



The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at the St Erme Community Centre.

Those present:

Cllr Trethewey (Chairman), Cllr Hodgkinson (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Light, Cllr Barnes, Cllr P Jones and Cllr S Jones.

In attendance:

Sally Trethewey (Clerk), Cllr Glasson (Cornwall Councillor), Paul Clark (Legacy Properties) and Gareth (Legacy Properties)

153/22 To accept apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Riggs.

154/2 Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

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

Cllr's Trethewey, Hodgkinson and Light declared a non-pecuniary interest on the following agenda item:

- 13) To receive a request from the St Erme Playing Field Trust in support of applying to the S106 monies to replace parts of damaged football safety fencing at the football field which cost £3453.00 inc. VAT

Cllr P Jones and Cllr S Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest on the following agenda item:

- 12) To receive a request for a grant from the St Erme Village Hall Committee towards the cost of their defibrillator.

155/22 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.

156/22 Paul Clark from Legacy Properties will give a talk regarding a potential development in St Erme south of Trispen.(15 minutes).

The Chairman welcomed Paul Clark and Gareth to the meeting. Paul started by saying that they have entered an optional agreement to look at developing the land south of the Burrington site on the left-hand side at the bottom of Eglos Road. He stated that they have no preconceived ideas as such yet. They have read the St Erme Neighbourhood Development Plan which he felt was an excellent document and wanted to introduce themselves to members of the parish council. Paul said that they are keen to have community involvement from a very early stage and will be holding a public community consultation event soon.

So far they have only spoken to and looked at the Home Choice data and spoken to Cornwall Council's Affordable Housing officer.

After looking at our St Erme NDP and our Local Character Assessments they note that the land to the south of the village is looking to be more beneficial to be developed.

Paul asked if members had any questions.

Members of the council only asked questions and did not give any opinion on the proposals due to pre-determination.

Q. Cllr S Jones asked how many properties they were looking at for the site?

A. Paul stated that they have not got that far yet but the land in question could hold between 50 and 100 houses depending on density.

Q. Cllr Barnes asked what the current agricultural land classification was at this location, as food security and loss of agricultural land would need to be considered?

A. Most of the site is Grade 2 with some Grade 3 areas.

Q. Cllr Light asked about the affordable element and if the properties would be environmentally energy efficient?

A. Paul stated that they will be using renewables where possible; and this is important too them as shown in some of their previous developments.

A member stated that there are problems in the village with parking and any new development would need to provide adequate parking for the size of property and additional visitor car parking.

In the past old design flaws with garage blocks had caused issues with parking and this is not something that should be repeated in the future.

Q. Cllr Barnes asked if they would be looking at future transport, electric charging facilities and sustainability.

A. Paul stated that yes this would be considered.

A member stated that there are currently flooding issues at the bottom of Trispen Hill and any development must not put further pressure on existing problems.

A member stated that in the Council's NDP and Local Landscape Character Assessment showed the land in question split in two sections, as part of the site is more noticeable. Visual aspects to the landscape setting will need to be considered.

The village needs to be able to grow in a sustainable way, and be relevant to the community's needs.

Any building at this location would have to consider access so that the land to the East would not become landlocked.

Cllr Barnes said that it is important that the infrastructure to the village is considered and updated where necessary, such as water, telephone, and fibre connections. The capacity of the local school is another area to be considered.

Cllr Trethewey said that thought should be given to the layout of the site as in which way the houses are facing for natural light, sun, and heat.

Cllr Trethewey stated that it is important to look at the local need to include a range of types of houses suitable for the elderly and people with disabilities such as bungalows.

Paul stated that they were hoping to hold their first Public Consultation in February and would then look at submitting their 1st application to Cornwall Council in June/July.

They will be looking at providing some discounted open market properties, where currently a three bedroom property would be £120,000 at this time. Not shared equity housing.

There were no further questions and the Chairman thanked Paul and Gareth for attending.

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 present.

157/22 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2022.

The minutes previously circulated were agreed and it was therefore.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

158/22 Councillors to discuss any matters with Cornwall Councillor if present.

Cllr Glasson reported that she will continue to chase the works to address the flooding at Trispen Hill and will look into this issue further.

The local school are looking for new governors and would appreciate and help to get the word out and advertise this.

There were no questions from members.

159/22 Clerks update and report.

The clerk reported on the following:

- **Cornwall Council** – members had received information on the Devolution to Cornwall proposals and the clerk had forwarded a link with additional information.
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/2022-cornwall-devolution-deal/>
- **CALC** – Notification of CALC's AGM and 'Cornwall Housing Conversations event had been received and forwarded to members.
- **Social Value Fund** – Members had received an update on the 'Social Value Fund'
- **Trispen Hill** – Cllr Glasson (Cornwall Councillor) is looking into the hold up of addressing the flooding at Trispen Hill.
- **Devon & Cornwall Police** – Members were forwarded details of their 2023/2024 Budget survey to respond.
- **St Erme Community Enhancement Group** - Members were informed of a letter inviting local organisations to attend a meeting regarding interest in marking the King's Coronation.

Members were notified of all correspondences received and reminded of forthcoming training and meetings.

160/22 Planning: -

- a) To consider any planning applications received up to the date of the meeting.**

No planning applications had been received.

- b) Update on planning issues:**

There were no updates.

161/22 Highways:

- a) To update on the Community Speed Watch**

We have now received some interest from the community to get involved in the scheme, the Clerk will continue to advertise this. Further advertising to request volunteers has been published in the January / February Parish Post and another social media post.

b) To look at the reviewed maps of the current parking restrictions and agree on how to take this forward.

The maps were discussed, and some alterations were made. Cllr Hodgkinson will take some photos of the locations showing the current issues.

The Clerk will talk to the local shop about whether parking restrictions of a '30-minute waiting only restriction outside of the shop would be beneficial and help address some of the parking issues there.

Members were asked to take time to look at these locations at different times of the day / night, to see how many parked vehicles would be affected and for any alternative parking.

c) To discuss and consider purchasing salt bins for the village and look at the associated risks.

This item was discussed and the guidance and costings from Cornwall Council were considered. There were areas to consider such as who would be responsible for laying the salt when required, the security of the bins, should they be kept unlocked? The risk associated with accidents of those laying the salt etc.

After a lengthy discussion and consideration, it was agreed that the Council should not supply grit bins in the Parish. There is the possibility that the St Erme Emergency Plan Committee could look at taking this on as part of their Emergency Plan.

Cllr Glasson (Cornwall Councillor) reported she had been contacted by parishioners and the Clerk regarding issues with ice on the entrances onto the A39 along the stretch between Carland to Truro; especially the village junctions and that she had requested that the junctions be salted with the precautionary routes. Karen will be contacting the Portfolio Holder requesting that these areas should be looked at and included in the Precautionary routes as standard practice,

162/22 Finance:

a) To receive the financial 'Statement of Accounts' for the year to date and to approve payments.

| To be approved at the meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 | | | | |
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| Name | Details of payment | Cost | VAT | Total |
| Sage | Payroll | £ 7.00 | £ 1.40 | £ 8.40 |
| O2 | Mobile Phone | £ 20.10 | £ 4.02 | £ 24.12 |
| Mrs S Trethewey | Salary Month 9 | | | |
| Mr G Brunsden | Salary Month 9 | | | |
| Mrs S Trethewey | Expenses | £ 166.00 | | £ 166.00 |
| HMRC | 3rd Qtr Payments | £ 191.86 | | £ 191.86 |
| St Erme PFT | Hall Hire - November | £ 39.00 | | £ 39.00 |
| M Pearson | Weed Treatments | £ 580.00 | | £ 580.00 |
| | | £ 2,498.49 | £ 5.42 | £ 2,503.91 |

The 'Statement of Accounts' previously circulated were agreed and it was therefore,

RESOLVED that the 'Statement of Accounts' 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 copies and there were no questions.

163/22 To consider and respond to the following consultations:

- **Cornwall Council – Budget consultation for their draft budget 2023/2024.**

There were no comments on this item.

Cllr P Jones and Cllr S Jones had declared a non-pecuniary interest on the next agenda item and left the room.

164/22 To receive a request for a grant from the St Erme Village Hall Committee towards the cost of their defibrillator.

Members discussed this item, and it was proposed and seconded and, therefore.

RESOLVED to grant the sum of £500 to the St Erme Village Hall Committee towards the cost of a public defibrillator. The clerk can arrange payment of the grant once a signed copy of the committees accounts has been received as per the Council's Grant Policy.

Cllr S Jones and Cllr P Jones re-joined the meeting.

Cllr's Trethewey, Hodgkinson and Light had declared a non-pecuniary interest on the next agenda item and left the room.

It was proposed and seconded for Cllr S Jones to chair the next agenda item.

165/22 To receive a request from the St Erme Playing Field Trust in support of applying to the S106 monies to replace parts of damaged football safety fencing at the football field which cost £3453.00 inc VAT.

This item was discussed, and it was proposed and seconded and therefore

RESOLVED that the Council supports the St Erme Playing Field Trust in their application for the S106 monies towards new fencing at a cost of £3453.00.

Cllr's Trethewey, Hodgkinson and Light re-joined the meeting.

Cllr Trethewey chaired the remaining meeting.

166/22 To receive and consider a letter from Cornwall Council – regarding the 'Proposed Deal for Cornwall'.

This item was discussed at length and members decided to wait until the next meeting of the Council to agree on their response to the consultation. It was agreed for members to consider and think about how would the Devolution Deal benefit our parishioners, what is missing from the deal?

167/22 To receive and respond to a letter from the Cornwall Association of Local Council's regarding their 'Community Housing Conversations' on small community led housing with any questions or themes we would like discussed.

Members discussed this agenda item and felt that the most important thing is that any new housing developments should have a community led approach, with a good mix of housing to suit everyone such as social housing, affordable open market, single people, families, the elderly and people with disabilities and is what the community needs.

168/22 Councillors to report on any meetings attended as representative:

- **St Erme Climate Adaptation Working Group**

Cllr Trethewey updated by saying that all the trees have now been planted.

The group were organising a 'Community Compost Scheme' and have 15T of compost delivered from a local sustainable company to be available for the local community at a cost of £1 per bag. This is an initiative designed to promote food sustainability, home growing and a reduction in carbon footprint by growing your own fruit and vegetables and by collecting compost locally. This will be available over two weekends at the end of January.

- **St Erme Community Enhancement Group**

The Group had invited local organisations to attend a meeting to discuss how they would like to celebrate the Kings Coronation in May. Some of the ideas put forward were as follows:

A combined Church Service, showing the Coronation on the Big Screen at the Community Centre,

a sports event for the children, an evening of entertainment, lighting of a 'Beacon' and possibly a firework display, and a community big lunch/party.

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

Cllr Jones reported that they have held their AGM and new officers had been put in place to cover an extended long holiday of existing officers.

The Buzz Café is being well supported with 20/30 people attending each week. Cllr Glasson has kindly granted monies from her Community Chest fund to help cover the Café's hall hire.

169/22 To agree the date and time of the next full meeting of the council on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

The above dates and time were agreed.

SIGNED

CHAIRMAN

DATED

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