

MINUTES of a MEETING OF CARLYON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2017 in TREGREHAN METHODIST CENTRE at 6.00 pm

Present: Cllrs John Hermes, Veronica Hyne, Fran Taylor, Michael Sheehan, Ann Taylor, Paul Trudgian

In attendance: Cllr Tom French, CC; Julie Larter (Clerk); 8 members of the public

(16/185) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Graham Entwistle, Stefan Kelly and Alan Moore.

(16/186) Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 January 2017

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of meeting held on 17 January 2017 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

(16/187) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

(16/188) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Trudgian to the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked Matty York for designing posters asking owners to clean up after their dogs. The posters have been placed in noticeboards in Tregrehan.

(16/189) Public Participation

Mr Browning asked if photographs on the Council's website could be refreshed. He said he supported local planning as much as possible, but given the propensity of Cornwall Council dumping as many costs on parishes, he wanted reassurance from the Parish Council that any planning functions Cornwall Council might consider passing on will not incur any costs.

Mr Smith referred to planning application PA15/10726 relating to 28 Fairway. Mr Smith did not feel that neighbours had been given sufficient notification of the application, thus denying them the opportunity to comment upon it. He has been in contact with the Planning Authority who have agreed that in future notifications will cover neighbours in a 360° radius of applications which would include neighbours living directly opposite. Notices of planning applications for householder applications are no longer posted on noticeboards. The Chairman explained that the matter will be discussed under agenda item 8 (a).

Mr Francis lives opposite the house Mr Smith referred to and said that the nature of the area has changed. He felt that the planning system was not fit for purpose on many angles. Mr Francis referred to reports in the press that Cornwall Council was considering compulsorily purchasing homes in Holmbush Road. He thinks that roundabouts offer a better way of keeping traffic flowing than traffic lights. He said that residents have a right to know where high levels of pollution are. He suggested installing air conditioning units in homes as a way of reducing health risks in homes.

As a way to avoid future flooding in Tregrehan, Mr Francis suggested the Parish Council should lobby the Environment Agency to get Charlestown Leat reinstated.

(16/190) Devon and Cornwall Police Report

No report was available.

(16/191) Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr French referred to reports in the press that Cornwall Council was considering compulsorily purchasing homes along Holmbush Road. An officer in Cornwall Council had been given a remit to explore every possibility of dealing with the air pollution and this was just one of the ideas put forward, but there was no possibility of it happening and the matter had been reported out of context. He has spoken to the press to correct them. He said that plans to build a by-pass for St Austell a number of years ago had not been acted upon and it was too late now as the proposed land had now been built upon. Cornwall Council is looking at tying in traffic light control with air pollution and the scheme had worked successfully in Helston. Cllr French referred to the St Austell Transport Strategy which has recognised that St Austell has a serious congestion problem generated by an increase in housing. Infrastructure has not kept pace with development. Cornwall Council is considering installing a double roundabout in Slades Road and now that Morrisons have backed out of their proposed development in Pentewan Road, proposals to make the double roundabout joining the A390 will not go ahead. Cllr French said that the Ecotown housing figures do not form part of St Austell's allocation of housing numbers. He wanted it noted that he had objected to the proposal to increase housing numbers in St Austell. Cllr Kelly had attended the St Austell Transport Strategy meeting on 30 January but had to leave the meeting early and the Chairman read out some notes Cllr Kelly made following the meeting with points he wanted Cllr French to clarify. These included the fact that the Ecotown/Garden village proposal had not been discussed; there was no discussion on the Crinnis Beach development and no discussion about the proposed redevelopment of Par harbour.

Cllr Sheehan said that in his opinion to link traffic lights to pollution levels would not work as access roads on the side of the A390 would stack up thereby creating pollution there and it would hamper the ability of local people to cross the A390. He felt that Cornwall Council is not in touch with the problem – they base too much faith in theory and modelling.

The Chairman questioned the sense in granting planning permission for homes along the A390 corridor which is one of the most polluted roads in the county.

(16/192) Planning Applications and Related Matters

- (a) There were no planning applications to consider.

The Chairman referred to Mr Smith's comments regarding PA15/10726 and said that the Parish Council were only able to give advice in an advisory capacity and that the ultimate decision rested with Cornwall Council as the Planning Authority. Parish Councillors take advantage of local knowledge and any comments from neighbours and at the time no comments had been received from neighbours. It had been difficult to object with no adverse comments but he took the point that it should have been advertised more fully. Cllr Sheehan agreed that neighbours in a 360° radius should be notified and the parish council needs to take a balanced view of applications as applicants are often also residents of the parish. The Chairman said that it was important to remember that parish councillors were all volunteers and active members of the community but could not be expected to do the paid job of a planning officer. Cllr Fran Taylor added that the Parish Council always tries to seek comments from planning officers prior to meetings.

- (b) PA16/03836 – Land north of Boscundle House: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a single detached dwelling

It was noted that the Planning Inspector has dismissed the appeal.

(16/193) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Fran Taylor reported on the Steering Group meeting held on 15 February. Following a publicity drive more volunteers have been recruited. Cllr Taylor thanked Mr Malcolm, Ms Aylward and Mr Stark for their efforts in this regard. Work has begun on the introduction and information can be lifted from the parish plan. A timeline has been formulated for the first 6 months and funding will be applied for in April. Cllr French confirmed that he supports the group in their endeavours.

(16/194) A Charter for Cornwall

Following a discussion in which councillors expressed concern that signing up to this charter could take away their democratic rights it was **RESOLVED not to support the initiative**. It was decided that if councillors wished to sign up they were at liberty to do so in a personal capacity.

(16/195) Tregrehan Playing Fields

There was nothing to report.

(16/196) Defibrillator for Tregrehan

The St Austell Lions Club has pledged £200 towards the cost. The matter is to be carried forward to next month.

(16/197) Carlyon Recreation Field

The monthly safety check had identified gaps in the Sea Road hedge and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quote to plant some shrubs to fill the gaps with a view to undertaking the work in the spring.

(16/198) Beach Development

Ms Aylward mentioned that an article had appeared in The Cornish Guardian indicating that CEG were "considering all options". Councillors commented that this may mean that the development may not proceed.

(16/199) Flooding in Tregrehan

The Chairman reported that sandbags had been distributed in Tregrehan a couple of weeks ago due to very heavy rainfall. Residents feel strongly that the risk of flooding has increased in recent years as a result of water run-off from the A391. Referring to Mr Francis' comments regarding the Charlestown Leat, he said that it would not be possible to re-open the leat as there was a question around ownership and some sections of the leat have collapsed. It was **RESOLVED to spend £200 on purchasing head torches for emergency use in Tregrehan**.

(16/200) Highways Matters

(a) Parish Signs

Following a meeting that Cllr Fran Taylor and the Clerk had with the Highways Manager, it was **RESOLVED to accept a quote of £360 from Cormac to install 2 "Welcome to**

Carlyon Parish” signs. One is to be placed in Cypress Avenue and the other in Crinnis Road. The Clerk will speak to St Austell Bay Parish Council as the chosen position in Crinnis Road is just inside their parish and will also speak to the Headteacher of Charlestown Primary School as they are responsible for the verge. The Parish Council agreed to keep vegetation around the sign cut back

(b) Any other highways matters

The white lining on the Britannia Roundabout and filter lanes have worn away, resulting in a number of near-misses and the Clerk was asked to ask Highways to reinstate them.

The Clerk reported that she has been pursuing the Countryside Officer for a number of months trying to get improvements to the South West Coast Path opposite the Porth Avallen Hotel. The officer has now said that he can't deal with the underlying cause of the flooding as Sea Road is a private road, but is prepared to install some drainage points in the stone wall to allow water to run across the SWCP and drain into the scrub rather than pool on the road. He would scrape back the path and relay it with additional stone. The Clerk has put the officer in touch with the agent for the Carlyon Bay Hotel seeking permission.

The Clerk reported that a large articulated lorry had driven down Trenowah Road and hit the railings adjacent to the stream, causing damage. Details of the incident including the registration number of the lorry have been passed on to Highways and they will repair the fence early on the new financial year.

(16/201) Financial Matters

(a) Additional Signatories to the Council’s Bank Account

It was **RESOLVED to make all councillors authorised signatories on the Council’s bank accounts.**

(b) An interim report from the Internal Auditor was noted.

(c) Current balances were noted and the following payments were authorised:

<u>Automated Payments</u>			£
SO	Cornwall Pension Fund	EE and ER contributions	*
<u>Cheques</u>			
000393	A & A Garden Services	Concrete Plinths for benches in CB field	320.00
000394	Cornwall Council	Planning Conference (Cllr Ann Taylor)	10.00
000395	SLCC	Practitioner’s conference (Clerk)	272.20
000396	Mrs J Ringrose	Interim internal audit fee	25.00
000397	Mrs J Larter	February salary	*

*Publication of salary payments is excluded under the Data Protection Act

(16/202) Correspondence Received

A list of correspondence had previously been circulated. In addition, the following had been received since publication of the agenda

- Comments from a neighbour relating to planning application PA15/10726 (previously discussed)

(16/203) Meetings/Training Attended

24 January – The Clerk attended Cornwall Council’s Agency Agreement Working Group. The group is looking at standardising agency agreements between Cornwall Council and town and parish councils and this meeting concentrated on LMP for cutting PRoW and the SWCP and Closed Churchyards

30 January – Cllr Kelly attended the meeting regarding St Austell Transport Strategy Projects (previously discussed)

1 February – The Clerk attended a meeting of the Smaller Councils Group of the SLCC. Sarah Mason from CALC gave a presentation on process for the forthcoming elections and the Boundary Review and Governance Review due before the 2021 elections

2 February – Cllr Fran Taylor and the Clerk attended a meeting with the Highways Manager to discuss parish signs (previously discussed)

9 and 10 February – The Clerk attended Community Governance Study days

15 February – The Clerk attended the annual LCAS Risk Management workshop

(16/204) Dates for the Diary

There were no dates for the diary

(16/205) Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

(C) – Charlestown Primary School, (T) – Tregrehan Methodist Centre - 21 March (C), 18 April – Annual Parish Meeting (T), 16 May- Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (C), 20 June (T), 18 July (C), 15 August (T) (if required), 19 September (C), 17 October (T), 21 November (C), 19 December (T)

(16/206) Exclusion of the Public and Press

Under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was **RESOLVED to exclude the public and press for agenda item 18.**

Members of the public left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

(16/207) Local Maintenance Partnership

(a) Public Rights of Way

It was **RESOLVED to award the contract to cut Public Rights of Way in the Parish to A & A Garden Maintenance for 3 years subject to continued funding from Cornwall Council.**

(b) South West Coast Path

It was **RESOLVED to award the contract to cut the stretch of the South West Coast Path within the Parish to A & A Garden Maintenance for 3 years subject to continued funding from Cornwall Council.**

The meeting closed at 7.19 pm

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Chairman

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Date