

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 3rd MARCH 2022 AT NO MAN’S LAND MEMORIAL HALL.

Attended by:

Chairman: Robert Henly.
Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.
Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Andrea Lankston
David Keeble. Simon Lawes, Nigel Cummings.
Mr Charles Hyde, Clerk and Proper Officer of the Council.
County Councillor Armand Toms.
PCSO David Billing.

Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:

Matt Way – General Manager, Tregoad Holiday Park. Updated Members on developments at the park, which is opening for the season on 1st April 2022. They are holding a ‘Jobs Fair’ on Saturday to try to fill the remaining vacancies. Upgrades on site include overlaying tarmac and swimming pool improvements, further minor changes have been applied for through the planning process and the Parish Council should have the applications by the next meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

Vice Chairman Powley 4.1.1 Personal.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

None.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd February 2022. It was proposed by Councillor Lawes, seconded by Councillor Keeble and agreed 6 – 0 (Councillor Reynolds did not attend the meeting therefore did not vote) that they be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Planning Applications:

4.1.1: Application PA21/12150.

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing residential outbuildings to north of house.

Location: 6 Bucklawren Road, No Man’s Land, Looe, Cornwall.

Applicant: Ms K Brown.

Grid Ref: 227692 / 56435.

The missing letter was circulated to all Parish Councillors prior to this meeting, a decision must be made in this meeting.

Parish Council’s Decision: The Clerk informed Members that he had spoken with the Legal Team at Cornwall Council, Richard Lewis at Cornwall Housing and Ellen Lawrence at the Planning Department. The result of these conversations was that to make a change to the Covenant on a property sold by Caradon District Council (as it was in 1984), the owner must **at first** make an application to Cornwall Council, in the case of development in the garden the same rules apply, this must be done through the planning process, therefore this application is considered retrospective. Cornwall Housing have advised the Parish Council that any issues with the development by neighbouring properties should be reported directly to them and not the Parish Council, however the sewage issues have been noted and will be investigated.

Discussions ensued and the application **REFUSED**. This was proposed by Councillor Keeble, seconded by Councillor Cummings and agreed 6 – 0 (Vice Chairman Powley abstained due to declaring an interest). The Clerk was asked to submit the following comments in support of the refusal of the application.

The reason given are below:

1. We believe the outbuilding should be classed as an extension to the dwelling house, we are led to believe facilities have been included which have been linked to the existing shared septic tank, which already struggles to cope, this is affecting the neighbouring property by the way of unpleasant smells coming up the drains.

The planning enforcement officer made no reference to entering the building so this cannot be confirmed until this has been done.

2. The chimney for the woodburner in the outbuilding is too low and causes smoke to enter the neighbouring property if the windows are open, this is unacceptable.

Agenda Item 5: Planning Decisions received by the date of the meeting:

None received.

Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters:

None received.

6.2: Correspondence:

Forwarded by email where possible.

Agenda Item 7: – Finance.

7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.

Reconciled balances date 02/03/2022

Opening Bank Balances 1 st April 2021	£20,729.08
Income to date	£17,109.95
Expenditure to date	£12,231.09
Balance to date	£25,607.94

7.2: Accounts paid in February 2022.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks January 2022 expenses.	50.00
BACS	Clerks Salary January 2022.	649.98
BACS	Nigel Cummings – Website Hosting and Maintenance, February 2022.	20.00
	Total	719.98

7.3: Income in February 2022.

7-Feb-22	A Toms TITHE MAP	£	31.05
14-Feb-22	G Cumbers AD REVENUE	£	20.00
14-Feb-22	J Leggott AD REVENUE	£	45.00
15-Feb-22	SW Heating AD REVENUE	£	60.00
16-Feb-22	K9 Style AD REVENUE	£	15.00
24-Feb-22	Sterts AD REVENUE	£	20.00
25-Feb-22	Tregoad AD REVENUE	£	20.00
28-Feb-22	Cornwall Council -PATHS GRANT	£	107.95
2-Mar-22	B Reynolds A Lankston TITHE MAP	£	30.00
June 21 - Feb 22	Bank Interest	£	0.63
	Total	£	349.63

It was proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Reynolds that Items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 are ratified. ALL AGREED.

7.4: Requests for Funding received by date of meeting.

7.4.1: Cornwall Air Ambulance – Annual appeal.

Discussion ensued and it was proposed by The Chairman and seconded by Vice Chairman Powley to donate £100. ALL AGREED.

7.4.2: Springfield Park Community Garden Project – A grant has been applied for by The Clerk for this project from The Community Chest Fund, in order to support the application. The Clerk suggested a £50 donation would help with the application process.

Discussions ensued and it was proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Councillor Keeble to donate £50 to the project. ALL AGREED.

7.4.3: Looe Defibrillator Appeal – Councillor Reynolds suggested the Parish Council support this appeal.

Discussions ensued and it was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Lankston to donate £40 to the appeal. ALL AGREED.

7.5: Receipts and letters of thanks received by the date of the meeting.

None received.

7.6: Financial Business.

7.6.1: Accounts to be paid in March 2022.

It was proposed by Councillor Keeble, seconded by Councillor Reynolds that the following be authorised for payment. ALL AGREED.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks February 2022 expenses.	50.00
BACS	Clerks Salary February 2022.	649.98
BACS	Nigel Cummings – Website Hosting and Maintenance, March 2022.	20.00
BACS	Viking Direct – Office Supplies.	69.55
BACS	Looe RNLI – Tithe Map Sale Funds.	668.55
BACS	Cornwall Air Ambulance - donation	100.00
BACS	Looe Defib Appeal - donation	40.00
BACS	Springfield Park Community Garden – donation	50.00
	Total	1648.08

7.6: Financial Business:

Nothing to report.

Agenda Item 8: Reports on Matters arising from the Minutes.

8.1.1: Community Network Panel – Highways Schemes new budget – The Clerk has submitted two schemes for consideration.

*No Man's Land B3253 Speed and Pedestrian Safety
Millendreath 30MPH signage.*

8.1.2: Bucklawren Road – During a site meeting with William Glassup of Cormac on 8th February 2022, it was identified that the drains need clearing out along the entire length of Bucklawren Road, work will be scheduled in throughout the year, as some work is required in fields currently planted with crops, contact details for Philip Kitto were also passed to William. Millendreath was also visited and Councillor Lawes was able to point out all of the issues with the drainage to William.

8.1.3: Commemorative Platinum Jubilee Mugs – Appeal for children's names and ages printed in the Spring Edition of Parish Magazine and on our Facebook Page.

8.1.4: Millendreath Post Box – The Post Office have confirmed this will be repaired by 28th February 2022. *To date the promised work has not been carried out.*

8.1.5: Tithe Map Project – To date £668.55 cash paid into the Parish Council's bank account and paid to Looe RNLI on 22nd February 2022. Maps supplied direct to RNLI and other outlets where money collected has gone directly to the RNLI or through collection boxes = £333.00. Making a total of £1001.55.

Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda:

9.1.1: Tregoad Invitation – to attend during English Tourism Week a meeting with Matt Way to discuss development works in the pipeline and to see what work has been carried out. Suggested dates 23rd March 2022, and 25th March 2022 between 11am and 3pm RSVP required.

Attending 23rd March at 11am.

The Chairman, plus 1
Vice Chair Powley
Councillor Keeble, plus 1
Councillor Lawes
Councillor Cummings
The Clerk

Attending 25th March at 11am.

Councillor Reynolds
Councillor Lankston

Agenda Item 10: Information received from CC and other Authorities:

10.1.1: Cornwall Council.

Communities and Devolution team – Newsletters and Special Bulletins and Notices sent by email.

10.1.2: Other Authorities.

None received.

Agenda Item 11: New Business:

11.1.1: Holland Farm Fingerpost – Blown down the storm. Do we need to replace it? It was agreed that the fingerpost which only had one finger pointing to Looe was no longer required.

Agenda Item 12: Around the table:

Councillor Reynolds:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Lankston:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Keeble:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Lawes:

Valley Resorts – The site appears to be allowed to run down, bins have been removed and businesses closed.

Millendreath Postbox – Not repaired as promised, Councillor Lawes will contact County Councillor Armand Toms and update him as he has been on contact with the Post Office.

Councillor Cummings:

Community Land Trust – Has the PC heard back from Andrew George? The Clerk will chase this up as the last thing mentioned was a Zoom meeting.

Vice-Chairman:

Nothing raised.

The Chairman:

Nothing raised.

County Councillor Armand Toms:

Staff redundancy at Cornwall Council – 209 staff have been made redundant from the Council, therefore contacts made may no longer be employed and decisions and answers to question may take longer to answer, if we encounter any problems let Armand know.

Recent storms – Many trees were blown down and removed from the highways, William Glassup from Cormac was kept informed of developments and he sent teams to help clear the highways.

Housing Crisis – Still a massive shortage of homes in the area with many people desperate for rehousing due to their homes being sold. There are not enough properties to fulfil demand.

Vacancies in local businesses – There are multiple vacancies in local businesses in the area and in particular Looe, this is causing many problems for businesses who need extra staff to cope with demand from customers.

PCSO Dave Billing:

Police Report – In February 2022 there was 1 reported crime in the Parish, details are confidential.

Speed Watch – Looe Police are trying to get a team of volunteers together to form a Speed Watch Group, monitoring speed in various locations in the area. If you can give any time to the project please apply via the Devon and Cornwall Police Website, search Community Speed Watch.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 7th April 2022 at 7.15pm **The Annual Parish Meeting** followed by at 7.30pm **The Parish Council Meeting** at the No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.