

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 15th October 2024

Persons Present: Cllr Miss H Downing, Cllr Mrs J Thomas, Cllr P Blease, Cllr W Thomas, Cllr Mrs C Sylvester (from point noted), Cllr T Smith (from point noted) and the Clerk.

Also Present: 3 members of the public, Mr Brian Piper and CCllr John Thomas.

1. APOLOGIES :

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Bunclark.

2. URGENT ITEMS:

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

- Request from Stithians WI to plant tree in Meadowside.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:

No declaration of interests or requests for dispensation were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 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 17th September 2024 as a true record of the proceedings.

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

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5. MATTERS ARISING:

Matters arising from the Council Meeting held on the 17th September 2024 and not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

There were no matters arising from the Council Meeting.

6. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The members considered the application from Ms Sophie Cotton.

RESOLVED that Ms Sophie Cotton be co-opted on to the Council.

Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas.

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The Meeting was closed at 19:05hrs for Public Participation

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Chairwoman invited the members of the public to speak.

One Member spoke in support of PA24/03474.

One Member spoke in support of PA24/06291

One member raised concerns regarding footpath231/7/5

19:11hrs Mrs Cllr C Sylvester and Cllr T Smith joined the Meeting during the closed session.

The Chairwoman opened the Meeting at 19.18hrs.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JOHN THOMAS

Report from Cllr John Thomas had been circulated to the Members. Cllr Thomas raised no further points.

9. STITHIANS ENERGY GROUP:

8.1 SEG Report

Brian Thomas presented his report a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
The content of the report was noted.

10. PLANNING

10.1 Notification of Planning Decisions Received:

PA24/05797 – APPROVED - 4 Foundry Hill, Stithians – Replacement of existing front porch (3m²) with sun room (12m²) and addition of new rear porch (4m²). (*Stithians Parish Council Supported*)

PA241/02074 – APPROVED – Lake View, Tory, Ponsanooth – Retention of cabin building and use of 1 bed annexe for elderly parent. (*Stithians Parish Council Supported*)

PA24/06076 -APPROVED – Wayfarer, Crelow Hill, Stithians – Side extension to house, widening of driveway access and associated works. (*Stithians Parish Council Supported*)

PA24/06786 – APPROVED – PA24/06786 – 5 Old Vicarage Close, Stithians - Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), works include T1 - 1 x large monterey pine - remove 2 lowest limbs ext. towards house; remove 2 lowest branches ext. over lane - to limit further lateral crown development towards house, to address increased exposure to wind-loading due to foreseeable removal of dying ash in adjacent property. T2 - 1 x large turkey oak - crown lift to 5.5m to clear roof of dwelling by 2.5m vertically & laterally - to limit further crown development over dwelling, to relieve shading. (*Stithians Parish Council Supported*)

10.2 Notification of Planning Decisions received after the publication of the Agenda:

The Clerk informed the Members that no other notifications had been received:

10.3 To consider Planning Applications received

10.3(a) **PA24/07050 – Land North of Little Trolvis Farm, Longdowns** – Erection of an agricultural storage building.

RESOLVED to support this application.

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

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10.3(b) **PA24/06291 – The Piggery, Menerdue** – Construction of two bedroom, sustainable and super-efficient, single storey dwelling on the site of previously approved one bedroom dwelling.

RESOLVED to support this application.

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

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103(c) **PA24/03474 – Former Aquatic Shop, Stithians** – The conversion of stone and concrete former aquatics shop building with side extension to form a single dwellinghouse.

RESOLVED to support this application.

Proposed by: Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously.

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10.3(d) **PA24/07329 – Penhallow Barn, Trewithen, Stithians** – Retention of glamping cabin.

RESOLVED to support this application.

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

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10.3(e) **PA24/07594 – The Chalet, The Paddocks, Penhalvean** – Certificate of Lawfulness for breach of planning condition and use of building as a dwelling.

RESOLVED to NOT support this application. The permission granted under PA04/01185F clearly states under Condition 2 ‘that the buildings hereby permitted shall be used solely

for the shelter of the applicant's private horses and for the storage of feed, tack and incidental items, and shall not be used for any other purpose, domestic, commercial or otherwise, without the prior written permission of the local planning authority.'

The applicants have blatantly ignored the Condition attached to the planning permission and demonstrated complete disregard for planning rules.

Proposed by: Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr P Blease and carried unanimously.

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- 10.4 To ratify comment submitted in relation to 14 day - Non-material Amendment to Planning Decision **PA24/07284- Land at Chynoweth Farm, Longdowns** - Non material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA22/02430 dated 12/09/22 – Addition of natural stone in place of render to north, east & west elevations. Install single rear door in place of window from hallway in south elevation. *Comment submitted: To support this application.*

Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr W Thomas.

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- 10.5 *To consider any applications received after the publication of the Agenda.*

11 CLERK /RFO's Reports

- 11.1 *Council's Current Financial Position*

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

RESOLVED to note the financial position as of 30th September 2024.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.

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- 11.2 *Report on Draft Budget for 2025/ 26*

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

RESOLVED that the Clerk prepare a final draft for presentation at the November Meeting, based on a Precept of £88,636, pending confirmation of CPI for September, confirmed contract payments from Cornwall Council and informed Salary agreements.

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

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- 11.3 *To consider request for donation to Cornwall Air Ambulance.*

RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be made to Cornwall Air Ambulance.

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

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12 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- 12.1 *Notes/Update from EMC Meeting held on the 1st October 2024.*

The content of the report was noted.

- 12.2 **Footpaths, Highways and Environment Portfolio Holder's Report**

Cllr H Downing briefed the Members on the liaison Meeting with Jack Thomas, which included: pot holes, line marking, overgrown hedges and trees and the Road Safety . Improvement Plan for the village.

Report was received regarding the granite blocks / stones that had been left in the road on Foundry following recent hedge trimming.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report the issue the stones on Foundry be reported

PROPOSED by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr T Smith.

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- 12.3 **Brief on meeting with CORMAC – plans for improving pedestrian safety around the School and Spar.**

Cllr H Downing briefed the Members on the Meeting held with representatives of Cormac, the plans for highways improvements outside the school and Spar were outlined Next stage will include meeting with School, followed by period of on-line public consultation.

The content of the report was noted.

12.4 Report on FFC ‘Plant the Gap’ Funding

Cllr H Downing briefed the Members on a funding opportunity for tree planting in the Parish, further quotes were being sought and a formal report to be presented at the November meeting. **The content of the report was noted.**

13. PLAYING FIELD

13.1 Report from Pavilion sub-committee to consider the designs for replacement pavilion.

The Members received the presentation as prepared by Marraum.

RESOLVED that Option 2 is the preferred design and that further plans be drawn up for review at the next committee meeting scheduled for the 4th November, to be followed by the Public Consultation evening on the 14th November.

Proposed by Cllr Please seconded by Cllr J Thomas and carried unanimously.

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13.2 Report on Playground equipment

Cllr Mrs C Sylvester advised that she was still waiting to receive updated quotes. A full report would be presented at the November Meeting.

14. Annual Remembrance Events

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

RESOLVED that.

- a. **The details of the Remembrance Service & Parade be accepted.**
- b. **A donation of £75.00 be made to the RBL.**
- c. **The Chairwoman, Cllr Miss H Downing represent the Council at the event on the 10th November and the Vice Chairman, Cllr P Blease at the event on the 11th November.**

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

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15. URGENT ITEMS

Request received from Stithians W.I. to allow them to plant another tree in Meadowside around the granite bench, as part of National Tree Week.

RESOLVED that the W.I. be allowed to plant another tree in Meadowside.

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

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16. AUTHORISING PAYMENTS.

RESOLVED to authorise the payment of invoices received & regular payments due for the period, 17th September – 16th October 2024 , Voucher No’s: - 124 – 141 Total: £14,653.84

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously,

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17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Christmas Lights Committee – Insurance 2024/25

18. Date of Next Meeting:

To confirm the date of the next Council Meeting as Tuesday 19th November 2024,

The meeting Closed at 20.55hrs.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

..... **Chairwoman**

Date: