

MINUTES of a MEETING of ST AUSTELL BAY PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023 at 6.00pm in The Pattern Hall, Charlestown

Present: Cllrs Bill Leach, Sue Leach, Nick Foster, Chrissie Wright, Trudy Reynolds, Sandie Bailey

In attendance: Cllr James Mustoe, CC, Julie Larter (Clerk), 6 members of the public

(22/188) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jackie Bull.

(22/189) Minutes of a meeting the Parish Council held on 16 March 2023

Draft minutes previously circulated had been amended and circulated earlier in the day and it was **RESOLVED** that the amended minutes of the meeting held on 16 March be signed as a correct record of the meeting.

(22/190) Matters to Note

The Clerk reported that the replacement street tree has now been planted in Charlestown Road and Cormac has confirmed that it will be included in their watering schedule. The Clerk will purchase a label for it in due course.

Terry Butler has met with Peter Robinson who undertook the original work when the Oak tree fell down the mineshaft in the Regatta field. Mr Robinson believes that the problem in the field is a surface drainage issue rather than an overflowing adit. The Clerk will therefore arrange to have an ground survey undertaken.

The Clerk is still waiting to hear from Cornwall Council regarding a viewing of Campdowns Chapel.

The Clerk is waiting to meet a representative from Capability, the grounds maintenance company who look after Foundry Parc regarding planting a tree to commemorate the King's coronation.

The Clerk is still waiting to hear back from Cornwall Council regarding last month's resolution on Charlestown Road and Duporth parking issues.

Renovation work on the public toilets in Charlestown began today.

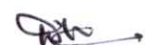
(22/191) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

(22/192) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced that Richard Hallows has resigned as a parish councillor.

The Chairman asked Cllr Bailey to pass on the council's thanks to Mr Bailey for installing the picture rail in The Pattern Hall for the art group's annual exhibition.



(22/193) Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr Mustoe welcomed Cllr Bill Leach back.

Cllr Mustoe informed the meeting that Beryl Bikes are now in place in St Austell, and there is a specified parking area on Charlestown Road, outside the Rashleigh car park. The scheme is getting plenty of use and there is a dedicated member of staff to retrieve any bikes that are misplaced.

Cllr Mustoe was pleased that the resurfacing work on Porthpean Road and Cromwell Road has been completed and the Chairman commented on the quality of the work and thanked Cllr Mustoe for expediting this.

Cllr Mustoe expressed his concern at the refusal by Cornwall Council to implement a residents parking scheme on Duporth Road and Charlestown Road, despite the fact that the parish council has offered to fund the schemes and he has challenged the Cabinet Member for Transport at Cornwall Council on this and will try to obtain a satisfactory outcome.

Cllr Mustoe continues to liaise with Cornwall Council over residents' concerns about the former Lovering Clay Dry.

Cllr Mustoe's full report can be found on the parish council's website.

(22/194) Public Participation

A member of the public said that he would like to speak on Agenda Item and 8 (b) (v).

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(22/195) Planning

(a) Current Planning Applications

(i) PA23/02452 – Pete's Retreat, Charlestown Road: Works to trees subject to a TPO – removal of T1 (Ash), T2 (Ash), felling of T3 (Sycamore) and felling of T4 (Sycamore)

It was noted that this application has been invalidated as further information is required by Cornwall Council.

(ii) PA23/02471 – 9 Church Road: Works to trees within a conservation area – T1 (Sycamore) remove 4 stems from lapsed coppice to reduce shading and T2 (Sycamore) remove 1 limb to reduce shading

This application was for notification only.

(iii) PA23/00352/PREAPPROVED – 2 Coves, Duporth: Exception Notice issued for felling of T007 (Ash), T008 (Sycamore) and all trees within G006

This application was for notification only.

(b) An update on the following planning applications was given

(i) PA22/10248 -Workshop and Office (Formerly Square Sail Workshop), junction of Charlestown Road and Barkhouse Lane: Rebuilding and extension of existing boatbuilding workshop for boatbuilding and general Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) use together with car parking and associated development

The Clerk reported that additional documents have been submitted to the planning officer to address comments from the Conservation Officer and WHS planning officer on finishes, but as the parish council has already responded with no objections in principle, there was no need

for further comments. Details of the additional documents had been circulated to councillors previously.

(ii) 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

The Clerk reported that she has tried to make contact with the planning officer for an update on numerous occasions, but without success.

A member of the public outlined a number of concerns he has about the application, in particular the requirement to remove garage doors and the lack of reinstatement of the road to the public highway (the roundabout at the end of Quay Road).

It was noted that residents have put pressure on the developers to have the access gates locked on safety grounds as there are sink holes on the public access route and there are other features that residents feel are currently unsafe.

The Chairman stated that another site meeting was required and Cllr Mustoe was asked to arrange this with the planning officer.

(iii) PA22/08067 – Seascape, Porthpean Beach Road: Proposed garage, snug, porch and store
No update was available.

(iv) PA22/02532 – Land north east of recreation ground, Church Road: Development of 4 dwellings with associated road, garage/carport and parking

It was noted that this application is likely to be determined by the Central Sub Area Planning Committee on 5 June.

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

It was noted that this application is likely to be determined by the Central Sub Area Planning Committee on 5 June.

A member of the public wished to ask a question about the protocol involved in the parish council asking for this application to be called in. The Chairman said that the matter was not up for discussion and the Clerk pointed out that this item was on the agenda for notification only, not discussion and that the parish council is not obliged to answer questions from the public during public participation.

(22/196) Working Parties

History Working Party

Cllr Reynolds said that 2 drop-in sessions have been held and the public have made some valid comments. Cllr Reynolds reported that she and the Clerk have met with one designer and are waiting for a date for a meeting with Lou Jones.

(22/197) Highways

The council expressed its thanks to Cllr Mustoe for his intervention in ensuring that resurfacing work from Lobbs Shop to Trenarren proceeds as planned in May, despite Cornwall Council trying to withdraw the scheme on budgetary grounds.

(22/198) – Financial Matters



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

BACS	BHIB Insurance	Insurance renewal	£1,978.58
BACS	Green Blue Urban	Tree guard for Charlestown Road tree	£715.09
DD	BT	Mobile phone	£41.18
DD	BT	Telephone and internet	£61.21
DD	Xerox Finance	Quarterly lease on photocopier	£141.26
DD	SWW	Monthly water/disposal charge for public toilets	£123.50
DD	Lloyds Bank	Credit card	£60.94
DD	SWW	Monthly charge for water for toilets	£123.50
DD	Blenheims	Foundry Parc estate service charge	£14.87
BACS	Lyreco	Stationery	£30.47
BACS	Cornwall Waste Solutions	Waste bin service	£23.98
BACS	Royal Mail	Reply paid postage	£0.82
BACS	Cornwall ALC	Annual subscription	£532.19
BACS	Green Blue Urban	Tree guard for Charlestown Road tree	£715.09
BACS	Staff/HMRC/CPF	Salaries and oncosts	£3067.81

It was also noted that the first half of this year's precept has been received and that the Clerk has transferred this to the interest account. It was also noted that the employer's contribution to the Local Government Pension Scheme has increased as from 1 April.

(22/199) Meetings/Training Attended

6 April – Cllr Reynolds and the Clerk met with a local designer regarding the interpretation boards

(22/200) Correspondence

A list of correspondence had been previously circulated and in addition the following had been received:

- Invitation from the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall to attend the parade of commemoration of the Coronation
- Cornwall Council Neighbourhood Planning newsletter
- Invitation to attend an open morning at Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre – Cllr Reynolds and the Clerk to attend
- Notification that the Eastern Beach in Charlestown has been temporarily closed on safety grounds

(22/201) Dates for the Diary

There were no dates for the diary.

(22/202) Dates of future Parish Council Meetings

17 May (to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting), 22 June, 20 July, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November, 14 December 2023.

