

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of St Erth Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 March 2019 in The Vestry Rooms, Fore Street, St Erth, commencing at 7.00pm.

Councillors present: K. J. Buzza (Chairman), Mrs. W. M. Chappell, M. J. Hanley (Vice-Chairman), E.B. Jenkin, Mrs. J. Lee, N. Player, P. Rodda and E.T. Taylor

Others present: one member of the community

Apologies for absence: Councillor Spencer-Smith, CC Pascoe and the Clerk

164/18-19 Chairman's announcement

The Chairman explained that owing to the Clerk's absence due to ill-health, the meeting would be recorded and the minutes produced from the recording.

He would also make notes and would summarise the decision at the end of each item to make sure that it had recorded.

165/18-19 Declarations of interest

None.

166/18-19 Community participation

1. PA19/00881: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) to Planning Application No. PA17/10407 for the construction of two affordable dwellings, one open market dwelling & associated works to amend the garage location: Land east of Vicarage Gate.

A member of the community explained that the garage had not been built on position approved and that he had raised this with planning enforcement.

2. Temporary closure of Fore Street.

A resident stated that he believed the intention to close Fore Street had now been approved but was concerned that BT had not notified residents, nor signposted the closure to other members of the public.

167/18-19 Action required on matters raised during Community participation

1. PA19/00881: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) to Planning Application No. PA17/10407 for the construction of two affordable dwellings, one open market dwelling & associated works to amend the garage location: Land east of Vicarage Gate.

The Chairman advised that the comments of the resident would be taken into account when the Council came to consider the application.

2. Temporary closure of Fore Street.

Councillor Taylor offered, and the Council agreed, that he would investigate the matter and advertise the position on the Council's website.

(Action by: Councillor Taylor)

168/18-19 Planning and Listed Building applications

a) PA19/00881: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) to Planning Application No. PA17/10407 for the construction of two affordable dwellings, one open market dwelling & associated works to amend the garage location: Land east of Vicarage Gate.

The Council expressed its annoyance that this was a retrospective application and

RESOLVED - that it objects on the following grounds:

1. the already partly-constructed garage will have a detrimental impact on the St Erth Pits SSSI;
2. other appropriate consultees, such as the Ramblers Association, had not been consulted; and
3. the garage position, allowed on appeal, was at the rear of the site, largely concealed between and behind the houses. The amended position, however, was immediately beside the public right of way, closer than any other buildings in Vicarage Gate and would be much more visible from the footpath and would have an overbearing effect.

(Action by: the Clerk)

b) PA19/01000: Refurbishment and extension of 71 chalets: Variation of condition 2 in relation to decision notice W1/88/P/0591: To allow all year round occupancy: 20 Tudor Court Tolroy Manor Holiday Park St Erth Praze.

During the discussion, the Council expressed its concern about the balance between holiday accommodation and permanent residential accommodation on the site and asked the Clerk to raise the matter with Planning Enforcement.

(Action by: the Clerk)

RESOLVED - that the Parish Council supports this application for holiday use only.

(Action by: the Clerk)

169/18-19 Minutes

RESOLVED - that the Chairman signs as a true and correct record, the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 5 February 2019.

(Action by: the Clerk)

The Chairman then provided an update on the current position of the planning applications considered at that meeting as follows:

a) PA18/12049: Construction of five Open Market Dwellings & Associated Works: Land North East of The Lamb and Flag, Canonstown - *awaiting determination by the LPA.*

b) PA18/12087: Proposed erection of two semi-detached dwellings and associated landscaping and tree planting, boundary treatments, drainage and ground works, and re-configuration of existing Public House car park: Star Inn, 1 Church Street - *awaiting determination by the LPA.*

c) PA18/11925: Application for a larger extension than approved by decision of PA18/05582: Pelistry, 8 Tolroy Road, St Erth Praze - *approved by the LPA.*

d) PA18/08140: Continued use of restricted holiday let to unrestricted residential use (retrospective) and retention of additions to barn: The Tractor Barn, Bosworgy Road, Townshend - *to be determined by the West Area Planning Committee on 11 March.*

170/18-19 Reports from Councillors/Clerk on meetings held since the previous meeting of the Council

(a) Meeting with Cormac on 19 February - highway improvement priorities.

The Chairman updated the Council on his meeting with Dave Phillips (Cormac) and Nicola Yeates (CC Principal Project Manager) during which they had walked through the village considering the various improvement proposals at: Treloweth Lane; Tredrea Lane (including the reinstatement of the solid white line in the centre of the road); Trehayes Meadow crossing point; the approach to the bridge; over the bridge itself; Chenhalls Road; the Village Square; School Lane; St Erth Hill and Water Lane.

(During the discussion, Councillor Hanley apologised for having to leave the meeting and Councillor Jenkin also left to take Councillor Hanley home. Councillor Jenkin returned just before the conclusion of this item).

(b) Meeting of stakeholders on 21 February - St Erth Railway Footbridge.

The Chairman referred to the papers in the agenda and images were displayed of the potential design which had been provided by Network Rail.

Following discussion, the Chairman asked Councillors to feedback any comments to Councillor Hanley and the Clerk.

(c) Meeting of the Hayle and St Ives Community Network Panel on 4 March.

The Chairman handed out the schedule of highway improvements suggested by the CNA councils together with Cornwall Council's criteria under which the suggested schemes should be allocated from the £50k annual budget. Despite the case being made at the CNP meeting that some of the suggested improvements did not comply with the criteria, schemes had been approved using all of the funding from the current year and a significant part of the budget for 2019-20.

As St Erth Parish Council did not need speed monitoring equipment, especially as it would have to pay for the costs of moving and maintaining it, it was agreed that each council would be allocated £5k for a relevant scheme.

171/18-19 Correspondence from Cornwall Council for information or requiring response

The Chairman introduced and the Council considered and noted an email from Mr. Nigel Blackler (Service Director - Transport and Infrastructure) regarding the car park levy and related matters.

172/18-19 Assets of Community Value (ACV)

The Chairman introduced the report, referring to the process which had been undertaken to register the Star Inn as an ACV.

In view of the Council's other commitments and projects and the level of work involved in the ACV registration process, he suggested, and the Council agreed, that he and the Clerk should undertake a review of the list of potential assets to ensure that the ones of most importance to the community were prioritised and that a report on this would be made to the May meeting.

(Action by: the Chairman and the Clerk).

173/18-19 Receipts and Payments for February 2019

RESOLVED - that the payments due be authorised.

(Action by: the Clerk)

The following had been received

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TOTAL	£0

The following had been paid by Direct Debit or Standing Order

Utility Warehouse	£14.18	Electricity - Vestry Rooms
Cherry Trees	£856.80	Grass cutting - parks, churchyard and cemeteries
SeaDog IT	£25.00	Website hosting fee
Google	£39.60	Gmail account
South West Water	£367.00	Water - Public Conveniences
British Gas	£23.00	Electricity - Public Conveniences
NEST pension scheme	£112.43	Employer contribution of £62.46 and employee contribution of £49.97
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TOTAL	£1,438.01	

The following payments were due as at 28 February 2019

P Rylett	£1,293.63	Clerk's salary (net pay - see Note 1 below)
P Rylett	£91.29	Clerk's expenses (see Note 2 below)
HMRC	£336.57	PAYE and NI
Cormac Solutions Ltd.	£450.19	Cleaning/re-stocking Toilets
Cherry Trees	£95.00	Remove partly fallen tree branch in cemetery
Headland Printers Ltd.	£140.40	Printing of agenda/reports for February meeting
Cornwall Signs	£60.00	Signs - Public Conveniences
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TOTAL	£2,467.08	

Note 1

The gross monthly pay was £1,561.55. The net pay of £1,293.63 was the amount payable following deductions of tax and national insurance and with a deduction from the net pay of the employee’s contribution to the NEST pension scheme of £49.97 as shown above.

Note 2

The sum of £91.29 was comprised of:

Home Office Payment	£18.00	
Reimbursement of:		
Telephone calls	£0	
Postage/stamps	£14.00	
Consumables	£0	
Office equipment	£34.99	Efficiency software for laptop
Expenses	£0	
Mileage	£24.30	Mileage for Bridge meeting on 21 February with Vice-Chairman at Truro

174/18-19 Business Plan

The Council received and noted the latest version of this plan.

175/18-19 Agenda items for a future meeting

None.

176/18-19 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED - that in accordance with S.1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business owing to the confidential nature of that business.

177/18-19 Enforcement update

The Chairman updated, for information, the latest position on various enforcement cases in the parish.

178/18-19 Arrangements for the forthcoming year 2019-20

The Chairman and other Councillors had an informal discussion about the arrangements for next year.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.42pm

Signed by
Chairman.....

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