

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 15th April 2025

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

Also Present: CCllr J Thomas and 5 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES :

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr W Oakley-Moore.

2. URGENT ITEMS:

The Chair advised that there were 2 Urgent Items to be considered:

- Representation at the Planning Committee to be held on 28th April, PA24/03474.
- Request from Stithians RBL regarding arrangements for VE Day.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:

No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 18th March 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 18th of March 2025 as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas

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5. MATTERS ARISING:

Matters arising from the Council Meeting held on the 18th March 2025 and not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

No matters arising reported..

The Meeting was closed at 19:04hrs for Public Participation

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Chairwoman invited the Members of the public present to speak.

A member of the public spoke to outline the proposal in relation to PA25/02169 & PA25/02170.

The Meeting was opened at 19:06hrs

7. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JOHN THOMAS

Cllr John Thomas gave a short brief to the Members to include:

- Road junction Tubbin Hill/ Trebost
- Road Safety / Highway Improvement project
- Speedwatch

The content of the report was noted

8. STITHIANS ENERGY GROUP:

8.1 SEG Report

Brian Piper had sent his apologies to the Members; his report had been shared with in advance of the Meeting and included:

- Home Insulation and Grants Event
- Heat Pump Awareness Event.
- Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Nature Recovery Strategy
- Climate Change Plymouth Booklet
- The Stithians Times – potential closure of publication

RESOLVED that the Parsh Council would contact the Editor of The Stithians Times to express concerns about it being withdrawn from publication and offer to support them in finding a solution to the current situation.

Proposed by Cllr Miss H Downing seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas.

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9. PLANNING

9.1. Notification of Planning Decisions Received:

PA25/00365 – WITHDRAWN - The Chalet at the Paddocks, Penhalvean – Construction of replacement dwelling.

(Stithians Parish Council Supported)

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

PA25/00667 – APPROVED - Land at Chynoweth Farm, Longdowns - Demolition of existing barns and tractor shed and construction of 2 detached dwellings without compliance with condition 2 of decision notice PA22/02430 dated 12/09/22.

(Stithians Parish Council Supported)

9.3 To consider Planning Applications received

9.3(a) PA25/00890 – Little Menerdue, Rame Common, Stithians – The retention of self-build/custom build holiday accommodation, water storage (Pump Shed), artist's workshop and retention of shed (incorporating tractor store with workshop)

RESOLVED to NOT support this application on the following grounds:

- 1. Concerns regarding the suitability of the access lane to the property, especially with the potential of increased numbers of vehicles as a result of the holiday let.**
- 2. Impact on the biodiversity of Rame Common. which lies immediately adjacent to the site.**
- 3. Concerns regarding the 'self-build' structure and whether it meets all current building regulations and its suitability for accommodation.**

It would also note that the building work completed on the site demonstrates a blatant disregard for planning regulations.

Proposed by Cllr Miss H Downing seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.

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9.3(b) PA25/02169 - The Former Piggery Tregoose Cot Hill Ponsanooth - Proposed extension and alterations to the former agricultural barn to form a self-build dwelling and the installation of a septic tank.

RESOLVED to support this application.

Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr S Cotton and carried unanimously.

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9.3(c) PA25/02170 Tregoose Cot Hill Ponsanooth - Subdivision of existing dwelling to form two dwellings and associated works, including installation and alteration of windows and doors.

RESOLVED to support this application.

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

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

PA25/02582 – Tresevern Farm, Tresevern – Proposed siting of general-purpose agricultural building

RESOLVED to support this application.

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

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9.5 To consider response to Planning Appeal Notifications

PA24/07329 – Penhallow Barn, Trewithen – Retention of glamping cabin

RESOLVED that no further response was required.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr P Blease

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PA24/04362 – Land NW of Penhalurick Farm, Penhalvean – Retrospective planning application for the retention of an agricultural building, hardstanding, storage container, welfare/storage unit and widened entrance gateway.

RESOLVED that the Clerk was to submit further representation to the Planning Appeal Inspectorate to include:

Information on land ownership

The removal of the Cornish hedge and replacement of inferior construction and set back from original location.

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

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9.6 **To ratify response submitted in relation to PA25/01037 – Landrace Barn Cottage, Longdowns – Non material amendment in relation to decision notice PA21/08031 dated 12.12.21 to remove solar panels. Response submitted: Stithians Parish Council supports this application.**

RESOLVED to ratify the response.

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

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10 **CLERK /RFO's Reports**

10.1 *Council's Current Financial Position*

The Clerk / RFO presented her report a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

RESOLVED to agree the financial position as of 31st March 2025.

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

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10.2 *Request from Stithians Cubs to hold a 'Picnic in the Park' event' on the 5th May, to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe.*

RESOLVED that the Stithians Cubs be allowed to hold a 'Picnic in the Park' event on the 5th May to celebrate VE Day. The Clerk to confirm that their Public Liability Insurance provides cover for this event.

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

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10.3 *Request from Stithians Defibrillator Group for a donation from the Parish Council to support the operational costs.*

RESOLVED that a donation of £200 would be made.

Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr Mrs S Cotton and carried unanimously.

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10.4 *Notification from Savills, (Glebe), advising of increase in lease charges for playing field backdated to April 2023.*

RESOLVED that the increase in rent from £600 to £675 per annum would be approved, however, it was not agreed that this should be backdated to April 2023. The Clerk to inform Savills accordingly.

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

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11 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

11.1 *Notes/Update from EMC Meeting held on the 15th April 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 accept the Quote of £600 (incl VAT) for the work to the trees on the playing field, which overhang the Seven Stars Public House**

Proposed by Cllr P Blease seconded by Cllr W Thomas.

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Cllr T Smith abstained from the vote

11.2 Footpaths, Highways and Environment Portfolio Holder's Report

The Portfolio Holder had submitted apologies, report had not been received.

20:00hrs CCllr J Thomas left the meeting.

12. PLAYING FIELD

12.1 Report from Pavilion sub-committee.

Cllr Miss H Downing briefed the Members on the meeting held at Maurram on Tuesday 8th April. The planning application had been finalised, the name of the building to be agreed.

RESOLVED that the replacement building was to be known as the Albert Collins Community Hub

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

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13. Star of Stithians Award

Cllr Miss H Downing presented the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

RESOLVED that: Nigel & Bridget Guzek would be the recipients of the Start of Stithians Award 2025 and that all nominees were to be presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

Proposed by Cllr T Smith seconded by Cllr Mrs S Cotton and carried unanimously.

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14. Scarecrow Festival 2025

Cllr Miss H Downing gave an update on arrangements, the Stithians Show Committee had agreed that their share of the monies raised would be presented to the Stithians Music Academy.

The content of the report was noted.

15 Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 29th April would start at 7p.m and open with serving of light refreshments.

The content of the report was noted.

16 URGENT ITEMS

Council Representation at the Planning Committee Meeting in respect of PA24/03474
it was agreed that Cllr P Blease would represent the Parish Council.

Email received from Stithians Branch of the RBL outlining details for VE Day and confirmation of Parish Council activities to mark the event.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will ensure that the Union Flag is flown on the playing field from Saturday 3rd May and in conjunction with the Christmas Lights Committee the union flag will be projected on to the Church. A donation of £100 to be made to the Christmas Lights Committee towards the purchase cost of the required lens.

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

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Cllr Mrs C Sylvester abstained from the vote

16. AUTHORISING PAYMENTS.

RESOLVED to authorise the payment of the payment of invoices received & regular payments due for the period 20th March 2025 to 15th April 2025 , Voucher No's: -.235 – 242 (24/25 financial year) & 1 – 18 (25/26), total £11,802.56.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously,
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17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Notification from Cornwall Council relating to a property asset: Menerdue Farmhouse, Carnmenellis

18. Date of Next Meeting:

To confirm the date of the Annual Meeting as Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7p.m in the Hendra Room of the Stithians Centre.

The meeting Closed at 20:45 hrs.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

..... H. Dunning Chairwoman

Date: 13-5-25.