



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2025 AT 7.00PM WESLEY COMMUNITY HALL, ST. NEWLYN EAST

Present -: Cllrs. K Yeo (Chairman) (KY), R Rowse (RR), D Laud (DL), R Smith (RSM), E Shaughnessy-Philp (ESP), J John (JJ), D Clayton (DC) & M Pellow (MP)

Also attending -: Mrs K Rees (Clerk), Cllr. A Harvey & 2 Members of the Public

030/25	<u>Public Safety Announcement:</u>						
031/25	<u>Apologies:</u> Cllrs. R Symonds, M Baulch and M Harvey						
032/25	<u>Urgent Business Identified After the Publication of the Agenda:</u> None.						
033/25	<u>Registered/Non- Registered Interests & Dispensations:</u> DL declared an interest in Agenda Item 13 (c) Applications to the Carland Cross Community Benefit Fund and the Parish Council Grant Fund.						
034/25	<u>Public Session:</u> None.						
035/25	<u>Minutes:</u> <i>RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10th February 2025, as circulated, were correctly recorded, these were signed by the Chairman.</i> (P/S: RR/DL. JJ abstained)						
036/25	<u>Cornwall Councillor Report:</u> Cllr. Harvey advised that Cornwall Council has passed the budget for 25/26. Council tax will be increased by 4.99%. The decision on the future of the airport will now be made by the next administration. It was discussed that 19 Council owned car parks have now been passed over to Corserv to manage. It is extremely disappointing that the views of the public, businesses and stakeholders have been completely disregarded.						
037/25	<u>Planning:</u> Applications: <table border="1" data-bbox="215 1227 1520 1373"> <tr> <td>PA25/00846</td><td>Land Rear of Wellesey Farmhouse</td><td>OBJECT</td><td>Aside from the increase in the number of houses, nothing has altered since the last application was submitted – poor access, unneighbourly, against policies in Neighbourhood Plan. (P/S: J/MPJ)</td></tr> </table> The decisions were read out. The Clerk advised that Gilbert and Goode have submitted their application for the development on Land off Halt/Station Road. They hope that the application will be registered in the next week, in time to be on the April Agenda.			PA25/00846	Land Rear of Wellesey Farmhouse	OBJECT	Aside from the increase in the number of houses, nothing has altered since the last application was submitted – poor access, unneighbourly, against policies in Neighbourhood Plan. (P/S: J/MPJ)
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038/25	<u>Matters For Discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <u>Highways Issues:</u> It was reported that (i) the trees on the sharp bend after Nancemere Farm are overgrown and need cutting (ii) there is a large pothole by the bridge at Tredinnick and on Cargoll Road. <i>RESOLVED: Clerk to report issues.</i> (b) <u>Mitchell Village Hall:</u> ESP attended the recent Capacity Fund Celebration Event which was a good networking opportunity. The next committee meeting will be held on 20th March. The Clerk advised that the architect has submitted the amended access drawings to Planning and is waiting for a response. <i>NOTED.</i> (c) <u>Transfer of the Land on the Tremellyn Estate:</u> The transfer documents have been sent and the Clerk is waiting for the matter to be completed. <i>NOTED.</i> (d) <u>Emergency Plan Document – Set-Up Working Party:</u> Meeting organised for Monday 7th April. <i>NOTED.</i> 						

	<p>(e) <u>Christmas Lights Insurance</u>: DC advised that the Mitchell Christmas Lights Committee is happy with the current insurance provision and don't want a joint policy with the St. Newlyn East Committee. However, the committee has asked if there is any funding available for maintenance/purchase of the lights. £300 is already included in the Precept for both committees. Any funds in addition to this would be new expenditure, and would have to be agreed by the new Council in May. NOTED.</p> <p>(f) <u>MUGA Maintenance Contract</u>: The Clerk advised that the quote from Halliday Lighting for a contract to maintain both sets of floodlights is £4000 pa including a 12-month extension of warranty. It was agreed that this was an extortionate price and an alternative should be found. Cllr. Harvey recommended Chapmans in Perranporth and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact them for a quote.</p>							
039/25	<p>Business Matters:</p> <p>(a) <u>Village Caretaker Contract 25/26</u>: RESOLVED: PC to go into Closed Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the matter.</p> <p>(b) <u>Saints CAP – Tree Planting Initiative</u>: The CAP Environmental Group would like suggestions of areas in the Parish where trees could be planted. It was RESOLVED that Councillors would consider the matter and contact the Clerk with any suggestions.</p> <p>(c) <u>Quote to Purchase New Signage for the Parish Play Areas</u>: Last year's Risk Assessment stated that the signage at the Play Areas needs to display the contact details for any maintenance issues. The Clerk has got a quote from Usfor for the replacement signs and the Clerk would like approval to go ahead with the purchase. RESOLVED: PC to purchase 5 new signs for the Play Areas.</p> <p>(d) <u>Section 106 Open Space Money – Mitchell</u>: The PC had been contacted by CC who advised that there is £13149.40 of S106 money available to be spent on the provision of children's play facilities in Mitchell. This needs to be spent by 31st March. The Clerk & KY attended a meeting to discuss the matter further. Due to the time constraints, the Council agreed that the money can be used for backdated maintenance works including the safety surface at St. Francis Meadow and the drainage work at the MUGA. This leaves £5995 of funding to be allocated. Part of this will be spent on a new rocker for St. Francis Meadow and repairs to the swings in the main play area, hi-lighted on the last risk assessment. A discussion ensued. RESOLVED: Quotes to be obtained for play panels for St. Francis Meadow, a mini fitness trail for the main play area (subject to space) and new benches and picnic tables. Update to be given at the next meeting. The Clerk advised that there is circa £9k of further S106 money available. This could be used to install fitness equipment on the open space land at the Tremellyn Estate but this doesn't need to be spent until 2027. It was agreed to revisit this again once the land transfer is complete.</p>							
040/25	<p>Reports from Outside Meetings Attended in the Last Month (not previously mentioned):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KY attended the CAP Meeting and gave a brief report. Several Cornwall Councillors did not attend the meeting. There is currently no requirement for Councillors to attend, which is unsatisfactory. This will be raised after the election. The Young People's and Environmental Working Groups are working well and have made progress. 							
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042/25	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(a) <u>Accounts:</u> RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £14817.65 were approved for payment (see appendix 1)</p> <p>(b) <u>Urgent Financial Matters:</u> (i) The Clerk advised that the Wesley Hall Water Bill had gone up 36% for 25/26. It was suggested that a water meter be installed and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact SWW to investigate the increase in the bill and the possibility of a water meter. (ii) MP offered to grass seed the Mitchell Village Hall Land. The cost would be around £500 and he would cut the grass in future. RESOLVED: PC to accept MP's offer and proceed with seeding the field.</p> <p>(c) <u>Applications to the Carland Cross Community Benefit Fund and the Parish Council Grant Fund:</u> There were no applications to the Parish Council Grant Fund. Following the last meeting, confirmed figures from the Football Club had been received for the installation of the two toilets. There were now three applications which were discussed. RESOLVED: Oxnam Room awarded a grant of £1400; St. Newlyn East Village Hall awarded a grant of £909; Football Club awarded a maximum grant of £8977 on the condition that other grant options are explored and if awarded, the Carland Cross grant will be reduced to reflect this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Opening of New Parish Bank Accounts:</u> The Clerk advised that she had begun the process but as signatories are required, decided that it would be more prudent to wait until after the election when the new Councillors are in office. NOTED.
043/25	<p><u>Items for the April 2025 Agenda:</u></p> <p>No new items</p>
044/25	<p><u>Closure:</u></p> <p>There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance. He advised that the next scheduled Full Council Meeting will take place on 14^h April at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 20.17hrs.</p>
045/25	<p><u>Closed Session:</u></p> <p>The Parish Council went into Closed Session to discuss the renewal of the Caretaker's contract for 25/26. RESOLVED: Caretaker's contract to be renewed for a further year from 1st April 25 – 31st March 26 on the same terms and conditions.</p>