

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM, CRANTOCK MEMORIAL HALL

Present -:

Cllrs. P Hooper (PH) (Chair), A Harty (AH), D Hawkey (DH), S Malkin (SM), J Robinson (JR), A Gilbert (AG) & S Robinson (SR)
Mrs K Rees (Clerk), CClr. Harvey and 2 Members of the Public

116/24	Apologies: Cllr K Mackinnon						
117/24	Recordable/Non-Recordable Interests & Dispensations: None.						
118/24	Minutes: <i>RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 09th October 2024, as circulated, were approved as a true record & signed.</i>						
119/24	Police Report: No report. The Clerk advised that she had contacted the police with the queries raised at the last meeting and had received an acknowledgment but no response. She will chase for the next meeting.						
120/24	Public Participation: None.						
121/24	Cornwall Council Report: Cllr. Harvey advised that the Cabinet will vote on the future of the airport on 18 th December. It is proposed that the land be sold to an American Venture Capital firm. He expressed disappointment that Councillors will not get a say in the matter.						
122/24	Planning Issues: Applications: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">PA24/07784</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Berwyn</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Replacement of existing garage/store with ancillary annex</td> <td style="width: 40%;">The Clerk read out a letter from the owners of a neighbouring property. Another neighbour has also expressed concern. It was discussed that the intended use is ambiguous. <i>OBJECT: Lack of clarity on use, design, size, access, impact on neighbours & proximity/ ownership of boundary wall</i> (P/S: SR/AH)</td> </tr> </table> Decisions: PA23/10382 (Trevella Caravan Park): Approved			PA24/07784	Berwyn	Replacement of existing garage/store with ancillary annex	The Clerk read out a letter from the owners of a neighbouring property. Another neighbour has also expressed concern. It was discussed that the intended use is ambiguous. <i>OBJECT: Lack of clarity on use, design, size, access, impact on neighbours & proximity/ ownership of boundary wall</i> (P/S: SR/AH)
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123/24	Matters for Discussion: (a) Village Hall Request for Contribution Towards Insurance Policy: The Clerk and several Councillors had attended a meeting with representatives of the Village Hall Committee. The meeting was constructive and there is now greater clarity on how & why the original agreement was reached. For context, the Clerk had investigated how much it would be to add the play equipment to the Parish Council's insurance policy and the VH Committee had investigated how much the play equipment element of the VH insurance is. The figures were comparable. The Clerk also confirmed that there is just over £11k of Section 106 money available to replace the play equipment which must be spent by 2027. In terms of the Parish Council's contribution towards the cost of the insurance policy, it was <i>RESOLVED to discuss a figure when the Precept is discussed later in the meeting.</i> (b) Maintenance Work to the Memorial Hall: (i) It was discussed that the outside of the Memorial Hall is tired and the windows needs refurbishing. A grant may be available from the War Memorial Trust but before an application can be submitted, the extent of the work must be determined and whether there are any restrictions. Rob Giles has agreed to survey the building & the Clerk will investigate any maintenance restrictions so that the matter can be discussed at the next meeting. (i) It had been suggested that the carpet needs replacing. It was discussed that the carpet is in pretty good condition but would benefit from a clean. <i>RESOLVED: Carpet cleaner to be hired and caretaker asked to clean the carpet in January.</i>						

(c) Review of the Emergency Plan: The Clerk read out an email regarding transition to Voice Over Internet Protocol, meaning that by 2027 telephones will have to be connected to broadband. This requires an electrical connection so in times of electrical failure, telephones will not work. In rural areas with a lack of mobile signal communication may then become a problem. The Emergency Plan needs to be amended to reflect this. The Clerk has asked Cornwall Council if there will be a new model standard document and it waiting for an answer. In the meantime, PH & SR will go through the existing plan to update the contact details. It was also agreed to organise some Defibrillator training in the New Year. **Agenda item next month.**

- 124/24 **Parish Councillor Reports:**
- PH had received a letter from a local resident expressing concern about the speed of traffic in Crantock and the overgrown hedges at the top of Gustory Road. The Clerk advised that the 20mph signs have been ordered and are due to be installed at the end of November. PH will report the overgrown hedges to the Cormac.
 - AG reported the worn road markings around the Parish to Cormac but was told that there is no budget currently to repaint them.
 - Thanks were expressed to all those who had helped with the Remembrance Service on Sunday, particularly Nigel Eustice, Alastair Ross & Lucy & Leonie Penick.
 - JR will shortly be meeting Rowan from the National Trust for a summer car parking debrief. She will also ask if there are any plans to repair the potholes in the Beach Car Park.
 - The caretaker had secured the bench on Green Lane and will shortly make the repair.
 - The priority sign at West Pentire has been turned and is causing confusion. **RESOLVED: Clerk to report to Cormac.**
 - SR advised that the trees on Halwyn Hill are growing over the road. PH agreed to investigate and report the matter if necessary.
 - The 'no through road' sign at Langurroc Road was discussed. PH will approach the owners of the Jam Jar to discuss further.

125/24 **Parish Clerk Report:**

(a) Finance: (see appendix 1, not in magazine)
 Council: Lloyds - £15884.75 / Santander - £50310.86
RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £5174.12 were approved for payment.
 Memorial Hall: Lloyds - £3895.57 / Santander - £6706.01
RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £13.56 were approved for payment.
 Christmas Lights: Lloyds – £7882.74
RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £3000.21 were approved for payment.

(b) Parish Bank Accounts: The Clerk advised that Lloyds is introducing a monthly service fee and transactional charges. A discussion ensued about changing the Parish bank accounts. The Clerk advised that it may be prudent to wait until after the election as the Council may change.
RESOLVED: Clerk to investigate options and report back to the next meeting.

(c) Correspondence:

Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council	Affordable homes allocation in Cornwall	NOTED
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(d) Precept 25/26: The Clerk had circulated a proposed budget for 25/26. Due to the introduction of the second homes premium, the tax base has increased by 15% and the PC needs to consider how best to manage this in terms of the effect on the Precept, particularly as the policy could change again or more second home owners could register as businesses resulting in a reduction in the tax base again. A lengthy discussion ensued. Considering the budget, it was **RESOLVED to contribute £750 this financial year towards the insurance for the play equipment. Going forward a contribution of £1000 will be made annually towards the play equipment element of the Village**

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	<i>Hall's insurance policy with the amount being reviewed on a bi-annual basis. PC to consider the Precept with a view to making a decision at the next meeting.</i>
126/24	<u>Agenda Items December 2024:</u> No new items. Cllr. Harvey asked how many Councillors had participated in the vote for the Trevella 5-Day Protocol as it is difficult for him to take an application to committee if only a handful of Councillors have voted.
127/24	<u>Date of Next Meeting:</u> The Chair thanked members for their attendance. She advised that the next Full Council Meeting will be on 11th December, Crantock Memorial Hall. The meeting closed at 20.44 hrs.
128/24	<u>Closed Session:</u> The PC went into Closed Session to discuss the NALC Pay Award 24/25. RESOLVED: Clerk's pay to be increased inline with the NALC Pay Award 24/25.