Report

Nothing to report.

037/25 Any Other Business – For Report Only - The Council cannot lawfully make financial decisions on items 1 discussed under this heading. This heading is for reporting items of interest only.

None

038/25 Correspondence for information

- Polruan Shuffle Sat 1st March
- CALC: response to standards consultation
- Policy Update, Call for Sites and Neighbourhood Priority Statements
- Local Council briefing: Interim Planning Position Statement and decision-making, Call for sites - Weds 26 February 2025, 4.00-5.15
- CALC: Town & parish councils elections 2025 - documents to navigate the election period & training dates
- Community Capacity Fund update
- CALC: news bulletin, briefings and other information for local councils 28/01/2025
- Neighbourhood planning newsletter - January 2025

039/25 Time, Date and Venue of Next Meeting – 7.00pm on Monday 17 March 2025 in the Village Hall

Signed Date