

ZENNOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2020 VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillors Jon Brookes (Chairman), Jennifer Gourley, Katharine Heron, Nick Lambert, Liz Thompson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Fiona Drew (Clerk), Cornwall Councillor Simon Elliott.

15/20-21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

16/20-21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

17/20-21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

18/20-21 ACTION REQUIRED ON MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

19/20-21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9TH JUNE 2020

It was **RESOLVED unanimously** that the minutes, previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

20/20-21 MATTERS ARISING

The report from the Clerk regarding matters arising from the June minutes that were not an agenda item was noted as follows:

1. 7/20-21 Ratify decisions taken under Emergency Scheme of Delegation

ESD/05 – Derek Thomas has confirmed he supported the Local Electricity Bill in Parliament recently

2. 11/20-21 – Financial Matters

- a) The Council insurance has been renewed with Came & Co as of 14th July 2020
- b) The AGAR Certificate of Exemption has been submitted to be the External Auditors and an acknowledgement received

3. 10/30-21 National Trust grazing programme – Councillor Heron noted that two of the Trustees were ecologists and also one she knew who was an architect. It was **agreed** that she would send the names to Councillor Thompson and the Chairman. The Clerk would circulate the draft email that Councillor Thompson had written for comment prior to sending on to the Trustees. The Chairman suggested copying the email to National Trust Nature Conservation Advisor Janet Lister.

21/20-21 PLANNING

a) Applications: None

b) Decisions:

i) PA19/09645: Proposed extension and associated external alterations including raising of existing ridge and eaves reforming castellations to original tower; The Tower House, Zennor – approved with conditions.

ii) PA20/00339/PREAPP: Historic building advice for the relocation of existing dangerous stair, creation of new access stair and revisions to layout of manager's apartment at first floor level; The Tinnars Arms, Zennor – advice given.

c) PA20/03842: Pendower Beach development. It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the response previously circulated which had been submitted on the planning portal as follows: Zennor Parish Council objects to this application which is gross overdevelopment within the AONB. This proposal, which will do nothing to enhance or conserve the landscape character and natural beauty of the AONB, goes against the Cornwall Local Plan and paragraph 172 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Zennor lies solely within the AONB and wishes to express its concern that by granting this application the AONB will be substantially weakened and an unwanted precedent will be set, resulting in potential for similar development across the AONB.

d) Any other planning matter received at or before the start of the meeting: None

22/20-21 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) Chairman's Report: The Chairman reported that the Dark Skies group have decided to apply for Park status as they might then be able to join another area if they become a Reserve. They were waiting to hear back from the IDA in relation to this.

b) Cornwall Councillor Report: Councillor Elliott reported that he is pushing for road safety and outlined current proposals that he was supporting in relation to a 40mph national speed limit in roads with no central lines, the 20 is Plenty campaign for all villages in Cornwall and 'quiet lanes' where priority is given to foot and cycle traffic. He noted that he still needed to follow up regarding the potholes from the last meeting and would have a virtual meeting with Councillor Gourley to discuss. He reported on concerns regarding a second wave of Covid-19 during the winter and urged Councils to remain aware to help support their communities, but acknowledged the importance of tourism to the area. He reported back on the issue regarding signage brought up at the last meeting and raised the matter of signage generally on the B3306 to promote businesses in Zennor. It was **agreed** to put this on the next agenda for discussion. The Council **agreed** to support Councillor Elliott's efforts relating to speed reduction and it was noted that Councillors were very aware of the dangers the area faced in relation to Covid-19 and visitors.

23/20-21 POLICE

a) To receive the Police Report: None other than details regarding an increase in scams.

b) To discuss the request for a representative on the Councillor's Advocate Scheme: It was agreed that Councillor Gourley would represent the Parish Council when she was able to.

24/20-21 VILLAGE MATTERS

- a) **Request re Bike Racks:** the request received for bike racks in the village car park was noted but is not Parish Council land and therefore no further action was required.
- b) **Business Signage:** Discussed under Councillor Elliott's report.
- c) **Pole at Treen:** A discussion took place regarding the pole that has appeared at Treen and it was **agreed** to keep an eye on it as no details were currently available.

25/20-21 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) **Highway Issues:** Councillor Thompson reported that a large area of blackthorn had been bulldozed on the track adjacent to the B3306 during the bird breeding season. Potholes on the B3306 had been discussed during Councillor Elliott's report.
- b) **Work at Chykembro** – It was noted that work had started again and was progressing well.
- c) **Fly Tipping:** The Clerk will report the fly-tipping previously reported as it had not been removed.

26/20-21 PARISH PATH MATTERS

- a) **Emergency Closure order for Footpath 11:** It was noted that this was a public safety issue as a small section of the cliff had fallen down.
- b) **Access to Treen Cove:** Nothing further to report at present.
- c) **Dog Mess Signs:** The Chairman reported that all the signs were now in place and he suggested that any grant in lieu of payment to the Village Hall, as suggested by Councillor Banks, be discussed at the same time as signage for the village on the next agenda.
- d) **Any footpath or coast path issues:** It was reported that the footpaths had been mostly completed and it was **agreed** to pay the first invoice for this prior to the next meeting. The Chairman noted that the coast path going down to Veor Cove from Trewey Cliff had been cut recently, although it shouldn't have been, but no-one was sure who had done it. The Chairman raised a query from a member of the public regarding the installation of a gate however it was **agreed** that the Parish Council could not help fund this.

27/20-21 DARK SKIES: Discussed under the Chairman's Report.

28/20-21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) **Summary of Accounts:** It was **RESOLVED unanimously** to note the direct debit payment due for Google Suite of £4.14 and that there were no other payments or receipts.
- b) **First Quarter Budget Update:** This had been circulated prior to the meeting. The commentary relating to General Administration was noted.
- c) **Public Rights Notice:** It was noted that this had been put on the website and the noticeboard by the Church on 9th June.

d) Pensions Regulator: It was noted that the Clerk had completed the re-declaration regarding automatic enrolment as required every three years.

29/20-21 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

a) Changes required due to Website Accessibility Legislation: The quotes previously circulated for setting up a new website were discussed. It was **agreed** to defer a decision at present and for the Clerk and Councillor Banks to investigate further what was required. In the meantime, an accessibility statement would be uploaded to the current website setting out what content was non accessible, the Council's plans to address this and what areas it considered were a disproportionate burden.

b) Accessibility Statement for Website: It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft previously circulated. The Clerk would upload it to the website and it would be reviewed in January 2021.

c) Clerk's Report: The Clerk had recently attended the CNP meeting which discussed how things were working for Councils during Covid-19. She reported that Cornwall Council & CALC both found virtual meetings a useful way of disseminating information as they were well attended and looked likely to continue. The Clerk's annual appraisal is due and it was **agreed** that the Chairman would carry this out before the next meeting. It was noted that the Clerk would be on holiday from Monday 24th August returning to work on Thursday 3rd September.

30/20-21 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Cornwall Council – Consultation on draft model Code of Conduct – noted

b) Cornwall Council / CALC weekly updates re Coronavirus – noted

c) Cornwall Council – Neighbourhood Planning E-bulletin – noted

d) Luxulyan Parish Council re easing of lockdown - noted

31/20-21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **agreed** that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 15th September (note: this is the third Tuesday in the month). It was further **agreed** if a planning application came in during this period a response would be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, or if felt necessary an extra-ordinary meeting would be called.

32/20-21 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councillor Heron suggested setting up a committee to look at larger national issues that affect the Parish. Councillor Gourley requested parking on common land at Heather Brae to be discussed. Councillors to contact the Clerk no later than Monday 7th September with items they wish to be included, other than those already noted in the minutes.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32pm.

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____