

Minutes | 11 January 2023

Time: 7.30pm
Location: Trewidland Village Hall PL14 4ST

Present: Cllr Kevin Shovelton (Chair); Cllrs Peter Higgs, Mark Featherston, Angela Woodman; Jonathan Ellis; Lindsey Ellis; Sally Lewis; Alex Blackwell; Sarah Whiting.

There was 1 member of the public present.

Also, present Cornwall Cllrs Jane Pascoe and Armand Toms, Parish Clerk John Hesketh.

01/2023 Chair's Welcome & Housekeeping

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year.

02/2023 Public Participation

Mhairi Mackie from Dobwalls NDP group reported that their draft plan had been received with some minor queries that would be addressed by next week. Steady progress being made towards a referendum later this year.

A resident also commented on the consultation on the Devolution Deal, that electing a Mayor would introduce an additional layer of governance that would distance the electorate from the elected members; electors have more faith in their local councillor who is known to them: they did not support the proposal for an elected Mayor for Cornwall.

Cllr Armand Toms reported that: council tax is likely to increase by the maximum 4.99% next year; numbers of older people in the county (over 80) continuing to increase which is leading to problems with discharges from hospital; people still in need of emergency accommodation; minor decrease in the numbers of people using foodbanks since the start of the year.

Cllr Jane Pascoe reported that: the restructuring of Community Network Areas is progressing, and Liskeard & Looe CNA will probably merge with Cornwall Gateway CNA. They have shared interests in A38 improvements and healthcare provision. The next CNA meeting is scheduled for April and will be held in real life.

03/2023 Apologies

None received.

04/2023 Declarations of interest

Cllr Blackwell declared an interest in Item 8A (PA22/10573) because the applicant is a near neighbour of his. The Chair agreed that this would not impact the councillor's impartiality when discussing the item. No other declarations of interest made, or dispensations requested.

05/2023 Minutes of meeting

It was **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2022. Proposed Cllr Lewis. Seconded Cllr Featherston. All agreed.

06/2023 Correspondence

A Email from resident about new grit bin

The Chair led a discussion about the request for a new bin that would be located at Clemens Road. Councillors agreed that further bins should be purchased and located at: Clemens Road, Valley View and the junction with Penhale Lane. It was **Resolved** to purchase three additional salt bins. Proposed Cllr Lewis. Seconded Cllr Higgs. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to raise purchase order and liaise with Cormac to install new bins.

B Appointment of external auditor

Clerk reported that BDO LLP have been appointed as external auditors for the period 2022-23 to 2026-2027. No change in the format or information required for the audit is anticipated.

07/2023 Matters arising

A Clean up at Trewidland

Cllr Blackwell reported that the area around the former post office in Trewidland remained in a tidy condition due to the recent cold weather. Council still needs the services of someone who can carry out occasional repair work. Cllrs Lindsey Ellis and Featherston will speak to local contacts.

B Removal of asbestos from former St Keyne village hall

Cllr Higgs reported that the asbestos has now been removed and work has started to dismantle to old village hall and remove the wooden structure.

C Proposed meeting with Cornwall Council Highways Manager

Clerk reported that he had received a reply from CC Highways that explained how the areas of concern along the B3252 were not included in the county's Local Safety Scheme. Early indications from the CNA Expressions of Interest submitted (Item 100B) were that road safety measures proposed would not be supported. Final decision on the proposals would be made at the April CNA meeting. The meeting agreed that they would still welcome a face-to-face meeting with CC Highways to discuss a way forward.

Action: Cllrs Pascoe and Toms will also have discussions with Highways

08/2023 Planning

Ref: PA22/10573

Proposal Construction of a single dwelling, and the siting of a static caravan with services for the duration of the site set up and construction period.

Location Land South West Of Churchtown Barn St Keyne Cornwall PL14 4RJ.

It was **Resolved** to support this application. Proposed Cllr Higgs. Seconded Cllr Lewis. All agreed.

In making their decision, councillors noted that the proposal was in a secluded location with minimal impact on the surrounding area. Local support for the application was noted.

B Any applications received by Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only. None received.

C Planning decisions made by Cornwall Council. None made.

D Planning Appeal

Ref: PA22/02426

Proposal: Retention of Change of Use of Land for Storage of Machinery & Parts

Location: Land North West Of Rosenun Horningtops Cornwall PL14 3QE

Councillors reviewed the decision they had made in April 2022, and **Resolved** to maintain their position. Proposed Cllr Lewis. Seconded Cllr Jonathan Ellis. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to respond to the Planning Inspector's request for further comments, and emphasise: the current use is out of character for the location; it is not 'well screened' or maintained; contaminants may leach out into the soil as well as the watercourse and that the council strongly objects to the continued use of this land as a storage space for machinery and materials.

09/2023 Finance

It was **Resolved** to approve the schedule and agree payment. Proposed Cllr Blackwell. Seconded Cllr Whiting. All agreed. Cllr Whiting will authorise online payments.

A Direct Bank Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Pay	£
16/01/2023	Cornwall ALC	Training		£ 48.00
16/01/2023	Menheniot PC	OLB expenses		£ 58.91
27/01/2023	John Hesketh	Salary		£ 505.34
27/01/2023	HMRC	PAYE		£ 126.20
Total				£ 738.45

B Bank Reconciliation.

At the close of business on 31 December 2022, the parish council held £46,495.94 in its accounts.

C Outturn Q3 (Oct-Dec 2022)

Councillors received and noted the report.

D Cornwall Local Maintenance Partnership 2023/24

Clerk reported that the grant available to fund footpath maintenance in the parish would be £114.48. Full details and a request to agree the award would be included on the February 2023 agenda.

E Replacement of St Keyne Defibrillator

It was **Resolved** to renew the contract for a defibrillator in St Keyne, and purchase a replacement set. Proposed Cllr Lewis. Seconded Cllr Blackwell. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to issue purchase order to South West Ambulance Service Trust and arrange installation.

10/2023 Chair's Report

A New gate for Lawn Cemetery

Chair is still waiting to receive a quotation from the joiner. Will progress and report back in February.

B Preparations to mark the Coronation of King Charles III 2023

Chair led a discussion on proposals: St Keyne village hall will host a Coronation tea on Bank Holiday 8 May; the parish council will fund and organise a decorated commemorative mug that would be distributed to all children up to and including Year 6 living in the parish.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Lindsey Lewis about suppliers of Coronation mugs and agree deadlines for purchase and distribution of the mug.

C Mayor for Cornwall

After a discussion on the devolution deal and changes in governance, the Chair and councillors agreed that the parish council would submit a response to the consultation and include the final version at their February meeting.

Action: Chair to complete a draft response to the consultation for agreement at the 8 February meeting.

D Safeguarding

Councillors agreed to set up a working group to make recommendations about adopting a safeguarding policy. The group will consist of Cllrs Shovelton, Lindsey Ellis and Featherston.

Action: Clerk to organise and facilitate a meeting and include a progress report on the February agenda.

11/2023 Councillors' Reports

A Cllr Alex Blackwell

Maintenance and RoSPA report. See Item 7A above.

12/2023 Clerk's Report

No report

13/2023 Date of next meeting

A 8 February 2023 7.30pm St Keyne Village Hall

14/2023 End of meeting 21.25

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