

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 16th January 2024 commencing at 7pm

ATTENDANCE

Present were Cllr Miss H Downing (Chairwoman), Cllr W Thomas, Cllr W Oakley-Moore, Cllr H. Jones, Cllr Ms J Barson, Cllr P Blease, Cllr A Bunclark, Cllr Mrs C Sylvester, Cllr T Smith, and the Clerk

Members of the public present: Mr B Piper – SEG, and four members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Iles and Cllr Mrs J. Thomas.

2. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair advised that there was one urgent item for consideration:

A request for the use of Playing Field for Wellbeing Fayre – Saturday 14th September 2024.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

3.1 Cllr Miss H Downing declared an interest in Agenda Item: 11.3(a).

3.2 No written requests for dispensation had been received.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 13th of December 2023

The Clerk advised that she was not aware of any suggested amendments to the Draft Minutes circulated to the meeting.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 13th of December 2023 as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed by Cllr H Jones seconded by Cllr Ms J Barson

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The Chair duly signed the minutes as a true record of the proceedings.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

6. Presentation from Mr Paul Simmons

Linking the surrounding Parish's Footpaths – a PhD research project.

Mr Simmons briefed the Members on the project he was undertaking and seeking engagement and support from surrounding Parish's.

Mr Simmons was thanked for his presentation

19.17hrs Mr Simmons left the meeting

The Chairwoman closed the meeting at 19:18 hrs to allow Public Participation

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairwoman invited the member of the public to address the meeting, Members were addressed by two members of the public present who spoke against PA23/09176:

The Chairwoman opened the meeting at 19.25hrs.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr J Thomas was not present at the Meeting and a report had not been received.

9. STITHIANS ENERGY GROUP

9.1 **SEG Report from Brian Piper**

Brian Piper presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes, which included:

- Carbon Capture
- Potential feature on National Radio
- Fal energy partnership
- Visits
- Help for SEG

The content of the report was noted.

9.2 **Climate Emergency Action Plan**

Cllr Miss H Downing concluded that no work had been done on the Climate Emergency Plan and this would be carried forward to the February Meeting. The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the current plan to all Members.

10. CLERK / RFOs REPORTS

10.1 **Council's Current Financial Position**

The Clerk presented a financial report for period ending 31st December 2023, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

RESOLVED: to:

1. **approve the financial reports as of 31st December 2023**
2. **move the EMR for the Longdowns Play Area to the Playing Field Development Fund**

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr A Bunclark and carried unanimously.

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10.2 **Purchase of Microphone for Parish Public Events**

Cllr Ms H Downing advised the Members that further investigation had taken place and that the cost would be in the region of £1000.

RESOLVED that this would not be purchased, and consideration would be given to hiring this equipment if and when it was required.

Proposed by Cllr Ms H Downing seconded by Cllr W Thomas

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10.3 **Update on Application from the PCC to close the New Churchyard**

The Clerk presented her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The content of the report was noted.

10. PLANNING

11.1 **Notification of Planning Decisions Received:**

- (a) **PA23/08553 – APPROVED** - 1 Dam Bungalows, Carn Stithians – Proposed single garage.

11.2 **Notification of Planning Decisions received after publication of the agenda:**

The Clerk informed the meeting that no further decisions had been received since the publication of the agenda.

11.3 **Planning Applications received.**

Having declared an interest, the Chairwoman Cllr Miss H Downing handed the Chair over to the Vice-Chairman Cllr P Blease before PA23/09176 was considered.

11.3(a) **PA23/09176 – Land East of Pembroath Farm, Trembroath – Application for Technical Details Consent (TDC) following Permission in Principle approval PA22/03505 dated 26/04/2022.**

RESOLVED to NOT SUPPORT this application on the following grounds:

1. **Previous concerns regarding risk of flooding have not been addressed sufficiently, the area flooded at the beginning of January and has yet to drain completely**
2. **Errors in the planning application which includes the position in relation to a water course - the Information is incorrect.**

3. Highways - it is felt that the access is not suitable for additional traffic.
4. The design of the building is not in keeping with the area.

Stithians Parish Council strongly challenge the classification of Trembroath as a 'settlement' and is of the opinion that this application is 'development in open countryside'

It also notes that a number of trees and shrubs were removed from the site pre application.

Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr A Bunclark.

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Having declared an interest Cllr Miss H Downing abstained from the discussion and did not vote on the proposal.

On conclusion of this item the Vice Chairman handed the Chair back to the Chairwoman.

- 11.3(b) **PA23/09190 – Redundant Barn Adj North Penhalurick Farm, Penhalurick – Conversion and extg. redundant agricultural outbuildings to form a single domestic dwellinghouse**
RESOLVED to support this application
Proposed by Cllr A Bunclark seconded by Cllr P Blease and carried unanimously.
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- 11.4 ***To consider any planning applications received after the publication of the agenda.***
The Clerk informed the Members that no further applications had been received since the publication of the agenda.
- 11.5 **To note the details submitted in respect of PA23/09794 – Truro Portable Buildings, Longdowns – Application for Principal in Planning Consent: Erection of up to 5 dwellings.**
Stithians Parish Council support PA23/09794 - in principle, however, it would seek clarification that there is no longer a need for this site to be used for commercial purposes or a loss of employment opportunity.
The details were noted
19:58hrs Members of the public left the meeting.
- 12 **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**
- 12.1 ***Notes / Update from EMC Meeting held on the 9th of January 2024.***
The Clerk presented her report a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The content of the report was noted, and the following actions authorised:
- RESOLVED that the delegated responsibility be given to the Chairwoman and Clerk, to purchase Heras Fencing with ab budget of £500**
Proposed: Cllr H Jones seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.
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- RESOLVED to accept the quote no 1022 from T. Martin for £760 to carry out the strimming of the edges of the new footpath around the playing field and to add to this work at the footpath at the rear of the tennis court and junction of Crelow lane and East Road/Foundry at an additional cost.**
Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.
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- RESOLVED that LED bulbs be purchased to replace the existing bulbs in the lighting at the tennis court footpath.**
Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.
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- RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to set up accounts on behalf of Stithians Parish Council with relevant companies, to include: MacSalvors, Bookers, Bradfords, Screwfix, Toolstation to allow resources to be purchased for work required in the Parish.**

Proposed by Cllr Ms J Barson seconded by Cllr H Jones and carried unanimously.

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12.2 ***Footpaths, Highways and Environment Portfolio Holders Report***

The Members considered the presentation from Paul Simmons

RESOLVED to meet with Mr Simmons to discuss the project further, and that a working party include Cllr Mrs J Thomas, Cllr W Oakley-Moore, Cllr P Blease, and Mr B Piper.

Proposed by: Cllr W Oakley-Moore seconded by Cllr A Bunclark and carried unanimously

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12.3 **Report on Ponsanooth Road Traffic Group in relation to Pelean Cross**

Cllr Miss H Downing informed the Members that there was no further update.

13 **PLAYING FIELD**

13.1 ***Report from the Pavilion sub-committee on Pavilion Refurbishment and Report on Cost of leasing temporary accommodation***

No further update at this time, a meeting of the sub-committee to be arranged to discuss next steps.

13.2 ***Update on Sports Field & Pavilion by Stithians Football Club***

The Clerk advised that Stithians Football Club had advised that they would not be in a position to play any matches for this season however, they are committed to moving back to the village and would be using the pitch for training purposes from March 2024 at a rent of £45 per month.

14 **COMMUNITY FLOOD PLAN**

Cllr Miss H Downing informed the Members that there was no further action to report on the flood plan. She had been in contact with the recently appointed, Community Engagement Officer it was hoped that a meeting would be arranged with South West Water to address concerns regarding the on-going flooding issues in Stithians.

The content of the report was noted.

15 **Stithians Stars**

Cllr Miss H Downing addressed the Members and in accordance with the resolution agreed in June 2023, under Minute: 19/06/23 requested that the sub-committee be set up to establish the criteria and timescales for the nomination and decision process for the 2024 Stithians Star Award.

RESOLVED that Cllr Miss H Downing, Cllr Mrs C Sylvester, Cllr Ms J Barson and the Clerk be appointed on the sub-committee to agree the nomination process and timescales for the Stithians Star Award.

Proposed by Cllr Miss H Downing seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.

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16 **Additional Parking in Village**

The Members considered the request to consider the provision of additional parking in the village. Further investigation to take place with regard to possible sites and reported back at the February Meeting.

17. **Christmas Lights**

Cllr Mrs C Sylvester gave a verbal report on the Christmas Lights 2023, they had once again been very well received and the team were congratulated on the success of the switch on event.

18. **URGENT ITEMS**

There was one urgent item for consideration.

The organisers of the Wellbeing Fayre had asked if the event could be again held on the Playing Field on Saturday 15th September 2024.

RESOLVED that the Wellbeing Fayre could be held on the Playing Field on 15th September 2024.

Proposed by Cllr A Bunclark seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.

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19. AUTHORISING OF PAYMENTS

The Clerk presented her reports which were circulated to members on the 15th of January 2024

RESOLVED to authorise:

1. **the payments of invoices received, including regular payments due for the period 16th December 2023 to 16th January 2024, Voucher No's: 168 – 178, totalling £5,122.03**
2. **the annual payment of £65.00 to the Fields in Trust by Direct debit on the 1st of February 2024.**

Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.

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20. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Report from Cllr P Blease on Kennall Vale DMMO Orders
 To consider replacement surface on tennis court
 Update on Parking Provision in Stithians
 Climate Emergency Plan
 Representation to Ward Member with regard to requests to refer Planning Applications to Committee

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Full Council will be held on **Tuesday 20th February 2024.**

The Meeting closed at 21:15hrs.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

..... Chairwoman

Date.....