



Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7pm
Venue: Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs M Gingell (Chairman), G Francis, P Barton, H Cartledge-Claus, K Smeardon and P Mathers.
In attendance: Mrs K J Heald, Parish Clerk one member of public.

87. Welcome, introductions and Chairman's announcements (A.I.1)

Cllr Gingell opened the meeting at 19:06hrs

88. To receive declarations of interests on any agenda item and if relevant to approve any requests for dispensations. (A.I.2)

None

89. Open forum and Cornwall Councillor report (A.I.3)

89.1 **Ultrafast broadband and the Gigabit Voucher scheme:** Update / Questions and Answers from Michelle Maidment, Openreach Community Engagement Manager

89.2 **Cornwall Councillor update:** Report / updates from CC Martin Worth

CC Martin Worth chaired the meeting for transport scrutiny – Vision 0200

Update on airline camera in Landrake: Main two offenses were not wearing a seat belt and use of mobile phone whilst driving.

Cornwall Council consultations:

(i) Budget. Normally this is out in April. The consultation for Cornwall Council's 2024-25 budget is on the 'Lets Talk Cornwall' website. Deadline for consultation = 12th November 2023. Challenging areas are social care, including the home to school travel for special education needs. For the next two years Cornwall Council is looking to save £29 million pounds. Homelessness is going up.

(ii) Tamar Crossings: Deciding on the future finance of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry. If paying by cash then a survey is being handed out and if paying by tag a link to the online survey is emailed. There are five options in the survey. One is to do nothing. £18 million pounds a year is needed to run the crossings. CC Martin Worth said there are complex issues and environmental challenges. On the one hand people are being encouraged to use public transport but if the tolls were free this would result in an increased use of the Tamar bridge. For every £1 a third goes on wages and third on maintenance but the biggest cost is paying off the debt for the cantilever on the bridge. Cllr Francis asked if there was a legal case for government to fund the bridge on the basis that asking Cornwall and Plymouth Councils to fund it discriminated against the people of SE Cornwall, citing other examples such as the Severn Crossing where no tolls were payable. Cllr Gingell encouraged all Councillors to complete the consultation.

89.3 Public forum:

Public Transport: A member of public raised concern over the sudden change of bus routes and timetables. CC Martin Worth recommended the Parish Council links with Rame Peninsula Public Transport Users Group.

Yellow Pages newsletter: It was noted there was no contact for the church on the Yellow Pages and the Parish Council's website is not up to date. Action: Details to be emailed to the Clerk. Cllr Gingell thanked Mr Dick Kingswell for all his work on the newsletter.

90. Apologies for absence (A.I.4)

Apologies received from Cllr Dr Walker and Cllr Owen.

91. Minutes of last meeting (A.I.5)

It was proposed by Cllr Barton, seconded by Cllr Cartledge-Claus and unanimously agreed by all Councillors that the minutes from the meeting held on 5th September 2023 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. **Resolved.**

92. Planning application consultee decisions and planning updates (A.I.6)

92.1 **Clarke Telecom Radio mast:**

It was noted that Sheryll Murray MP is still chasing Three for a request for a site meeting to address locations for the radio mast. National Highways have not been approached yet by Three.

92.2 **Cornwall Council**

Cllr Francis highlighted the application from WHP Telecoms “Communications Mast Orange COR 003 Wotton Farm Frenchmans Lane Landrake Saltash Cornwall PL12 4RR”. It was decided to clarify whether this mast (which included antennae from Three) was a replacement for the previous application PA23/02464 from Clarke Telecom. The Clerk was asked to contact Sheryll Murray MP and Three to get further information.

93. **Finance (A.I.7)**

93.1 **To note the Council’s bank balance**

Cllr Gingell reported the bank balance as £22,544.36.

93.2 **To review the Clerk’s finance report.**

The Council reviewed the Clerk’s Finance report.

93.3 **Parish Council payments**

a. **Approval of payments as detailed** (where applicable amounts include reclaimable V.A.T.) and to agree payment of any invoices received after the distribution of the agenda, presented in the meeting.

Recipient	Details	Amount
K Heald	Mileage – October meeting	11.25
K Heald	Underpayment from wages Sept/Oct, Nov 2023	72.00
Tim Lamerton	Village maintenance and Mole Valley purchase	476.10
Play Safety	RoSPA Play Inspection course	354.00

b. **Note payments made under delegated authority (not included on the previous minutes)**

Recipient	Details	Amount
Tim Lamerton	Mileage for attendance of RoSPA Playsafety Outdoor Routine Playground Inspection Training course at Exeter	42.30

It was proposed by Cllr Gingell, seconded by Cllr Barton and unanimously agreed by all Councillors that the payments as presented are approved. **Resolved.**

94. **Maintenance / Public Right of Way footpath from Highertown (A.I.8)**

Request for a handrail – update on communication with Cormac Countryside Access team.

An email had been received from Cormac Highways Manager in which he stated *“Unfortunately, this installation of a pedestrian railing is not something we are going to be able to progress, at this time. The railings, joiners and posts for its length to highway specification would nearly be £9,000 on materials alone, before the construction time. This type of funding is just not readily available for local highway improvements.”*

The Councillors expressed disappointment over this response. Action: Clerk to email Cormac. Information regarding the costs to be put on social media.

95. **Telephone kiosk plaque – review quotations (A.I.9)**

It was proposed by Cllr Smeardon, seconded by Cllr Mathers and unanimously agreed by all Councillors that the Council purchases a stainless steel plaque from Jag Signs for £95.00. Resolved.

96. **Cornwall Council Public Consultation (A.I.10)**

It was agreed that any the Parish Council would not submit a response but if they wished individual councillors would comment on the consultation.

Standing items for update / reporting - except where noted on the agenda that a decision is required To minimise the timing of the meeting Councillors are asked to read submitted reports and submit comments / queries prior to the meeting.

97. **Recreation Field (A.I.11)**

Currently waiting for responses from the ironmongers. The Councillors discussed the possibility of a wilding area in the recreation field. Cllr Gingell advised this would be difficult to manage. Replacement signage needed ‘No dumping. Site monitored. 24hr surveillance’.

98. **Village playground and village maintenance (A.I.12)**

The RoSPA inspection report picked up a few actions which are been addressed

99. **Environmental Sustainability Working Group (A.I.13)** No update

100. **Community Area Partnership (A.I.14)**

Cllr Francis reported that there was a new focus group within the CAP – on social deprivation, with Liskeard having some of the worst areas of poverty in Cornwall. Also, Cllr Toms from Looe put forward a motion for Cornwall Council to independently look at raising funds for A38 safety work (as central government had failed to fund anything) This motion was supported by CAP.

101. **Saltash Area Road Safety (A.I.15)** No update

102. **A38 Trerulefoot to Carkeel Safety Project (A.I.16)** No update

103. **Community Broadband (A.I.17)** No update

Actions / Items to note.

104. **Correspondence (A.I.18)**

- **Local Government Bulletins**
- **National Association of Local Councils:** The Open Spaces Society training: Protecting Commons, Greens and Open Spaces, 31 Oct - 1 Nov
- **Cornwall Association of Local Councils:** CALC AGM at St Erme Community Centre, 24 October 2023 at 7pm: Agenda Pack and Accounts
- **Cornwall Association of Local Councils:** CALC News Round-up: Thursday 28.9.2023
- **Cornwall Association of Local Councils:** NALC: Jo Cox Civility Commission consultation
- **Cornwall Association of Local Councils:** CALC TRAINING BULLETIN - NEWLEY RELEASED DATES & REMINDERS.
- **Cornwall Association of Local Councils:** Have your say on Cornwall Council's draft budget
- **Cornwall Association of Local Councils:** D DAY 80- 6 June 2024 - updated details
- **Cornwall Association of Local Councils:** NALC seeks views on Model Financial Regulations update
- **Cornwall Council, Localism:** Tamar Crossings Newsletter
- **Cornwall Council:** New food waste, recycling and rubbish collections
- **Cornwall Council:** 🍂 Forest for Cornwall Autumn Newsletter
- **SE Cornwall Area Partnership:** Invite to Challenge Poverty Week Event
- **SE Cornwall Area Partnership:** Air Quality Engagement Events

104. **Date of next meeting and requests for future agenda items. (A.I.19)**

105. **Closed session:**

105.1 To resolve that pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 S100 (2) the public and press leave the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

105.2 **Planning Enforcement:** Discussion / updates took place

105.3 **Staffing / recruitment:** Updates / agree next steps

The formal resignation of the Parish Clerk was noted. Three months' notice have been given but the Clerk has said she would like to leave sooner if a suitable candidate is found. It was agreed the advert would be placed on social media, the noticeboards and circulated through Society of Local Clerks (SLCC). The decision on the appointed Clerk would be delegated to the Staffing Interview Panel (Cllrs Gingell, Francis and Walker).

The meeting closed at 21:30hrs