



BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Council Meeting – 13th February 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at The Manor Suite, Blisland Village Hall on the above date.

Ref		Action
001/20	<p>Persons Present/Apologies</p> <p>Persons present: Cllrs Meads (Chairman), Crozier, Spencer, Lowden, Stirling, Green, Dickin, and Runnalls. Cornwall Cllr Batters.</p> <p>A Kendall– Locum Clerk</p> <p>5 members of the public</p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr Montague.</p>	
002/20	<p>Declarations of Interest from Members / Dispensations</p> <p>None</p>	
003/20	<p>Council Meeting: Minutes 20th January 2020</p> <p>RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the Meeting of Blisland Parish Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Dickin, seconded Cllr Stirling, carried.</p>	
004/20	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Resident raised concerns regarding planning at Whitley Barns (circ. via email prior to the meeting). Conditions should be precise, necessary and effective along with enforceable, it does state prior to occupation. Planning conditions are not checked by the Planning Dept. Before the Ombudsman's office has a look at the application, the PC needs to make a formal complaint to them, quoting resident's reference number, with which he is happy to provide us, due to irregularities over timescale.</p>	
005/20	<p>Cornwall Councillor's report</p> <p>Cllr Batters reported Longstone Crossroads marking should be looked at soon. Still pursuing compensation claims at Temple with Kier and Highways England.</p> <p>Some drainage issues in the Parish. Also been fighting reduction in rural policing, police are trying to reduce PCSOs. PCSOs are the front line, new police station at Liskeard, although no front desk, public need to ring doorbell for assistance.</p>	
006/20	<p>UPDATE: Blisland Neighbourhood Development Plan</p> <p>Neighbourhood Development Plan – Draft Conservation & Heritage report along with Draft Heritage Policies previously circulated to members via email; copy available in file.</p>	

<p>007/20</p>	<p>Cllr Dickin queried if members agreed with the draft. NDP representative explained that the final policy was to remove Permitted Development Rights from new developments in the Conservation Area. The Local Planning Authority can also withdraw Permitted Development on existing housing in the Conservation Area if required.</p> <p>Landscape Character Assessment- all field work completed. Next step is to pull together into key points, next meeting scheduled early March.</p> <p>Highways and Footpaths</p> <p>Awaiting confirmation from Cornwall Council on fixing of signposts and way markers for footpaths. Clerk to chase if CC is going to write to landowners, or whether the CC wishes the PC to do this on its behalf</p> <p>Helland PC has requested funding from the Highways Scheme regarding improvements to the bridge-Blisland Parish Council supports the scheme.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>008/20</p>	<p>Institute Management</p> <p>Dustpan & brush purchased £6.98 to be refunded (already approved) plus a list of other items required.</p> <p>Plaster will be repaired and filing cabinet removed. A new dehumidifier is required, possibly a commercial dehumidifier. Mrs Riddiford to obtain prices and bring back to the Parish Council. A table has also broken, unsure about guarantee, Locum Clerk to check with Clerk.</p> <p>The programme for next year is 2 craft fayres, 2 arts and craft exhibitions and dog show and fun day.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve items requested; visitor book, guest book, tally clicker, clock and up to £100 for printing costs for Easter Exhibition. (£122 for lettering approved, grant received from Community Chest covering the lettering.)</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Green, seconded Cllr Dickin, carried.</p>	
<p>009/20</p>	<p>Planning, Appeals and Enforcement Decisions</p> <p>Whitley Barn- site visit has taken place; the plan shows an 18m visibility splay but it is only 9m on the ground, although the layby is deeper. Railings are reclaimed, from Camelford Reservoir and have been painted silver, owner has stated he is happy to paint black so they are more in keeping, he has also stated he would face the concrete blocks with stone. Discussion took place regarding the putting on of conditions on Whitley Barns which had not been complied with. Councillor Runnalls suggested there could be a compromise regarding the splayed entrance to the property as the depth of the existing was safer than that proposed in the condition and that the railing be removed and replaced with a Cornish hedge which was seen as the main issue.</p> <p>The Chairman stated the Parish Council could submit a formal complaint to Cornwall Council regarding issue and process that had been highlighted through this case, such as the AONB Officer had not be consulted when the property was located in a sensitive landscape area, that no enforcement action can be taken to rectify any breach of condition until a property is occupied. It was felt any breaches should be enforced and regularised as soon as apparent before work on the property is finished and occupied. Mr Keen thanked for all his background work.</p> <p>Cllr Batters stated the Parish Council had incorrect information and all conditions can be looked at prior to occupation, this was disputed as email evidence from the Enforcement Officer states it is not a breach until the property is lived in.</p> <p><i>Cllr Batters left the meeting.</i></p> <p>More than one member agreed that his tone had been intimidating and bordered on bullying.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Parish Council could raise awareness with any owner of a possible breach as soon as it becomes aware.</p>	<p>Clerk to forward complaint to Cllrs for approval before sending.</p>

<p>010/20</p>	<p>RESOLVED to submit formal complaint to Cornwall Council. Proposed by Cllr Lowden, seconded Cllr Green, carried.</p> <p>Pendrift Downs Mr Keen stated that 4 areas of SSSI in the Parish, 1 was desecrated in 2014 due to gorse being cut, 40% should be left but the Commoners had damaged it. Another area last year another was also affected by quad bike activity, this area was also looked at, but the deep rutting is still present. The Commoners suggested infilling the ruts with stone but Natural England were not happy about this proposed solution. More gorse has been cleared from Pendrift Downs, Mr Keen has met with Natural England along with Cllr Dickin, and they agreed it should not have been cut and mulched. Mr Keen felt Natural England is not strict enough with the Commoners. Cllr Dickin agreed it was covered in mulch/sticks so would affect the grass growing. RESOLVED to note Blisland Parish Council are concerned with the lack of communication from the Commoners and fully support Mr Keen in trying to get the situation rectified. Proposed Cllr Dickin, seconded Cllr Green, carried.</p>	
<p>011/20</p>	<p>Insurance Renewal Insurance Renewal received and previously circulated to members via email. Insurance renewal £452.86. RESOLVED to accept Insurance Renewal and confirm no additions to policy. Proposed Cllr Lowden, seconded Cllr Spencer, carried.</p>	
<p>012/20</p>	<p>Clerk's report Bodmin Moor Commons Council rules received; need displaying in a prominent place to notify residents they have come into force, passed to Cllr Crozier for displaying. Pension Regulator- 3 year re-declaration completed along with Vat return up to 31st December 2019.</p>	
<p>013/20</p>	<p>Planning Applications for Consultation</p> <p>a) Application number: PA19/08147 Location: Blisland Community Primary School Waterloo Hill Waterloo Bodmin PL30 4JX. Proposal: Listed Building Consent for replacement of existing asbestos tiled roof covering and installation of cambrian conservation tile (man made) and Natural slate (Siga Spanish First Grade H27). Replacement of felt to flat roof with tapered insulation scheme. RESOLVED to supported the application on the proviso the windows being replaced are timber and not aluminium as they felt this was not appropriate on a Listed Building, and request this is brought to the attention of Conservation Officer. Proposed Cllr Runnalls, seconded Cllr Lowden, carried.</p> <p>b) Application reference: PA20/00297 Location: Land North Of Merrymeeting Farmhouse Tresarrett Blisland Proposal: Erection of a dwelling. RESOLVED to object to the application as it does not comply with policy 7 of the Cornwall Local Plan, this is a development in the open countryside or Policy 9 it does not meet any affordable housing need, so cannot be treated as an exception site under this policy. In addition, the proposed could set a precedent with sporadic development in this area of open countryside. There was lack of clarity over how the identified materials will be used in the construction of the building, how it will sit in the landscape with the size of the build</p>	

	<p>footprint Proposed Cllr Crozier, seconded Cllr Runnalls, carried.</p>	
014/20	<p>Finance Report Members received the 13th February 2020, pay schedule for approval of clerks to pay by BACS, totalling £4845.92. RESOLVED to approve and further RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and balances of £39,113.75 as at the 31st January 2020. Proposed Cllr Lowden, seconded Cllr Crozier, carried.</p>	
015/20	<p>To appoint Internal Auditor. RESOLVED to appoint Steve Hudson as Blisland Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2019/20 accounts. Proposed Cllr Green, seconded Cllr Dickin, carried.</p>	
016/20	<p>Blisland Parish Council Website & Blisland Community Website. New legislation regarding Parish Council Websites comes into force September 2020. Institute needs to come onto the Parish Council website, to include booking. The Community website is currently run by a volunteer, who may be leaving the Parish. RESOLVED NDP info on the Community Website is out of date, Clerk to contact the webmaster and request it is removed. Proposal Cllr Spencer, seconded Cllr Dickin, carried. Clerk to forward new legislation to Cllr Lowden.</p>	
017/20	<p>Blisland Green and Surroundings Tree works completed, although replanting of Lime tree still to take place, Cllr Crozier to chase. Granite stones need repositioning to prevent drivers parking on The Green. RESOLVED to reposition stones, Cllrs Runnalls, Lowden and Spencer to move before Easter, members offered to help with traffic management. Proposed by Cllr Crozier, seconded Cllr Green, carried.</p>	
018/20	<p>Local Maintenance Partnership. Cornwall Council is offering a grant of £1160.51 to the Parish Council for footpath cutting 2020/21. RESOLVED to accept the grant and continue to cut footpaths. Proposed Cllr Crozier, seconded Cllr Green, carried.</p>	
019/20	<p>Annual Parish Meeting and Ordinary Council Meeting April The Ordinary Council meeting is currently scheduled for 9th April (Maundy Thursday) and a date needs to be set for The Annual Parish Meeting (Annual Assembly). RESOLVED to set date as 2nd April 2020 for Full Council and Annual Parish Meeting at 6pm same night, both meetings in The Institute. Proposed Cllr Crozier, seconded Cllr Green, carried.</p>	
020/20	<p>Tourist Information Board. RESOLVED to ratify Community Chest Application, (due to closing date this needed to be submitted before the meeting), and final board size was agreed as 48 inches by 30.5 inches. Proposed by Cllr Stirling, seconded Cllr Lowden, carried.</p>	
021/20	<p>St Pratts Fair. Volunteers still required to help. The name has been changed to The Blisland Fayre on The Green. Will take place on 30th August. Request the</p>	

	<p>Parish Council loans £1,000 which will be repaid after the event and future years will be self-funding. RESOLVED to loan up to £1,000 which will be kept by the Parish Council to hold until needed, as it may not be required, to ear-mark from General Reserves, to be repaid after the event. Proposed Cllr Dickin, seconded Cllr Spencer, carried.</p> <p>022/20 St Breward Community Bus Email from Phil Nance circulated with meeting papers. RESOLVED Clerk to reply requesting the Community Bus Committee keep the Clerk updated with any decisions on providing a bus service through Blisland. Proposed by Cllr Crozier, seconded Cllr Green, carried.</p> <p>023/20 Communication. Members to CONSIDER if happy to continue sending news items to residents on email list without paper trail of approval, if approved to CONSIDER and RESOLVE to delegate 3 Cllrs to approve news items for residents. Locum Clerk has obtained further clarity from the Clerk and also found the paper trail email regarding permissions for the email list. Emails read out. The Chairman has spoken to CALC and confirmed that the list is fine for NDP, but to use for news would need to opt- in.</p> <p>RESOLVED Cllr Spencer look at mail chimp to see how easy it is to set up for news items- to report back at next meeting, only NDP info. to be sent for the time being.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Spencer, seconded Cllr Runnalls , carried.</p> <p>024/20 Forthcoming training/events Defibrillator/First Aid training – Cllr Crozier confirmed training had been scheduled for 25th February no charge to the Parish Council.</p> <p>025/20 Reports/Feedback from Councillors from training/meetings/external bodies Nothing to report.</p> <p>026/20 Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 12th March 2020 No items notified</p> <p>Meeting closed at 10pm.</p>	