St Erme Parish Council



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The minutes of the remote meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 via Zoom.

Those present:

Cllr Trethewey (Chairman), Cllr Pound (Vice-Chairman), Cllr P Hodgkinson, Cllr S Jones, Cllr P Jones and Cllr Riggs

In attendance:

Mrs Sally Trethewey (Clerk) and Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor)

108/20 To accept apologies.

There were no apologies received.

109/20 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

a) Councillors to disclose any declarations of interests on any agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest declared.

110/20 Dispensations

a) Member/s to request a dispensation for an item on the agenda that has just become apparent at this meeting.

There were no dispensations requested.

111/20 To approve the minutes of the remote council meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 2020

The minutes were previously circulated were approved, and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the minutes of the remote meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 via Zoom be approved as a true record and duly signed.

Public Participation (15 minutes)

The public are given 15 minutes to discuss any items on the agenda, after this period the members of the public may stay in the meeting but will not be able to comment or participate.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

112/20 Councillors to discuss any matters with Cornwall Councillor if present

There were no items discussed.

113/20 Clerks update and report.

The clerk updated on the following:

Cornwall Council:

Members had received information regarding the estimated Election costs for 6th May 2021

Remote Speeds Signage for the village:

The clerk is researching information and speaking to other council's regarding their experiences.

Staff Holidays:

The clerk reminded the members of all forthcoming arranged annual leave for staff.

Road Closure - Trispen Hill to Treworgan Vean junction update:

The clerk had been informed that works on the village side would not probably start until 1st February. We are waiting on an update regarding the bus routes during the road closure.

Clir Couch Resignation – The clerk reported that the Chairman had received a letter of resignation from Clir Couch from immediate effect. Members asked the clerk to write to Mrs Couch thanking her for her work and commitment over the last few years. The clerk has informed the Electoral department of Cornwall Council and the relevant notices have been displayed on the noticeboards.

The clerk reminded members of all forthcoming meetings and training events. Members had received details of all correspondence received.

114/20 Planning: -

- a) To consider any planning applications received up to the date of the meeting: -
 - PA20/09863: St Erme with Trispen CP School Proposed one classroom extension

The above application was discussed, and it was agreed and, therefore.

RESOLVED to support the application as follows:

The proposals are supported within the St Erme Neighbourhood Development (NDP) Plan Policy 4 (Section 9.36)

The design is in keeping with the existing building and will not have an effect on the neighbouring properties, St Erme Church (which is a listed building), and the surrounding landscape as laid out in the St Erme NDP Policy 3 and Policy 9.

PA20/10404: Plot 5, Treworgan view, St Erme, Truro
 Construction of a single dwelling and associated works (amendments to previous approval)

This application was discussed, and it was agreed to object to the application, it was therefore

RESOLVED to object to the application for the following reasons:

The proposal will cause a loss of light to the neighbouring property to the east, which will affect the natural light through their west facing window and the natural evening sunlight during the Winter months to the garden and south facing windows.

In the original application of the site (C1/PA30/1999/06/R - 27th August 2006 Ref 0514-PL-02) it states that 'all should benefit from midday through to late evening sunlight, there should be no overshadowing to new or existing developments'.

This new application has a much higher elevation on the corner adjacent to the neighbouring property.

The proposal from the south would look out of keeping with the visibility of a two-story property along the ridge line of the existing bungalows at Treworgan View. The appearance would be prominent along this ridgeline. The original application gave a softer appearance due to the tiered development and it being set back from the neighbouring property.

The proposal is un-neighbourly and over developed for the site.

We feel that this proposal in not in keeping with the St Erme Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Policy1, although it is within the 'Settlement Boundary' the height and scale of the proposals to the east and south are not appropriate in this location and would benefit from a softer appearance. The proposal is not in keeping with Policy 3 of the St Erme NDP as the proposal will be overbearing to the neighbouring property to the east.

b) Update on planning issues:

 Update on Cornwall Council planning decisions PA20/08571: Predannack, St Erme, Truro – APPROVED

The above application had been approved by Cornwall Council.

• Burringtons' development

The Chairman updated members on this item. New gradients for the open space to the north has been agreed and we now need to wait for these works to be carried out.

115/20 Highways:

a) To update on the CNA Highways Scheme submission for St Erme

There are no update on this item

b) To update on the flooding at the bottom of Trispen Hill

There are no updates on this item.

c) To receive and respond to the 'Cormac Survey- Verge Questionnaire'.

Members discussed and responded to this survey.

d) A30 Dualling update

Cllr Trethewey and Cllr Pound met the Community Relations Officers from Colstain Ltd remotely via Zoom who are carrying out the A30 dualling works.

They are keen to work with the community to keep everyone informed of the works and will be using their Facebook page and corresponding with the clerk to give out public information. The main works will be starting in March and they are hoping to keep the majority of the A30 open by putting in roads which will eventually become laybys to the new road. There may be some closures and diversions required but these will be kept to a minimum. They will not need to close the A39 and will limit any diversions along this road if they can. They want to limit the disruption to traffic as much as possible. They have liaised with farmers and landowners regarding to crops and livestock and will make sure that they will maintain access to their land.

They like to get involved in community projects and encourage their employees to carry out voluntary work on projects in the community. They will be working with a local secondary school to the West of Truro.

Their main depot 'Village' will be at Carland Cross. They have very strict COVID measures and procedures in place and most drivers work in isolation.

They will be recruiting locally where they can, and this will be advertised locally through social media and local radios etc.

They would like to attend a public meeting of the council to inform the community and answer any questions, this would usually be a face to face meeting, but will now probably be a remote meeting via Zoom during this current time. The Annual Parish meeting in March was suggested and this will be discussed by members at the next meeting of the council.

116/20 To update on the St Erme Emergency Plan response to COVID 19 and support of the community.

The clerk reported as follows:

Following the Government announcement of a further lockdown on 4th January 2021 new articles and updates have been posted on the St Erme Emergency Plan Facebook Page and in the St Erme Parish Post highlighting how residents can seek help and advice. Details on how to register as a volunteer has also been publicised.

We have already received calls to help with delivering medication and shopping.

An updated volunteer register has been completed with 25 volunteers, plus the Emergency Plan Wardens. Some previous volunteers have been removed due to work commitments and/or have moved from the area.

The Facebook page will continue to be kept up to date with new information regarding government guidelines and local information as it is received.

The 'St Erme Community Larder' is supporting in the region of 34 families consisting of 86 individuals. This will continue through the lockdown following governments guidelines.

The Community Centre will continue to offer a takeaway service on a Friday evening with deliveries or collection. They are providing free meals for children and young people up the age of 19 in full time education in the community Monday's to Friday's.

There are several families isolating in the community and we have been assisting those that required help.

117/20 Finance:

a) To receive and approve the previously agreed 'Statement of Accounts for December 2020 /January 2021' as a true record and agree any additional invoices for payment.

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The accounts above previously circulated were agreed and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the Statement of Accounts for December 2020/January2021 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

b) To receive and discuss the council's receipts and payments against the budget. Members had received details of the council's expenditure and receipts against the budget and there were no questions.

118/20 To consider and agree the continuation of the following Cornwall Council 'Partnership Agreements' for 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

a) Street Cleansing Agency Agreement

Members had received confirmation of the agency agreement for Street Cleansing for 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 and it was agreed and therefore

RESOLVED to continue with our Cornwall Council Agency Agreement for Street Cleansing for 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

b) Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP)

Members had been informed that there will be a 2% increase for the LMP Partnership grants for the next financial year. This was discussed and agreed, it was therefore

RESOLVED to continue with our Cornwall Council LMP Agreement for 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

119/20 To receive an updated quotation and agree to purchase a new cabinet to renew the front noticeboard at the top of Eglos Road

This item was discussed and agreed, it was therefore

RESOLVED to purchase a replacement cabinet from Contract Signs Ltd at a cost of £800.00.

Cllr Trethewey and Cllr Hodgkinson will install this once the current COVID restrictions

have been lifted and following Government guidelines on social distancing.

120/20 To receive and respond to the following consultation:

 'Local Government Ethical Standards: Standards Matter 2- Public Consultation and Public Sector' surveys

There were no comments on this consultation.

121/20 To consider and agree to set up a Facebook page for the Parish Council.

This item was discussed, and it was felt that the council should now have a Facebook Page for information for the community. The St Erme Emergency Plan Facebook Group has worked well and kept the community informed through the COVIS pandemic. It was agreed and therefore

RESOLVED for the clerk to set up and manage a Facebook page for St Erme Parish Council

122/20 The agree the date and time of the next full meeting of the council on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 to be held remotely via Zoom

The above date and time were agreed.

PART 2

Pursuant to section 1(2) of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of the following agenda items.

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