

MINUTES of a MEETING of ST AUSTELL BAY PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2023 at 6.00pm in The Pattern Hall, Charlestown

Present: Cllrs Sue Leach, Nick Foster, Jackie Bull, Sandie Bailey, Chrissie Wright

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Bill Leach, Cllr Bull Chaired the meeting. Cllr Bull invited councillors to take a few moments of quiet reflection as a mark of respect for Brian Reynolds, husband of Cllr Trudy Reynolds, and also a valued member of staff for 7 years, who sadly passed away suddenly over the new year.

In attendance: 5 members of the public, Mr P Stephens (for PA22/09849), Cllr James Mustoe, CC, Julie Larter (Clerk)

(22/130) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bill Leach and Cllr Trudy Reynolds.

(22/131) Minutes of a meeting the Parish Council held on 15 December 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December be signed as a correct record of the meeting.

(22/132) Matters to Note

The Clerk said she would like the council to revisit its decision on the provision of a litter bin at the Porthpean Road end of Mill Lane. She reported that a well-intentioned person had placed an empty animal feed sack at the kissing gate which was overflowing with bags of dog waste – she has subsequently arranged for this to be removed. This will be an agenda item next month.

The Clerk has spoken to the Countryside team to chase up promised improvement work to Footpath 26 leading to Crinnis Road and reported that unfortunately Cormac do not have any money left this financial year. Cllr Mustoe offered to discuss the matter with the Countryside Officers.

The Clerk has been trying to get an update from Cornwall Council on the Regatta Playing field situation but to no avail. She will persevere.

The Clerk reported that there is a problem with the new noticeboard in Porthpean Beach Road which she is sorting out with the supplier.

(22/133) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Cllr Leach reported an interest in agenda item 10 in relation to Duporth Bay as she is the Secretary of Duporth Bay Residents' Association and also the wi-fi signal is supplied by their home.

(22/134) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman sent the council's very best wishes to Cllr Dr Bill Leach and a card was signed by councillors.

(22/135) Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr Mustoe reported that he and neighbouring Cornwall Councillor Pears have been pressing Cormac to carry out work on Porthpean Road which is in a poor state of repair at the moment. Cormac have confirmed that they will be resurfacing the stretch of road from the Cromwell Road junction to the new roundabout. Cormac will also shortly be laying down chippings in Mill Lane and the footpath running parallel to Chandlers Walk. There has been a report of a motorbike riding on the SWCP between Porthpean and Charlestown which is not permitted. Cormac have erected signage and will take further measures if required. Cllr Mustoe was pleased to report that Cornwall Council has voted unanimously to charge 100% additional council tax on second homes that are not primary residences or holiday lets. Cllr Mustoe's full report is on the parish council's website.

(22/136) Public Participation

A member of the public spoke about the flooding issue in Regatta Playing Field. He believes that the mineshaft is blocked and consequently the field is flooded and water is running down through the field to the south of the playing field and into Ropewalk Lane.

A member of the public was concerned that there had been no public consultation about access to the former Lovering Clay Dry. The Clerk explained that the plans were on Cornwall Council's planning website and the public are welcome to submit comments. The member of the public was experiencing difficulty in logging in.

(22/137) Planning

(a)

(i) PA22/08197 – Polmear Farm: Listed Building Consent for conversion of existing garages to form ancillary self contained accommodation to Polmear Farm (*amended plans*)

It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the parish council has no objections but is disappointed to note that the Design and Access Statement still contains inaccuracies as the St Austell Bay Neighbourhood Plan is a made plan.**

(ii) PA22/11093 – The Longstore, Charlestown Road: Part-retrospect: Structure retaining fire escape steps, plus repositioning of railings once gabion wall has been removed
Councillors wished to wait for sight of the Conservation Officer's comments.

(iii) PA22/09315 and PA22/09316 (LBC) – Ivy Cottage, Higher Porthpean: Proposed 3 storey extension, together with internal and external refurbishment works to the existing Ivy Cottage

The Clerk reported that the planning officer is currently in discussions with the applicant and agent with a view to the applicant submitting amended plans and the parish council will comment when these are to hand.

(iv) PA22/09373 and PA22/09374 (LBC) - 107 Charlestown Road: Demolition of rear 1.5 storey infill. Rebuilding of infill. Addition of roof dormer. Rear single storey extension

The Clerk reported that the planning officer and conservation officer are to meet with the applicant and councillors wished to wait until the outcome of this meeting is known before commenting.

(b) Updates were received on the following plans:

(i) PA22/09849 – Former Lovering Clay Dry: Proposed demolition and redevelopment of Clay Dry to provide 15 dwellings and associated works without compliance with condition 2 of decision notice PA19/07235 dated 08/06/2020

Mr Stephens outlined plans that have been submitted regarding public access arrangements and the design of the gates. It was **RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that the parish council is happy to support both the proposed public access arrangements and the design of the gate.** Mr Stephens updated the meeting regarding connecting the development to mains power, which is currently undergoing testing. If all goes well it is hoped to switch power on on 27 January. Required works to the road will be completed 2 weeks later.

(ii) PA22/08067 – Seascape, Porthpean Beach Road: Proposed garage, snug, porch and store
The Clerk reported that the planning officer has concerns about the balcony to the front of the snug and its very close proximity to the boundary with the neighbour to the north.

(iii) PA22/01715 – Land known as the Orchard (adjacent to Lovering Clay Dry), Quay Road: Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for the construction of up to 3 dwellings and associated works (amended plans)
This application is to be determined by the Planning Committee as the applicant was not willing to accept the one dwelling which was suggested may be acceptable at last month's meeting.

(iv) PA22/02532 – Land north east of recreation ground, Church Road: Development of 4 dwellings with associated road, garage/carport and parking
The planning officer has now received the Heritage Impact Report she requested and the Conservation Officer, WHS planning officer and Historic England are being consulted.

(v) PA22/02533 – Land to east of Charlestown Road: Construction of 2 detached houses with associated drives and parking
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(c) Planning Appeal

It was noted that an appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate in respect of PA21/09839 – The Old Orchard, Ropewalk Lane, but the appeal is not yet live.

(22/138) Cornwall Devolution Deal

It was **RESOLVED that because a change to the governance structure of Cornwall Council would be required in order to access "the deal", the Clerk should write to Cornwall Council demanding that a public referendum be held.** The Chairman asked councillors to respond to the consultation in an individual capacity if they so wished.
Cllr Leach left the room.

(22/139) Defibrillators – Charlestown Church Hall and Duporth Bay

The Clerk explained that the batteries on both units are now too low to be able to function. There are two options – either replace the batteries which cost approximately £300 and will last for roughly 3 years, or replace both units. Replacement units require the batteries to be replaced after each deployment but the cost of this is part of the annual maintenance agreement. It was **RESOLVED to replace both units with new ones.**

Cllr Leach returned to the room.

(22/140) Charlestown Public Toilets

The Clerk explained that the toilets were now 7 years old and in need of refurbishment. Estimates have been obtained and it was **RESOLVED to appoint APS Construction Services to refurbish the toilets.**

(22/141) Two Minute Beach Clean Board

The Clerk explained that she had received an email stating that Charlestown Chums are no longer willing to maintain the board. Cllr Bailey stated that Pat Smith had indicated to her that she was willing to take on responsibility. It was **RESOLVED that subject to written confirmation from Mrs Smith that she will maintain the board, it should be placed back on the harbour.**

(22/142) Highways

Traffic/Parking Issues

A letter has been sent to all Charlestown Road and Duporth Road addresses to understand where residents currently park and to gauge interest in taking part in a residents’ parking scheme. A walkabout with Cornwall Council’s Highways Project Manager has been arranged for 24 January.

(22/143) – Financial Matters

The current financial position was noted and the following payments were authorised:

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| DD | BT | Mobile phone | £24.00 | |
| DD | BT | Telephone and internet | £51.54 | |
| DD | Xerox Finance | Printer lease | £201.26 | |
| DD | Lloyds Bank | Credit card | £3.00 | £ |
| DD | Blenheims | Foundry Parc estate service charge | £14.87 | |
| BACS | Duchy Defibrillators | Annual maintenance contract – Porthpean Beach | £228.00 | |
| BACS | Just Gloves | Disposable gloves for cleaning | £23.94 | |
| BACS | Safety Signs 4 Less | Fire escape sign for Pattern Hall | £10.35 | £ |
| BACS | Biffa | Annual charge for Charlestown Road, Orchard Way, Porthpean Beach Road bins | £688.58 | £ |
| BACS | Cornwall Council | Letter of Consent re Porthpean Beach Defib | £250.00 | |
| BACS | Carlyon Parish Council | Credit card expenditure | £9.50 | |
| BACS | Lyreco | Toilet rolls and stationery | £139.61 | |
| BACS | Staff/HMRC/CPF | Salaries and oncosts | £2369.34 | £ |

(22/144) Meetings/Training Attended

There was nothing to report.

(22/145) Correspondence

A list of correspondence had been previously circulated. In addition, the following has been received:

- Request from Porthpean Sailing Club with a request to place 2 obsolete dingies on the green to be planted with wild flowers – this request was passed to Cornwall Council, but the Sailing Club did not feel able to meet Cornwall Council’s terms

(22/146) Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 24 January – walkabout with Cornwall Council’s Highways Project Manager
- 31 January – St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Panel meeting

(22/147) Dates of future Parish Council Meetings

16 February, 16 March, 20 April, 18 May, 22 June, 20 July, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November, 14 December 2023

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

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Chairman

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