



The minutes of the remote meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 6th April 2021 via Zoom

Those present:

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

In attendance:

Mrs Sally Trethewey (Clerk), Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor) and 1 member of the public.

1/21 To accept apologies.

There were no apologies.

2/21 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

- **Councillors to disclose any declarations of interests on any agenda items.**

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

3/21 Dispensations

- **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.

4/21 To approve the minutes of the remote extraordinary council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 2021

The minutes previously circulated were agreed and it was therefore,

RESOLVED that the minutes of the remote extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 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.

Cllr S Jones stated that some tulips were missing in the Parish that had been planted on the verge and asked if any others had noticed this.

5/21 Councillors to discuss any matters with Cornwall Councillor if present

Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons stated that there was nothing to report and there were no questions from members.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons for his support over the years and wished him all the best. Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons had decided not to stand for re-election this year.

6/21 Clerks update and report

The clerk updated and reported on the following:

- A letter of thanks was received from Marie Curie and Cruse Bereavement for their donation.

- **Trencreek/Eglos Road Wall Damage** – Following further concerns from a resident. The clerk has requested that the wall be re-inspected by Cornwall Council's Building Control department to review that they are satisfied that it does not pose a danger to the public.
- **Police Liaison Group** – Sgt David Pearce forwarded an email introducing himself as the new Neighbourhood Team Leader for the Truro area and informed us the next meeting will be in June with Parish Councillors
- **Road Closure Intention** – Notification has been received of a road closure at Church Close to Eglos Road, St Erme on the 4th May 2021 to 14th May 2021 to carry out works to Utilities

Members were reminded of forthcoming meetings and were informed of all correspondences received.

7/21 Planning: -

- a) **To consider any planning applications received up to the date of the meeting: -**
- **PA21/02209: Scottish Power – Land at Fiddlers Green, Carland Cross Windfarm, St Newlyn East Construction and operation of a 10 Megawatt Peak ('MWp') solar photovoltaic ('PV') development within the parameters of the existing Carland Cross Windfarm with variation of condition 2 of decision PA19/08080 dated 26/05/2020**

This application was discussed and it was,

RESOLVED to support the application with no recommendations.

- **PA21/02734: Kaduna House, Trispen Hill, Trispen Proposed extension over existing garage to form relatives annex**

This application was discussed and it was,

RESOLVED to object to the application for the following reasons:

Due to the proximity to the road a two-storey building would not look right at this location as the proposed height of the building and closeness to the road would change the building line and street scene; which would still be out of character for the semi-rural area (even with the slight reduction in height). When approaching from the north the proposal would change the street scene and the change to the original proposal of the apex window/roof facing east would not be in keeping at this location.

This would be harmful to the character and appearance of the area and would conflict with policy 12 of the Cornwall Local Plan, which requires that development provides continuity with the existing built form and is of an appropriate scale and layout that demonstrates a clear understanding and response to its setting. This is also against the St Erme Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy 3 (Design), the St Erme Village Design Statement and the St Erme Local Landscape Character Assessment.

We acknowledge that changes have been made to address the overlooking of the adjacent properties to the South and West but still feel that the proposal would not be in keeping with the street scene.

If this proposal was being considered for approval restrictions need to be put in place so that the dwelling cannot be sold off separately (i.e., is tied to Kaduna House) or cannot be used for holiday accommodation in the future.

- **PA21/02913: Land adjacent to Pengelly Farm, Trispen, Truro Overhead electricity lines application to install a third high voltage wire on existing infrastructure.**

Members were notified that the above application had already been approved by Cornwall Council. Members did not have any comments on the application.

The following application had also been received

- **PA21/02504: Argray Meadow, St Erme, Truro**
Proposed construction of garage to existing dwelling

This item was discussed and it was,

RESOLVED to support the application with the following condition:

That restrictions are put in place so that the dwelling cannot be changed to accommodation, and/or holiday accommodation or sold off separately (i.e., is tied to Argray Meadow).

b) Update on planning issues:

- **Update on Cornwall Council planning decisions:**
PA21/02569: Burringtons' (Trispen), Land Adjacent, Trispen Hill – APPROVED

8/21 Highways:

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

There were no updates on this item.

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

There were no updates on this item.

c) A30 Dualling update

Members had received a copy of a newsletter regarding the 'Environmental Aspects' for the scheme.

d) To update on the research of 'Interactive Speed 'signage for the Parish

Advice and guidance had been received from Cornwall Council with an application form for consideration for the locations of the signage in the Parish.

It was agreed that Cllr P Jones and Cllr Hodgkinson meet with the Clerk at the proposed locations on 10th April to complete the form, which can then be submitted. This meeting will be held following the current COVID-19 government guidelines.

Once agreement of the locations has been agreed with Cornwall Council the council will obtain two further quotations.

e) To update and discuss options on reducing the number of vehicles driving on the emergency access road through Killigrew Gardens.

This item was discussed and it was agreed for the clerk to draft a letter to consult with the residents of Killigrew Gardens on a proposal to install a lockable bollard on the Eglos Road entrance of the emergency access road. Members to confirm they are happy with the draft letter via email prior to the clerk sending out.

The clerk will also contact the emergency services for their feedback and advice on the proposal being considered.

f) To discuss the current speed limit on the A39 and junctions from the village following several accidents over the last couple of years.

A resident has contacted the Council regarding the above. The Clerk has contacted Devon & Cornwall Police and Cornwall Council for the data around the number of accidents and mobile speed camera tickets that have been issued over the last couple of years.

Cornwall Council have stated that there have been 4 recorded instances in the last 5 years in the vicinity of Trispen; plus one in Trispen itself. They stated that they consider existing accident data to inform whether speed reduction/safety schemes are necessary or to be prioritised. In this regard they said that they have again consulted Cornwall Council's up-to-date accident list. As such the A39 Trispen is not currently one of the 200+ sites Countywide that meet the criteria for inclusion on their accident remedial list. Therefore, the road in question is currently considered to be extremely low priority with no plans for improvement in the foreseeable future.

This item was discussed and it was felt that the information provided by Cornwall Council and Devon & Cornwall Police was conflicting. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Cornwall Council to question and explain the difference in reported accidents at the location in question.

The damaged signage at the location will be reported again for repair as the posts are lying at an 80-degree angle on the island at the junction. Members felt the road in question had been closed several times for routine maintenance over the last couple of years and could not understand why these repairs have not taken place.

Once the information has been received the Council will look at requesting for additional speed monitoring to take place of the A39 in the area of the village.

9/21 To update on the St Erme Emergency Plan response to COVID 19 and support of the community.

The Emergency Plan volunteers are continuing to help those that require support with collection of shopping/medication etc, with only a couple of residents now asking for support.

The 'St Erme Community Larder' numbers remain the same with no change from the previous month.

10/21 Finance:

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

Statement of Payments and Accounts to be approved on 6th April 2021				
Previously approved by email				
Name	Details of payment	Cost	VAT	Total
Sage UK	Payroll	£ 7.00	£ 1.40	£ 8.40
o2	Mobile Phone	£ 11.81	£ 2.36	£ 14.17
Lyreco UK Ltd	Stationary	£ 20.32	£ 4.06	£ 24.38
Mrs S Trethewey	Salary Month 12			
Mr G Brunsden	Salary Month 12			
				£ 1,556.22
To be approved at the meeting held on Tuesday 6th April 2021				
Name	Details of payment	Cost	VAT	Total
HMRC	HMRC Payments Last Qtr 20/21	£ 142.89		£ 142.89
Mrs S Trethewey	Expenses	£ 18.00		£ 18.00
St Erme Parish Post	Printing - Newsletter	£ 200.00		£ 200.00
				£ 360.89
Deposit Account	£ 26,915.61			
Current Account	£ 28,100.28			
Total	£ 55,015.89			
O/S Cheques/FP	£ -			
Bank Balance 26.02.21	£ 55,015.89			
March/April Payments	-£ 5,698.62			
Total	£ 49,317.27			

There was an additional invoice received for payment since the above accounts were published and it was agreed to add the following item for payment for previously agreed works:

Team Maintenance Ltd: Repairs to gate total inc. VAT: £858.00

Members received the accounts and it was agreed and therefore,

RESOLVED for the accounts for March/April 2021 be agreed as a true record and duly signed.

b) To receive and discuss the council's receipts and payments against the budget.

Members had received a copy of the receipts and payments against budget and there were no questions.

11/21 To resolve to enter into the Cornwall Council 'Grass Maintenance Partnership Agreements' for the year 2021/2022

This item was discussed and it was agreed and therefore

RESOLVED to continue with Cornwall Council's Grass Maintenance Partnership Agreement for the year ending 31st March 2022.

12/21 To receive and agree to adopt the St Erme Parish Council Co-Option Policy

This item was discussed and it was agreed and therefore,

RESOLVED to adopt the St Erme Parish Council Co-Option Policy.

13/21 To receive an email from St Erme Cricket Club for support in their application to releases 106 monies from Cornwall Council towards their new scoreboard and store

Members discussed this item and it was agreed and therefore,

RESOLVED for the clerk to respond to the St Erme Cricket Club in support to their S106 application to Cornwall Council to release monies towards their new scoreboard.

14/21 To review the following:

- **The council's Risk Assessment**

Members reviewed the Council's current Risk Assessment, and it was agreed that no additional updates were required. The Clerk will carry out a risk assessment on returning to face to face meetings prior to our first meeting. Risk management is ongoing, and the clerk and council will update when required.

- **The council's Insurance cover**

The council's three-year Insurance contract comes to an end this year. The current cover was considered and it was agreed that there had been no further changes and that the current cover was adequate. The Clerk will obtain three quotations ready for the next full meeting in May.

- **The council's Grant's Policy**

Members reviewed the Council's Grant Policy and it was agreed that no changes were required.

15/21 To receive and respond to the following Cornwall Council consultations

- **St Austell China Clay Restoration & Tipping Supplementary Planning Document**

There were no comments on this consultation.

- **Climate Emergency Development Plan Document Pre-Submission draft**

There were no comments on this consultation.

- **European Sites Supplementary Planning Document**

There were no comments on this consultation

16/21 Councillors to report on any meetings attended as representatives:

- **St Erme Playing Field Trust (Cllr Pound)**

There is a consultation taking place with the community to renew two items of equipment at Trencreek Park.

- **St Erme Village Hall (Cllr S Jones)**

The Village Hall Committee had not met, but extensive maintenance works have been carried out including repainting inside and out and a new kitchen.

- **St Erme Cricket Club (Cllr Pound)**

There was no update this time.

- **Truro & Roseland Community Network Area meeting (Cllr S Jones)**

Cllr S Jones had attended the meeting and the clerk will circulate the draft minutes once received.

**17/21 To agree the date and time of the 'Annual Meeting' of the Council being held on
Wednesday 19th May 2021 at the St Erme Community Centre**

The date and time above were agreed and the meeting will be held at the St Erme Community Centre unless government guidelines change

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SIGNED

CHAIRMAN

DATED
