



The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at the St Erme Community Centre

Those present:

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

In attendance:

Mrs Sally Trethewey (Clerk), Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Councillor) and two members of the public

191/19 To accept apologies:

There were no apologies

192/19 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

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

Cllr Trethewey declared a non-pecuniary interest on the following agenda item:

7) Planning:-

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

- PA19/10507: Trevispian Vean Farm, St Erme, Truro
The proposed erection of two agricultural buildings and earthworks (earthworks retrospective)

193/19 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

Public Participation (15 minutes)

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

The applicant to Planning Application No: PA19/10507 stated that the application has been submitted due to new environmental legislation, the old building is no longer suitable for its current use and that a new building is required. The applicant has decided to invest in new units and will be downsizing. The legislation means that the project needs to be compliant post winter, and apologised that this is why the earthworks had already taken place. If planning permission is granted they are hoping to be completed by Easter.

194/19 To receive and approve the minutes previously circulated for the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019

The minutes previously circulated were approved and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

195/19 Councillors to discuss any matters with Cornwall Councillor if present

Cllr P Jones stated that the road at the bottom of Trispen Hill is still flooding and needs to be resolved. If there is no internal collapse it may mean that a larger pipe is required. Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons noted the concerns and Cllr Trethewey asked for this item to be put on the agenda of the next meeting to be discussed fully.

196/19 Clerks update and Report

There clerk reported on the following:

The BT Kiosk is waiting for additional new glass which has been ordered. The new door straps were too tight and after seeking advice from the supplier they have advised that the door may have been turned

around at some point and will need to be turned back which would solve the problem. This has held up the work slightly and Cllr Hodgkinson will look at this shortly.

The Noticeboard cabinets have been received and are ready to be installed. Cllr Hodgkinson and Cllr Trethewey will get these in place asap.

VE Day Celebrations: It was agreed to put this item on the agenda of the next meeting to discuss further

St Erme Church: We have received a thank you letter for their recent grant

St Erme NDP: A meeting with the Planning Officers is still being arranged

Cornwall Council: We have received information on the following:

- Business Rates relief on Public Conveniences
- Localism Summit – Feedback
- Standards Committee update
- Cornwall's Winter Maintenance Service

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

197/19 Planning:-

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

- **PA19/09790: Pengelly Farm, St Erme, Truro TR4 9BG (amended plans)
Construction of two-storey five-bedroom detached dwelling, in replace of
previously approved Class Q conversion, including provision of external garden
amenity space, vehicular parking and septic tank**

The clerk informed members that the amenity area with this application had been increased and the planning officer has approved the application

Cllr Trethewey declared a non-pecuniary interest on the next item and left the room. Cllr Pound stood in as chairman

- **PA19/10507: Trevispian Vean Farm, St Erme, Truro
The proposed erection of two agricultural buildings and earthworks (earthworks
retrospective)**

This application was discussed and it was

RESOLVED to support the application with the following conditions:

The proposed buildings are adjacent to the main setting of the farmstead and are lower than the buildings behind and the natural ridge line of the trees to the east. The proposals are of an agricultural nature and will fit into the natural farmstead setting.

Although the earthworks can be seen from the north we feel that this could be addressed and that a condition should be put in place so that the earthworks to the north of the site are landscaped to soften its appearance, this would then help soften the appearance of the landscape from Resugga and the Public Right of Way (No 321/7/2), where it is at its most prominent. The existing farmstead can already be viewed from these locations.

With the above condition we feel that the proposals are in line with the St Erme Neighbourhood Development Plan 'Policy 9: Landscape, Heritage and Local Environment' and does not extend or infringe on the rural nature of the area, due to the proposal being of an agricultural nature. The additional screening will help keep the rural feel and soften the landscape.

Cllr Trethewey rejoined the meeting as Chairman

- **PA19/10904: 70 Polisken Way, St Erme, Truro
Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use of outbuilding as dental laboratory**

This application was discussed and it was

RESOLVED to support the application

b) **Update on planning issues:**

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Cornwall Council decisions: PA19/10116: Land of Ventonteague, Zelah – APPROVED

Green Bridge – A39: The clerk informed the council that she has sent an e-mail to the planning officer regarding the council's concerns with the location and the lack of community consultation and this has been lodged on the applicants PREAPP advice on Cornwall Council's planning portal.

- **Burringtons' development**

Concerns have been raised over the height and layout of the open space to the north of the site and the planning officer is looking into this.

198/19 Highways:

a) To update on the CNA Highways Scheme finalise details for the consultation on the draft scheme for Saturday 25th January 2020

The clerk has advertised this event in the Parish Post and posters will be placed in the parish noticeboards and will be placed on the community village voices Facebook page. Members to attend when they can to assist with the event which will be from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Refreshments will be available.

199/19 To update on the 'Public Rights of Way' (PROW's)

a) Damaged bollard footpath 321/12 adjacent to Trispen Stores

This item is still outstanding and the clerk is chasing this.

b) To update on the outstanding works for the Community Network areas 'SOS' Project

It was felt that it would be best to start looking at carrying out the next phase in the Spring when the weather is better; the clerk will keep the volunteers up to date.

200/19 Finance:

a) To receive the financial statement of accounts for the year to date and to approve payments.

Cheques and Payments agreed and signed during the last month:

DD: Sage UK (Payroll) = **£7.20**

DD: o2 (Mobile Phone) = **£13.55**

Chq No 2123 & 2124: Salaries (Month 9) = **£1181.59**

Chq No 2125: HMRC (3rd Qtr) = **£156.58**

Chq No 2126: Mrs S Trethewey (Expenses) = **£125.00**

Cheques to be agreed and signed:

Chq No 2127: Mrs S Trethewey (Expenses) = **£18.00**

Chq No 2128: CANCELLED

Chq No 2129: St Erme Playing Fields Ltd (Hall Hire- December) = **£12.50**

Total Payments = £1,514.42

The above accounts were approved and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the accounts be approved as a true record and duly signed by Cllr Pound. Cllr S Jones and Cllr Hodgkinson signed the cheques.

b) To receive a report from Cllr Hodgkinson on the Internal Controls check

Cllr Hodgkinson reported that he carried out a check on the council's internal procedures and on the GDPR control's and everything was fine with no issues to report.

c) To discuss and consider an Internal Auditor for the council's procedures

It was agreed for the clerk to ask the Internal Auditor that carried out the audit on the council's procedures the previous year and another independent auditor for a quotation.

201/19 To receive and respond to the following consultations:

a) Cornwall Council: Budget Consultation

Members looked at this consultation and it was felt that members should complete their own personal response if they wished, but the council would not respond as a parish.

b) Community Governance Review – Stage 3 consultation

This item was discussed and as Cornwall Council's draft recommendations for the parishes' boundaries to remain as they currently are, it was felt that no response is required at this time.

202/19 To agree the formation of an Emergency Climate Action Group for the parish.

Cllr Riggs and Cllr P Jones agreed to join the Steering Group if required. It was felt that the best way forward would be to look at organising a speaker to come out to a public meeting for more information. The members of the community that have already registered an interest and the general public will be invited to attend.

203/19 To consider and agree for the council's website to have SSL Certificate set up at a cost of £125.00 for the setup fee, plus an annual fee of £50.00.

This item was discussed and some members were not convinced that a SSL certificate is required. It was agreed for the clerk to find out further information and to put the item back on the agenda of the next meeting.

204/19 To receive a letter from Cornwall Council regarding the council's Street Cleansing Agency Agreement for year commencing 1st April 2020 and agreed to continue with the contract.

Members discussed this item and it was agreed and therefore

RESOLVED to continue with the Street Cleansing Agency Agreement with Cornwall council for year commencing 1st April 2020.

205/19 Councillors to report on any meetings attended as representatives:

• **St Erme Playing Field Trust**

Cllr Trethewey reported that the Johnny Cowling evening went well and has been rebooked.

The committee is looking at replacing some play equipment at Tren creek Park and is currently looking at funding.

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

The Cricket Club is looking at moving the scoreboard down to the bottom of the field near the nets, so that the scores can be viewed easier.

They are aiming to get back to Division 1 and have 2/3 new players signed up.

The club has purchased a new mower for the square.

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

Cllr S Jones reported that they have not had a meeting but the Short Mat Bowls have folded and the Yoga has finished; but they have a new regular booking for Judo.

206/19 To agree the date of the next meeting to be held on 4th February 2020 at the St Erme Community Centre 7.30pm

The above date and time were agreed

SIGNED

CHAIRMAN

DATED