

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE STITHIANS CENTRE ON TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2024**  
**COMMENCING AT 7pm**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

There were 32 members of the public present

**1 APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**2 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**Presentations from local groups and organisations on activities and achievements over the last 12 months.**

John Colgate, Treasurer, The Stithians Centre gave a presentation on the Stithians Centre, this included:

On-going improvements to the building: new flooring, repairs to roof, oil heating system to be replaced with an infra-red system.

The Centre is being well utilised, room hire going well and lots of events planned.

**3. OUTGOING CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairwoman presented to the meeting her outgoing Chairwoman's Report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The presentation included updates on:

- The proposed Longdowns Crossing
- Proposed works to highway & footpaths around the Spar
- Pavilion Replacement.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public present addressed the Meeting on the following matters:

**Pelian Cross – concerns were raised regarding the road junction at Pelian Cross and asked for an update on the reported community activity.**

The Chairwoman advised that the Parish Council were represented by herself and Cllr Mrs Joy Thomas on the Ponsanooth Road Safety Group, they had attended several meetings. Currently the group were asking for members of the public to provide them with details of all incidents at the junction, which will be used as evidence when a formal report is submitted to Highways.

**BMX Track – questions were asked regarding on-going works to the BMX track, the users of the track were keen to see further improvements and would like to see a more challenging track. They would also like to be involved in the design of the works.**

The Chairman responded by saying that she was delighted to see that the group had come along to the meeting to raise their concerns. Whilst the desire to

improve the 'jumps' was acknowledged, this was limited by the location and length of the track. The group were advised that they should not carry out any reconstruction work themselves and that the Council would be pleased to include them in future construction – which it was hoped would be completed in the next few weeks.

**Pavilion: - Questions were asked regarding the future of the Pavilion and whether it was to refurbished or replaced.**

The Chairwoman advised the meeting that sadly the Pavilion, could not be saved, and would be demolished, The hope is that a new Pavilion providing changing rooms, public toilets and a community youth hub would be built on the same site. The plans were in the very early stages and initial funding being sought to complete a full feasibility study, this would include further public engagement.

**Would consideration be given to the new design including windows at an upper level to allow spectators to view activity from inside the building?**

The Chairwoman responded by advising that this was something that had been considered, however, it should be noted that the addition of an upper floor would add a considerable amount to the overall cost as the design would have to include lifts / access etc for all users of the building.

**Would Stithians Football Club be allowed to store their equipment in the Pavilion?**

The Chairwoman advised that this would not be possible and the Football Club would be allowed to install their wooden shed, currently used for storage, on the Playing Field. Location for the shed would be agreed.

**Would the Parish Council consider producing a 'Walks around the Village' booklet?**

The Chairwoman stated that this had been done in the past, The interactive mapping system available on the Cornwall Council website – was an excellent resource for showing footpaths.

## **5. PRESENTATION OF THE 'STAR OF STITHIANS' AWARD**

The 'Star of Stithians' award had been re-introduced this year. The Parish Council had received a number of nominations, all of which would have been worthy winners. Special mention to be made for the Stithians Christmas Lights Committee, who, given the number of Councillors involved in the group, had asked not to be considered for this award, their work and contribution to the Christmas Lights event was noted.

The 'Star of Stithians' Award for 2024 was presented to Jane Le Page to recognise her dedication and commitment in running the Stithians Cubs, her support to various church events and her continued assistance at the weekly Friday Coffee Stop. Jane is always a willing volunteer and prepared to offer assistance without hesitation.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 7 pm in the Stithians Centre.

There being no other business, the Chairwoman thanked those attending and the meeting closed at 20:00hrs.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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

Date: .....*21/5/24*.....