



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 11th November 2023 at 19.30 hours in the Village Hall

Present at Meeting:

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

Apologies received from: - Vice Chairman S. Paul.

Members of the public: n/a

Declarations of Interest: R. Colville

The minutes of the meeting on 14th September 2023 were formally and duly approved by the Chairmans as a correct record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Pleasure Ground – R Colville shared the draft letter to the tenant. After discussion amendments were agreed and Clerk was asked to type and send the letter.

Playing Field repairs –Mr Prout has fixed the bench in the pavilion, and started to repair the floor of the pavilion, he will send an invoice when this is completed.

Speeding in the village. The mobile vehicle activated sign data collected 18th May to 13th July 2023, average daily traffic 681 vehicles, 85% of vehicles at 31.4 mph giving no reason for concern.

Tregeare Green: It was decided to cut back the old chestnut growth in the spring but leave one strong shoot to grow. Chair will look at doing this in the spring.

Community Area Partnership – H Young will attend the December meeting and raise the dog issue to see if anyone has ideas to help deal with the problems.

Bus shelter shrubs –Rural Services quoted £175 to fell the fir and prune back the shrub. After discussion it was agreed that Clerk with help, would trim both back and remove the Mahonia. This would make more space – to be reassessed in the spring.

School traffic – Highways Department, Cornwall Council replied to Clerk suggesting liaising with the school to do PR with parents but this approach has not worked previously. They also suggested asking for local PCSO to visit at drop off/pick up times to speak/educate drivers. Clerk was asked to contact Police to see if this could be arranged.

Playing area hedge – recently cut by R Gillbard. Clerk, with help, will cut back shrubs growing over the church wall by the playing field entrance.

Dog owner problems - After complaints of dogs running off leads, H Young had written to the school concerning the misuse of the playing field and the risk of losing this precious facility, and asking if the school could highlight the conditions of the lease to the parents/children.

There have also been reports of dog fouling problems in the playing field. This has been worse lately. There are signs up, and bin provided. CCTV was discussed but the Chairman was very opposed to installing cameras as it could lead to legal problems and said he would rather resign if the Council decided to try this. The best option is to catch evidence on mobile phones. Clerk to respond to resident with advice given by Cornwall Council Dog Warden.

Planning appeal – PA22/09886 Tregear – still pending.

Planning Application PA23/08796 Listed building consent to replace rag slate roof etc at Coombekeale North Petherwin R Colville, was discussed with no objections.

Finance:

1. Bank balances - 07/11/2023

- HSBC No. 1 A/c – £5953.99 Parish Council Funds
- HSBC No. 2 A/c – £1682.66 Turbary Funds

2. Cheques signed -

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

- Clerk's monthly salary Oct +Nov inc expenses £ 357.00
- M Prout cleaning August & Sept 2023 £ 40.00
- Rural Services – footpaths June & Oct £ 504.00
- Rural Services - Playground and Tregear Green £1386.00

Receipts: Cheque for Turbary £350.00

It was agreed to increase the rent of the **Turbary land at Red Down** £400 p.a.

Local Maintenance Partnership Grant has been applied for towards footpath maintenance 24/25.

The projected annual receipts and payments showed enough surplus so it was agreed that the **same precept as last year** £6500 can be applied for.

Correspondence received: It has been reported that a car is being parked across the second, smaller pedestrian entrance to the Church. This makes it difficult to get to and means pedestrians have to walk out into the road to go around the car. A sign asking to keep it clear was suggested but generally thought ineffective and that a letter would be better. Clerk to find out who owns the car and draft a letter.

Matters for next meeting:

A Cox said the village hall needs a better way of letting people know what is on, the only way he finds out is if the notice is put out on the green by the bus stop. Egloskerry needs a face book page to let everyone know what is happening. J Nettle to talk to the village hall committee.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

It was agreed to start future meetings at the earlier time of 7pm.

Date of next meeting Thursday 11th January 2024 7.00pm