



# BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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## Council Meeting – 21 January 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Blisland Village Hall on the above date.

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210/15	<p><b>Persons Present/Apologies</b> Present: Cllr Fairman (Chair), Cllr Webber (Vice Chair), Cllr Bogle, Cllr Greenaway, Cllr Meads, Cllr Montague, Cllr Pope (late).</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Carey, Cllr Cross, Cllr Runnals. (Cllr Batters CC)</p> <p>In attendance: L Dunkley, Parish Clerk. 12 members of the press/public.</p>	
211/15	<p><b>To Receive any Declarations of Interest from Members.</b> None.</p>	
212/15	<p><b>Public Participation.</b> V Stansfield spoke against PA15/11836. Issues raised included: misleading design and access statement; a history of refused planning applications in 1990s, 2000s and 2010s; poor and unsafe access; that planners have previously said that a building there would be detrimental to the conservation area. It was requested that the Council object to the application. A further member of the public spoke against PA15/11836. Issues raised included: loss of amenities; overdevelopment of the site.</p>	
213/15	<p><b>Presentation: Bright Associates</b> <b>RECEIVED</b> a presentation regarding potential land use in the parish. R Bright informed the Council of an idea to develop a water bottling plant in the east of the parish and the desire to work closely alongside the Council. The site is on an old China Clay works. Cllr Fairman informed R Bright that Cornwall Council are collating a list of brownfield sites for potential development; R Bright informed the Council that the water would be produced from a bore hole, and that the operations would ensure no adverse impact on water provision for nearby properties.</p>	
214/15	<p><b>Update: Highways and Footpaths</b> <b>RECEIVED</b> an update from Chris Batters CC via email. The following issues were noted: dire condition of road between White Cross and Four Winds; potholes at Kerrow crossroads.</p>	Clerk to report to Highways
215/15	<p><b>Council Meeting: Minutes 10 December 2015</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the above Minutes of the Meeting of Blisland Parish Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed.  Proposed Cllr Fairman, seconded Cllr Webber. Unanimous.</p>	
216/15	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> <b>NOTED</b> that the handrail at the shop has been installed per 196/15.</p>	

217/15	<p><b>Staffing Committee Meeting: Notes 5 January 2016</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the above notes of the Meeting of Blisland Parish Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Fairman, seconded Cllr Webber. Unanimous.</p>	
218/15	<p><b>Planning Applications for Consultation</b>  <b>RECEIVED</b> the following Planning Applications:  Application: PA15/11697  Applicant: Mr &amp; Mrs Paul Clayton  Location: Greenwood Cassacawn Hill Waterloo Bodmin PL30 4JX  Proposal: Provision of day room and wc extension.</p> <p>No objection proposed Cllr Fairman, seconded Cllr Meads. Unanimous.</p> <p><i>*Cllr Pope entered the room</i></p> <p>Application: PA15/11836  Applicant: Miss Toni Twentymen  Location: Land Adjacent to Rose Cottage Tregenna Toad Blisland Bodmin  Proposal: Erection of new dwelling</p> <p>The Council noted that there were public objections during public participation and four letters of objection were received and circulated to Cllrs before the meeting. Issues include: Highways (access); loss of light; overdevelopment of the site; privacy of adjacent properties; conservation area concerns.</p> <p>Cllr Fairman felt that the issue of access was not severe and could be remedied by a wide angle mirror being placed opposite the junction. Cllr Fairman informed the Council that the planning officer will refer this to the Highways department despite them not usually commenting on developments of this size. It was noted that the Conservation Area literature states that "scope for further infill is very limited" and Cllr Fairman felt that this did not mean that no development should be permitted. Cllr Fairman raised the issues of loss of light and privacy and informed the Council that the planning officer will take this to a forum of senior planning officers to discuss. Cllr Fairman informed the Council that Cllr Chris Batters CC had advised that a "convincing material consideration" would be needed in order for the Parish Council to successfully object. Cllr Fairman informed the Council that in 2012 and 2015 the Parish Council did not object to similar plans on the same site and that the Council should show consistency. Cllr Webber felt that privacy issues are mitigated by there being no windows in the design which overlook neighbouring properties, but that loss of light may be an issue.</p> <p>Cllr Meads felt that the space for the building is 'tight' and that landscaping should be a condition if the plans are approved.</p> <p>Cllr Bogle felt that the plan was more sympathetic than a previously approved plan in 2012, and that the planning authority were clear that this application is controversial and therefore great care will be taken over the decision by them.</p> <p>Cllr Pope highlighted that no pavements in the area constituted a risk for pedestrians.</p> <p>Cllr Montague felt that access to the site was not an issue compared to other sites in the parish, but that impact on neighbouring properties may be an issue.</p> <p>It was proposed that the Council do not object to the application on condition that: the Highways department is consulted regarding safe access; the planning officer gives careful consideration to the concerns raised by the public of loss of light and privacy.</p>	Clerk to notify

	<p>Proposed Cllr Fairman, seconded Cllr Bogle. 4 voted in favour, 3 against: Cllrs Meads, Montague, Pope.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed that the Council's response in case of a contrary view from the planning officer is to "agree to disagree".</p> <p>Application: PA15/11963  Applicant: Mr &amp; Mrs Terry &amp; Jane Smith  Location: Trewint Farm Road from Trewint Hill to Whitecross Blisland Bodmin  Proposal: Conversion of 3 redundant outbuildings into 6 self catered holiday let units</p> <p>It was proposed that the Council do not object to the application and that it is recommended that the established tree line/boundary should be retained.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Meads, seconded Cllr Greenaway. Unanimous.</p>	<p>Clerk to notify</p>
219/15	<p><b>Clerk's report</b>  <b>NOTED</b> the contents of the Clerk's report and report from PCSO. The Council were happy to share the phone line and costs with St Minver Highlands Parish Council.</p>	<p>Clerk to notify</p>
220/15	<p><b>SLCC Regional roadshow 2016</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to instruct the Clerk to attend and cover proportionate costs.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Fairman, seconded Cllr Webber. Unanimous.</p>	<p>Clerk to pursue</p>
221/15	<p><b>LGPS employer training event</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to instruct the Clerk to attend and cover proportionate costs.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Fairman, seconded Cllr Webber. Unanimous.</p>	<p>Clerk to pursue</p>
222/15	<p><b>Redundant IT equipment</b>  Cllr Pope suggested that she could receive the laptop and printer for personal use. Cllr Pope then declared an interest.</p> <p><i>*Cllr Pope left the room</i></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to release redundant IT equipment to Cllr Pope in exchange for a donation to the Christmas Lights fund of £25.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Meads, seconded Cllr Webber. Unanimous.</p> <p><i>*Cllr Pope re-entered the room</i></p>	<p>Clerk &amp; Cllr Pope to liaise</p>
223/15	<p><b>Vehicular damage to Village Green</b>  <b>NOTED</b> issues as above. The Council discussed whether the stones demarking the boundary could be replaced by granite, and whether grant funding may be forthcoming for such a project.</p>	
224/15	<p><b>Village Institute</b>  No updates <b>RECEIVED</b>.</p>	
225/15	<p><b>Update: Neighbourhood Plan</b>  <b>RECEIVED</b> an update: training for landscape character assessment has been completed and a follow-up meeting is due on 26 January.</p>	
226/15	<p><b>Update: Trees on the Green</b>  No updates <b>RECEIVED</b>.</p>	

227/15	<p><b>Budget 2016/17</b>  <b>DISCUSSED</b> budgetary considerations: changes in employment law necessitate a rise in expenditure however other budget areas remain similar. The figures presented include adding £1,000 to general reserves and £1,000 to an election budget in preparation for elections in 2017. <b>RESOLVED</b> to set the budget as discussed and to set the precept demand for 2016/17 at £19,940.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Fairman, seconded Cllr Montague. Unanimous.</p>	Clerk to inform Cornwall Council
228/15	<p><b>Finance Report: 21 January 2016</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to adopt the most recent Finance Report and authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Bogle, seconded Cllr Pope. Unanimous.</p>	
229/15	<p><b>Ownership of land</b>  <b>CONSIDERED</b> ownership of the triangle next to the village green. The Council felt that it looks unkempt and there is confusion over ownership.</p>	Clerk to investigate ownership
230/15	<p><b>Reports from Council representatives to outside bodies.</b> None.</p>	
231/15	<p><b>Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 11 February 2016.</b>  - To discuss the public opening of The Institute.</p>	
232/15	<p><b>Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.</b> None.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20:25.</p>	