

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 18th February 2025

Persons Present: Cllr Miss H Downing, Cllr P Blease, Cllr W Thomas, Cllr Mrs C Sylvester, Cllr Mrs S Cotton, Cllr Mrs J Thomas, Cllr W Oakley-Moore and the Clerk.

Also Present: Mr Brian Piper.

1. APOLOGIES :

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr T Smith and Cllr R Iles.

2. URGENT ITEMS:

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

Arrangements for VE Day Celebrations from Stithians Branch RBL

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:

One Declaration of interest was received from Cllr Miss H Downing in relation to PA25/01025. There were no Requests for Dispensation.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st January 2025.

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 21st January 2025 as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed by: Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr W Thomas

MINUTE: 01/02/25

5. MATTERS ARISING:

Matters arising from the Council Meeting held on the 21st January 2025 and not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

There were no matters arising from the Council Meeting.

6. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

No applications had been received

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were no Members of the public present.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JOHN THOMAS

Cllr John Thomas was not present at the meeting.

9. STITHIANS ENERGY GROUP:

9.1 SEG Report

Brian Piper presented his report, items covered included:

- Latest News from Government is that local communities will be able to own a renewable energy source – more information to follow.
- Home Insulation and Grants Event
- Heat Pump.
- Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Nature Recovery Strategy
- Friends of the Earth

The content of the report was noted.

19:22hrs: *Mr Piper left the meeting*

10. PLANNING

10.1. Notification of Planning Decisions Received:

No Planning decisions had been received.

- 10.2 *Notification of Planning Decisions received after the publication of the Agenda:*
The Clerk advised that no further notifications had been received:
- 10.3 *To consider Planning Applications received*
- 10.3(a) PA25/00365 – The Chalet at the Paddocks, Penhalvean – Construction of Replacement Dwelling.
RESOLVED to support this application
Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr W Thomas.
MINUTE: 02/02/25
- 10.4 To consider any applications received after the publication of the agenda.
- PA25/01025 – Old Mill Cottage, Penhalvean – Proposed two storey extension and new garage.**
RESOLVED to support this application
Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs S Cotton.
MINUTE: 02/02/25
Having declared an interest Cllr Miss H Downing did not participate in the discussion or participate in the vote.
- PA25/01048 – 2 Meadow Court, Hendra – Listed building consent for replacement of two timber windows on the west elevation at first floor for like for like basis,**
RESOLVED to support this application
Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.
MINUTE: 03/02/25
- PA24/07824 – Accommodation, Calamankey Farm, Longdowns – Construction of garage to house classic car collection.**
RESOLVED to support this application
Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously.
MINUTE: 04/02/25
- 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 31st January 2025.
Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.
MINUTE : 05/02/25
- 11.2 *Update on administrative arrangements for Council Election, 1st May 2025 and confirm the date for the Annual Meeting as Tuesday 13th May 2025.*
The Clerk briefed the Members on the current arrangements and confirm that the Annual Meeting will be held on the 13th May 2025.
The content of the report was noted.
- 11.3 To consider arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday 29th April 2025.
RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th April at 7:30p.m. Cllr Miss H Downing will contact local organisations, inviting them to do a short presentation on their activities over the last year and plans for the future. Light refreshments to be served
Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.
MINUTE:06/02/25
- 11.4 To consider letter from Redruth Town Council 'Motion on Allocation of Second Home Council Tax Premiums'
RESOLVED that the Clerk send the following response to Redruth Town Council: "the Members appreciated the sentiment behind the proposal and understood the reasoning for 'sharing' across the County to allow all to benefit from the income, there were questions about how this could be done legally at Local Council level and depending on how the division of income was shared would the benefit be that great?"
Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr P Blease and carried unanimously.
MINUTE: 07/02/25

12 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

12.1 *Notes/Update from EMC Meeting held on the 4th February 2025.*

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

RESOLVED to

1. **Agree the content, actions and associated expenditure detailed in the notes.**
2. **To authorise T. Martin to hire a mini digger at cost of £350 to carry out the following works:**
 - a) **Move soil / turf to cover concrete base at site of old roundabout.**
 - b) **Dig drainage ditch to reduce 'standing water' on footpath near end of BMX track**
 - c) **To move trees from Crelow Fields Amenity Area**
 - d) **To move a suitable granite stone to bottom of stile on playing field.**
 - e) **Replace granite stone on wall / hedge in Meadowside.**
 - f) **Additional drainage works to be completed on the footpath – Cllr W Thomas to liaise with T. Martin.**
3. **Authorise the purchase of 13 tree guards' trees to be planted at Playing Field car park.**
4. **Authorise the purchase of 4 'inserts' for goal posts with budget of £150.00**

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester.

MINUTE: 08/02/25

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

Cllr W Oakley-Moore requested an update on the concerns raised regarding the condition of the young trees, newly planted, around the site of the SWW Works at Stithians Dam. A report was also received regarding the gate from the field on to Old Vicarage Close, this is not a PRoW, but walkers are using this rather than the stile on the footpath, gate being left open which is causing an obstruction in the lane and blocking access to the residents on Old Vicarage Close.

RESOLVED that: The Clerk write to:

South West Water to report the poor condition of the trees

Coastline to ask if the gate can be padlocked to ensure that it is no longer used as a right of way for pedestrians

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by W Oakley-Moore and carried unanimously.

MINUTE:09/02/25

12.3 ***Update on FFC 'Plant the Gap Funding***

Cllr Miss H Downing informed the Members that the application for funding had been successful. £700 had been awarded for the purchase of 8 trees, she was currently liaising with the pre-school and school with regard to species. Planting to take place by the end of March. The content of the report was noted.

13. PLAYING FIELD

13.1 ***Report from Pavilion sub-committee.***

A revised plan for the building was considered and details / quotes for additional 3rd party reports as required for the planning application.

RESOLVED those additional changes be made to the plan, to include:

- **the relocation of the internal public toilet next to the external toilet,**
- **the footprint of the kitchenette to be increased and the hatch from the kitchen moved from behind the doors leading to the main room**
- **the plant / equipment room be accessible from the kitchen.**

To confirm that the kitchen will be used for the preparation of hot / cold drinks and serving off light snacks / cakes, no cooking to be undertaken on the premises.

Clerk to ask for further clarification of additional reports required.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs S Cotton.

MINUTE: 10/02/25

14. **Report on Overgrown Hedges & Vegetation on Footpaths around Crelow lane / East Road. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Owner of the property to advise them of their responsibility and the dangers this is causing. The following areas to be reported to Cornwall Council / Cormac:**

**Overgrown hedge on border of field in Goonlaze
Bottom of Hendra Hill
Ash tree, Haverigg Cemetery
Foundry**

*Proposed by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously,
MINUTE: 11/02/25*

15. Star of Stithians Award
Cllr Miss H Downing briefed the Members.

RESOLVED:

**That nominations will be accepted via email during the period: 11th March to 10th April
That the working party, consisting of : Cllr Miss H Downing, Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and Cllr
Mrs S Cotton and the Clerk, will meet on Friday 11th April to consider the nominations
The working party will present its report and recommendation to the Full Council at meeting
scheduled for the 15th April.**

The Award will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting, 29th April 2025.

Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester.

MINUTE:12/02/25

16 **URGENT ITEMS**

Email from Stithians Branch RBL regarding Acts of Remembrance to mark the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII.

RESOLVED that the Stithians Branch RBL are authorised to organise the Act of Remembrance on VE Day on 8th May 2025, on behalf of Stithians Parish Council. A wreath to be provided for Stithians Parish Council.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mr S Cotton and carried unanimously.

MINUTE: 13/02/25

Concerns Regarding Postal Service

Concerns raised about the poor postal service to the village in recent months.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs S Cotton draft a letter to Perran Moon, detailing the poor service and requesting assistance in dealing with the problem.

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

MINUTE: 14/02/25

17. **AUTHORISING PAYMENTS.**

RESOLVED to authorise the payment of invoices received & regular payments due for the period,23rd January 2025 – 19th February 2025 , Voucher No's: - 201 – 214 Total: £6,782.32

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

MINUTE: 15/02/25

18. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

Scarecrow Festival

19. **Date of Next Meeting:**

To confirm the date of the next Council Meeting as Tuesday 18th March 2025.

The meeting Closed at 21:15 hrs.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

..... **Chairwoman**

Date: