

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 20th February 2024

Persons Present: Cllr Miss H Downing, Cllr Ms J Barson, Cllr Mrs J Thomas, Cllr H Jones, Cllr T Smith, Cllr P Blease, Cllr W Oakley-Moore, Cllr W Thomas

Visitors to the meeting: Mr B. Piper & four members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES :

Apologies were received and accepted from: Cllr A Bunclark & Cllr Mrs C Sylvester.

2. URGENT ITEMS:

The Chair advised that there was one Urgent Item to be considered:

Report from Cllr P Blease on recent vandalism in Playing Field.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr Mrs H Downing declared an interest in item 9.3(b) PA24/00508

No requests for dispensation have been received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2024.

The Clerk advised that she was not aware of any suggested amendments to the Draft Minutes which had been circulated to the Members prior to the Meeting.

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 16th January 2024 as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed by: Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Ms J Barson.

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5. MATTERS ARISING:

Matters arising from the Council Meeting held on the 16th January 2024 and not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

There were no matters arising.

The Meeting was closed at 19:02hrs for Public Participation

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Chairman invited the members of the public present to address the meeting.

Members were addressed by two members of the public present who spoke against PA24/00508.

The Chairwoman opened the Meeting at 19:07hrs.

3 Members of public left the meeting.

7. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JOHN THOMAS

Cllr J Thomas was not present at the meeting, the written report received was shared with the Members. Items covered included:

Community Speed Watch

20mph rollout

Meeting with SWW to be confirmed

Potholes

Planning, Local Protocols and Requests for Applications to be referred to Committee

Thanks to the Stithians Christmas Lights Committee for a splendid display.

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8. STITHIANS ENERGY GROUP:

8.1 **SEG Report**

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

- Interview on National Radio
- Visits & Events
- Help for SEG – any volunteers?

The content of the report was noted.

Brian Piper left the meeting.

8.2 **Climate Emergency Action Plan**

Cllr H Downing addressed the Members, reports on recycling and reducing number of car journeys had been prepared by Cllr A Bunclark, copies of which are attached to these Minutes.

RESOLVED that Cllr H Downing will prepare a regular 'Promotional Message' which will be published on the Facebook page, website and notice boards to focus on a specific area relevant to the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

Proposed by: Cllr Miss H Downing seconded by Cllr W Thomas.

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9. PLANNING

9.1 **Notification of Planning Decisions Received:**

- PA23/09136 – APPROVED** – Pencoose Farm, Trebost Lane – Reserved Matters Application for 1no. proposed farm worker dwelling following Outline Consent PA22/10293 dated 25.01.2023.
- PA23/04833 – REFUSED** – Burleys Aquatics, Tremenhere Farm – Conversion of former aquatics shop to single dwellinghouse.
- PA23/08670 & PA23/08671 APPROVED** – Trevalles House, Trevalles – Single storey kitchen extension to rear of existing house & Listed Building Consent.
- PA23/10025 – APPROVED** – The Vicarage, 2 Old Vicarage Close – Works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order (TPO)
- PA23/09574 - APPROVED** – Penhallow Barn, Trewithen – Proposed single storey rear extension.
- PA23/09794 -REFUSED** – Truro Potable Buildings, Longdowns – Permission in principle for erection of up to 5 dwellings.
- PA23/08123 – APPROVED** – Lynley, New Road, Stithians – Outline application with some matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, and sale) for demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a pair of semi-detached dwellings.
- PA23/06137 – APPROVED** – Land adjacent to Halvasso Road, Longdowns – Outline application with some matters reserved for erection of 6 no. dwellings (minimum of 3) Affordable Homes)

9.2 **Notification of Planning Decisions received after the publication of the Agenda:**

The Clerk informed the Members that one further notification had been received:

PA23/00110 - APPROVED - Feritech Innovation Centre Menerdue Lane Demolition of existing B1/B8 unit and containers and erection of B1/B8 warehouse together with associated landscaping without compliance of Condition 2 in relation to Decision Notice PA20/03471 dated 16/10/2020

9.3 **To consider Planning Applications received:**

- PA24/00292- Stithians County Primary School** – Works to Tree(s) covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) T1 - Ash, Crown lift and reduce lower lateral branches to clear structures by 3m. T2 - Sycamore, Remove stem epicormic growth to 5m and small diameter secondary branches extending towards school to clear roof by 3m. T3 - Common Ash, Coppice. W1 - Ash, Sycamore, Horse Chestnut, Coppice all sycamore and ash on hedge. Maintain 2m clearance to structure.

RESOLVED to support this application.

Proposed by: Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Ms J Barson.

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Having declared an interest in the next item, the Chairwoman handed the Chair over to the Vice Chairman Cllr P Blease.

- (b) **PA24/00508 – Land NE of Carn Cottage, Tresevern Croft, Goonlaze** – Outline application with all matters reserved for construction of 5 dwellings with off-road parking and garden amenity area.

RESOLVED to NOT support this application on the following grounds:

- 1. That the Parish Council is of the opinion that this proposal is ‘building in the countryside’**
- 2. Insufficient services to support additional residents**
- 3. Loss of valuable wildlife habitat**
- 4. Concerns regarding the access to the proposed site, unclassified road on which national speed limit applies.**
- 5. The proposed development would add additional pressure to a well-documented / reported failing sewage / drainage system.**
- 6. Loss of functioning agricultural land.**

Proposed by Cllr W Oakley-Moore seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously by those entitled to vote.

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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.

9.4 To consider any applications received after the publication of the Agenda.

The Clerk informed the Members that no further applications have been received

- 9.5 To consider information and response from Ward Member in relation to Local Council Protocol , when requesting planning applications are determined by committee.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The clerk write to Cllr J Thomas expressing the Members disappointment that he was unable to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.**
- 2. That the Clerk write to Ms L Wood, Service Director Planning & Housing (Chief Planning Officer) outlining the Parish Council’s concerns.**

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr H Jones and carried unanimously.

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10 CLERK /RFO’s Reports

10.1 Council’s Current Financial Position

The Clerk presented her financial statements for period ending 31st January 2024, a copy of which are attached to these minutes.

RESOLVED to approve the financial reports as at 31st January 2024.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr H Jones and carried unanimously.

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10.2 Update on Refurbishment Plans for Stithians Bowling Club.

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

Cllr W Oakley-Moore left the meeting.

11 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

11.1 Notes/Update from EMC Meeting held on the 6th February 2024.

The Clerk presented the report a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

RESOLVED;

1. To agree the content actions and associated expenditure detailed in the report.
2. To approve the purchase of the vinyl panels for the Youth Shelter with a budget of £125.
3. To authorise the work & expenditure of £330 for Perish a Pest.
4. That the Rugby Club be informed that the equipment may remain in the Pavilion on the understanding that when such times works begins on the Pavilion they will receive 28 day's notice to remove all remaining items.

Proposed by Cllr Ms J Barson seconded by Cllr W Thomas

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11.2 **Footpaths, Highways and Environment Portfolio Holder's Report**

Cllr W Oakley-Moore had been called away from the meeting, report not received.

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

Cllr Miss H Downing informed the Members that they hoped to attend the next meeting and update the Council at the March Meeting.

11.4 **Report on Footpath Anomalies, Footpath 25 DMMO Kennal Vale.**

Cllr P Blease presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

RESOLVED that Cllr Miss H Downing is to write a brief introductory letter to the landowner to open dialogue with regard to the possibility of opening a footpath on the perimeter of their property to gain access to Kennal Vale.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr T Smith and carried unanimously.

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12. **PLAYING FIELD**

12.1 *Report from Pavilion sub-committee on Pavilion refurbishment.*

Cllr Miss H Downing informed the Members that the working group needed to arrange a meeting to consider next steps.

12.2 **Report on Possible Improvements to Tennis Court**

RESOLVED that Cllr W Thomas will investigate costs for replacement surface and fencing. Cllr T Smith to inspect the oak tree overhanging the court to ascertain if it could be trimmed.

Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr Ms J Barson.

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13 **COMMUNITY FLOOD PLAN**

Update on Flood Plan

Cllr Miss H Downing informed the Members that there had been no further progress.

14. **STITHIANS STARS**

Report on working group on progress to date.

Cllr Miss H Downing gave a verbal report on the proposed award:

- The nominations process would be open from the 25th of March to the 15th April 2024
- That nominations could be made via email, post and via a box to be located in the Spar Shop
- The award and nomination criteria would be publicised via the Facebook page, noticeboards, website, and Spar Shop.
- All nominations received would be considered at a meeting of the working group on Monday 15th April and their recommendation to be reported the Council meeting on the 16th of April for approval.
- The award will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 23rd of April 2024. The content of the report was noted.

15. **ADDITIONAL PARKING IN THE VILLAGE**

Report on potential sites for additional parking in the village.

Cllr W Thomas briefed the Members on his progress to date.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk is to write to the Glebe Committee to enquire if they would be prepared to open a dialogue with regard to the field, behind the Church.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas second by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously.

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16 URGENT ITEMS

There was one urgent item for consideration.

Cllr P Blease presented his report regarding the recent episode of vandalism on the Playing Field. Following the report on the Facebook page, donations of £135 had been received.

The picnic bench had been repaired by person(s) unknown.

RESOLVED that those responsible for the donations and the repair of the bench were thanked and the installation of CCTV was to be investigated.

Proposed by: Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas.

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17. AUTHORISING PAYMENTS.

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

RESOLVED to authorise:

1. the payment of invoices received & regular payments due for the period 18th January 21st February 2024 , Voucher No's: 179 - 195, Total: £6,094.78
2. a payment of £783.37 for PWLB Loan by Direct Debit due on the 4th March 2024
3. the additional payment of £9.89 to Everflow Water, Voucher No: 196.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr H Jones and carried unanimously.

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18. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Plans for the Annual Parish Meeting – 23rd April 2024

Scarecrow Competition 2024

19. Date of Next Meeting:

To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Full Council as **Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7 p.m.**

The meeting Closed at 21:00hrs

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

.....*H Dunning*..... Chairwoman

Date:*19-3-24*.....