



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 13th July 2023 at 19.30 hours in the Village Hall

Present at Meeting:

Chairman A Uren, Vice Chairman S. Paul. Councillors P Burden, J Nettle, A Cox, H Young, R Colville.
J Bond – Clerk.

Apologies received from: -

Members of the public: n/a

Declarations of Interest: n/a

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th May 2023 were formally and duly approved by the Chairman as a correct record but H Young asked to add that the parking on Tregear Green had not been discussed. Historically the corner of the Green had been used for parking for the chapel and there is nowhere else to park. H Young said that at some time in the past the parish council had written to people living next to the Green, asking them not to use the edge of the Green for permanent parking, and H Young felt that this should still be the case. A Uren's family had had to use it for parking until able to create parking at the rear of their property, so they no longer need to park on the edge of the Green. H Young felt that as it had previously been requested as a no parking area, it should still be the case. A Uren's family are no longer parking there, unless absolutely necessary as there is nowhere else to park without obstructing the roads. People visiting the cemetery may still park there as there is nowhere else for them to park, and vehicles drive over that corner for turning. A Uren is very against signage and sometimes people have no option but to park there.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Pleasure Ground and Parish Council historical records—The Parish Council chest of documents had been collected from R Uglow and the contents checked over by the Parish Council. Clerk is sorting through and preparing the contents for archiving. S Paul passed a box of documents from M Francis to Clerk to schedule for archiving and look for any useful documents regarding the Recreation Allotments (Parish Ground).

Nearly all **annual finance reports** have been accounted for from 1960 to current day. There are **Minute Books** from 1998 to current day but nothing before this. Kresen Kernow had the Minute Book for 1894 to 1952 deposited with them in 1974 but then withdrawn by Sumner in 1975 and not returned. S. Paul presented a list of previous parish clerks to contact regarding missing documents.

J Nettle had spoken to Mr Jackson, Parish Clerk 1998, about missing Minute Books. He only knew of the hand written Minute Book from 1998 onwards, which has been found in the chest.

Clerk suggested putting an article in the Parish Magazine to say we are looking for these missing documents in case anyone has any knowledge of them.

R Colville has not yet been able to meet his contact for advice on care of these grounds but hopes to be able to have received advice by the next meeting.

P Burden presented a map showing the recreation allotment at 1.89 acres and the allotment for the labouring poor at 4.15 acres. In Minutes of 12/07/2018 C. Francis confirmed her son had farmed the grounds for 18 years, for grazing, trimming hedges and re-seeding. It was thought that after 12 years of use the land could become theirs by Adverse Possession (someone occupying land belonging to someone else, without permission, continuously for a number of years (normally 10 or 12 years). The land is not registered but is still under the Charity with R Uglow as sole trustee. It is not known if adverse possession would therefore apply. It was decided to wait and hear R Colville's feedback.

Playing field – P. Burden has put the signs up in the playing field and moved the football goals.

Playing Field repairs – Clerk to contact C. Peerless for his invoice.

The mats under the **swings** need to be dug up and re-bedded. Rural Services have quoted £415 plus VAT to do this. The Council were grateful for P Burden's offer to carry out this work later in the year, and asked that he invoice for costs etc. The **picnic tables** have been delivered and placed in the playing area.

Defibrillator training - took place Thursday 25th May evening, was well attended and successful. It was agreed to discuss doing another session next year.

Speeding in the village. The mobile vehicle activated sign (MVAS) is in situ.

Tree for the Jubilee. The tree planted last year died but Clerk has applied for another free tree from Cornwall Council Landmark Tree scheme. This will be delivered in November. The soil may be contaminated so a larger planting hole was advised with fresh topsoil/compost.

Broken or blocked drain in the Square after heavy rainfall. A photo/video still needed to show as location and evidence to be able to refer this on to Cornwall Council.

North Lane and Tregear Road have had works carried out and are much improved.

Tregear Green: Rural Services have quoted £65 per visit to cut Tregear Green grass. He has cut pathways through leaving long grass meadow areas, as requested by the resident living next to the Green. There will be a full cut at the end of the summer. It was decided to ask Rural Services to continue care of the Green and reassess next year, and look for other quotes in the meantime.

A second tree (lime tree) has been ordered from Cornwall Council Landmark Scheme, for delivery November to plant on the Green, to replace the fallen chestnut tree.

Finance:

1. Account statements 2022-2023 have been audited by Azets. AGAR forms (Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/2023) have been signed and published on the parish council website.

2. Bank balances - 07/07/2023

- HSBC No. 1 A/c – £3016.69 Parish Council Funds
- HSBC No. 2 A/c – £1669.44 Turbary Funds

3. Cheques signed -

From HSBC No. 1 A/c – Parish Council Funds

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| • Community Heartbeat annual support | £ 198.00 |
| • BHIB annual insurance | £ 720.49 |
| • Clerk's monthly salary June & July 2023 | £ 338.40 |
| • Clerk's expenses | £ 12.00 |
| • M Prout cleaning June & July 2023 | £ 40.00 |
| • Azets Accountants payroll 6 months & audit | £ 289.92 |

Village hall car park – S. Paul read a letter from the Secretary of Egloskerry Parochial Church Council dated 14th March 1995, to the Parish Clerk, regarding an agreement between the Church Council and H N Sillifant, in which Mr Sillifant acknowledges the Church's ownership of the village hall car park and it's agreement to access and rights of way over said parking area. J Nettle has let interested parties know that it is the Church's responsibility for the repairs to the parking area, which may be shared by all interested users but nothing further heard so far.

Correspondence received:

Cornwall Council re-sent a request (forwarded to all Councillors in March) for a volunteer parish councillor to attend the Community Area Partnership meetings. Clerk was asked to find out how often and where the meetings will take place.

Matters for next meeting:

A resident reported that the bench in the playing field pavilion needs to be repaired.

J Nettle suggested pruning/cutting back the shrubs next the bus shelter as they have become overgrown. Clerk to ask Rural Services to assess and quote for next meeting.

J Nettle said school traffic parking on the corner by the bus shelter was creating a serious hazard. Clerk to contact the school and Cornwall Council.

Clerk had been told that previous parish councils arranged for roadside hedges to be cut back for safety reasons. Clerk to ask Cornwall Council but it would more likely be pushed back to the owners to be responsible for this.

A Uren was concerned that someone had removed the defibrillator from its bag. He asked for a sign to be made asking that the Parish Council be informed if the defibrillator had been used as he has to make sure it is ready for use. Clerk to make a sign and have it laminated.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 14th September 2023 7.30pm