



# BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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**Council Meeting –8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - 7pm.**

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>166/21</b>	<p>Persons Present/Apologies</p> <p>NOTED persons present:</p> <p>Cllrs. S. Meads (Chair), K. Dickin, A Green, K Lowden, M. Stirling, M. Riddiford,</p> <p>Apologies received from: Cllrs. G. Montague, L. Spencer, and D Holman. Also, Cllr. Jenny Cruse (Cornwall Council)</p> <p>Carolyn Y. May – Locum Clerk</p> <p>2 Members of the public.</p>
<b>167/21</b>	<p><b>Receive any Declarations of Interest from Members / Dispensations</b></p> <p>No Declaration of Interests were made.</p>
<b>168/21</b>	<p><b>Council Meeting: Minutes: 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b></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><b>Proposed</b> Cllr Lowden, <b>seconded</b> Cllr Riddiford. All in favour, Unanimous - <b>Carried.</b></p>
<b>169/21</b>	<p><b>Public Participation</b> – No members of the public requested to address the meeting.</p>
<b>170/21</b>	<p><b>Cornwall Councillors Report</b> – Previously Circulated.</p> <p>'This month has been dominated by the Rainbow Family issue. I have attended 6 meetings about this now and must admit to some frustration. There is a site meeting on Thursday morning with the Police and other agencies to assess where we are now. The bottom line is this is a civil action, and as the Group are camping on Private land the bar is set too high for the Police to invoke section 61 which is the eviction process. In other words, the group have not caused enough damage or incidents to date. However, they are breaking the Natural England Triple SSI law of not parking or camping on a Triple SSI. But again, Natural England have deemed they have not done 'significant' damage and therefore they cannot act to evict. I find this incredulous considering the impact the Natural England Camel SAC has had upon Cornwall Council Planning applications. Surely 100 people in close proximity to the river will cause significant pollution to the soil and water quality over a period of a month.</p>

The only way the Landowner could remove the group would be to invoke a civil action and engage bailiffs which would be in the measure of many thousands of pounds. Particularly as the group is in a fairly inaccessible place. Rounding up and evicting such a spread-out number of people would be tactically difficult. However, it would have been the easiest solution if instigated on their arrival to the Moors.

There is new trespass legislation going through Parliament as we speak, which will give the Police more powers and I have sent enquiries to Scott Mann about the robustness of this.

This has been a steep learning curve, and I think local Landowners might think about getting together and finding some kind of insurance to ensure this does not happen again.

Had the group been on Council Land, they would have been offered another venue, and would have had notice served on them. It seems the group know the law very well and have succeeded in remaining where they wanted. It is to be hoped that they leave when they say on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July and that they never come back again.

In the meantime, I have received many emails about parking issues, and I have reported some to the Police, but the course of action is to phone 101 or go online to police.uk with place, registration and date of offence.'

Parish Councillors 'Noted' the report

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### **Highways and Footpaths**

Cllr Green reported that the oak bridge repairs have not yet been completed due to the difficulties experienced in sourcing the appropriate wood.

Cllr Green reported that she has contacted the family that owns the remaining four farms and is expecting the executor for the estate to make contact, with a view to sorting out the access across the four farms.

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### **Planning and Pre-Applications**

**Application:** PA21/05464

**Proposal:** Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling

**Location:** Lower Gawns, Blisland, Bodmin

**Applicant:** Mr and Mrs John Bowen

Members considered the application. Concerns were raised in relation to potential light pollution caused by the extensive glazed areas of the conservatory and Velux widows. The property is located within the designated 'Dark Skies' area, and Members voiced their concerns at the cumulative impact of multiple planning applications, where excessive areas of glass are included in the proposed design. It was noted that individual applications are often managed by different Planning Officers, who may not be aware of the total number of applications submitted. Therefore, it is likely that the impact of light pollution is not being given appropriate consideration at Officer level.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to support this application but required that the observations of the Members should be appended to the Parish Council's response.

Proposed by Cllr. Green, seconded by Cllr. Riddiford. UNANIMOUS. **Carried.**

<p><b>173/21</b></p>	<p><b>Application:</b> PA21/03783  <b>Proposal:</b> Change of use from an existing agricultural barn into a proposed three bedroomed residential dwelling.  <b>Location:</b> Stokeley Farm, Blisland, Bodmin  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Adrian Chapman</p> <p>Members considered the application. A site visit had been undertaken and it had been noted that work carried out to the fabric of the building had been carried out in a sympathetic manner.</p> <p>It was, however, noted that there is a requirement for the submitted plans to be revisited, in order that an error within the same is addressed.</p> <p>A further observation related to the proposed roof terrace, which would be lit during the evening. Members felt that, due to the prominent position of the structure, the proposed lighting would create light pollution, in a 'Dark Skies' area. It is, therefore suggested that low parking lighting should be considered.</p> <p>The Parish Council RESOLVED to support this application but required that the observations of the Members should be appended to the Parish Council's response.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. Dickin, seconded by Cllr. Green. UNANIMOUS. <b>Carried.</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that no feedback on Cert. of Lawfulness/ Whitley Barns had been received.</p>	
<p><b>174/21</b></p>	<p><b>NDP Update</b></p> <p>Cllr Dickin advised the Meeting that the public consultation, which is scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>, has been widely publicised. A leaflet drop has been undertaken and the event has been advertised on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>During discussions, it was emphasised that the event forms part of the overall consultation.</p>	
<p><b>175/21</b></p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>(a) The Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the bank reconciliation and payment schedule.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Lowden, seconded Cllr. Dickin. UNANIMOUS. <b>Carried.</b></p>	
<p><b>176/21</b></p>	<p><b>Quarterly Budget Report</b></p> <p>The Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the quarterly budget report.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Lowden, seconded Cllr. Stirling. UNANIMOUS. <b>Carried.</b></p>	
<p><b>177/21</b></p>	<p><b>Clerks Report</b></p> <p>The Clerk gave a brief report in respect of matters that had arisen since the last meeting.</p>	

<p><b>178/21</b></p>	<p><b>Internal Audit</b></p> <p>The Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the annual Internal Audit Report.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Stirling, seconded Cllr. Green. UNANIMOUS. <b>Carried.</b></p>	
<p><b>179/21</b></p>	<p><b>Village Green Policy (previously disseminated to Members)</b></p> <p>Cllr Meads advised the meeting that a number of comments had been received in relation to the draft policy.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Meads would redraft the document in order to include the matters raised. The second draft of the document will then be reissued and discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. Green, seconded by Cllr. Stirling. UNANIMOUS. <b>Carried.</b></p>	
<p><b>180/21</b></p>	<p><b>Queen Elizabeth II – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that two items of correspondence had been received in respect of the Platinum Jubilee. One related to street events and the other to the provision of trees.</p> <p>It was <b>agreed</b> that this matter would be placed on the next Parish Council Meeting agenda.</p>	
<p><b>181/21</b></p>	<p><b>Community Communications</b> – deferred to August agenda.</p>	
<p><b>182/21</b></p>	<p><b>Parish Council Notice Board</b></p> <p>Members considered the need for a larger notice board. The siting of such a board was discussed. Members felt that the most sensible solution was to raise the matter with the Village Shop Committee, in order to ascertain the views of that group.</p> <p>Cllr Riddiford suggested that it might be appropriate for a second, smaller, lockable noticeboard to be placed at the Institute.</p> <p>It was <b>agreed</b> that the Clerk would correspond with the Chair of the Village Shop Committee.</p>	
<p><b>183/21</b></p>	<p><b>Horseshoe Bench</b></p> <p>Cllr Meads advised the meeting that she had discussed the refurbishment of the horseshoe benches with Brian, who had agreed to take the items to a company in Wadebridge, so that minor repairs and galvanising of the same can be costed.</p>	
<p><b>184/21</b></p>	<p><b>Update: Institute</b> – deferred to August agenda.</p>	
<p><b>185/21</b></p>	<p><b>Update – Village Green Lights</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised the meeting that three items of correspondence had been received in support of retaining the lighting on the village green.</p>	

	<p>Some Members supported the view that the lights should remain switched on, as many Parishioners had articulated the view that these were a welcome addition to the Green. Other Members were of the view that the lights should be turned off, except for Christmas (or special occasions). The impact of the lighting on the 'Dark Skies' designation was also considered.</p> <p>It was suggested that the views of Parishioners should be sought on the matter, with suitable consultation documents being drafted and placed in two prominent locations.</p> <p>It was <b>agreed</b> that the Clerk would write to the Village Shop Committee Chair, and the Landlord of the Blisland Inn, in order to determine if the consultation documents can be placed in those establishments.</p> <p><b>Upcoming Events/ Training</b></p> <p><b>186/21</b> The Clerk advised Members that an invitation to the Green Energy Fair, at Chacewater, had been received.</p> <p><b>Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.</b></p> <p><b>187/21</b> It was RESOLVED that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw during the discussion for the following items:</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Stirling, seconded Cllr Dickin. Unanimous – carried.</p> <p><b>Clerk Recruitment</b></p> <p><b>Employee Remuneration</b></p> <p>Meeting ended 20.43 hrs.</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 2021</p>	