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MEETING MINUTES 9th December 2021

265/21

Persons Present/Apologies

NOTED persons present:

Cllrs. K. Dickin (Chair), G. Montague, K Lowden, M. Stirling, L. Spencer, P. Shephard.

Apologies : Cllrs. Meads, Green, Cllr. Jenny Cruse (Cornwall Council)

Also Present:

Carolyn Y. May – Locum Clerk
Victoria Burton-Davey (Clerk Designate)
Four Members of the Public

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To Receive any Declarations of Interest from Members / Dispensations –

Cllr Shephard declared an interest in Planning Matter 21/09427

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Council Meeting Minutes: 11th November 2021

RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the Meeting of Blisland Parish Council, having been previously circulated be taken as read, approved, and signed.

Proposed Cllr. Spencer, **seconded** Cllr. Shepherd. Unanimous - Carried.

268/21

Cornwall Councillors Report – Cllr. Cruse was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded a written report, which was read out by the Locum Clerk.

Cllr Cruse alluded to the following matters:

Moss Barn - this is no longer an enforcement case, as this has been dropped because of the retrospective planning application. I have spoken on two occasions to the case officer and stated that I would like the Agricultural agent to visit the site.

Advertising at Temple - I have also pursued with the Chief Enforcement Officer. He is of the opinion that this situation is not one that merits the time of the enforcement officers as they have more prominent things to pursue. I disagree, the landowner should have obtained permission from the Planning Department as this is a controlled area for Advertising. In other words, only a few types of advertising are allowed. I looked through all the guidelines and could not see any criteria these hoardings comply with.

County Council Draft Budget - this has been endorsed for 22/23 and is available for comment on the County Council website. We have had some hard choices to make, as we inherited an eye watering deficit which must be addressed. Our aim is to protect crucial frontline services like Adult Social Care, Children's Services, and homelessness.

	A great deal has already been done in these areas in a very pro-active way and I am supportive of all the action taken. The tragic events surrounding little Arthur must never happen in Cornwall and we need to be well resourced and vigilant in that area.	
269/21	Public Participation – Four Members of the public were in attendance. No requests were made to address the meeting.	
270/21	Highways and Footpaths – Cllr. Dickin advised the meeting that there was nothing to report under this heading.	
271/21	Planning and Pre-Applications Planning Application PA21/11306 Location: Trewint Farm, Blisland, Bodmin PL30 4HX Proposal: Conversion of pole barn and piggery to three holiday lets. Cllr Dickin advised the meeting that a site visit had taken place on the 6th December 2021. There were several matters of concern raised in relation to the proposed development. • The proposed use of fibre cement board for the part cladding of the holiday lets is not in keeping with the main house, which is slate hung and/ or the stone barns situated close by. It was felt that slate, timber, or stone would be more appropriate to the site and the vernacular architecture of the area. • The proposed development shows eleven roof lights. It should be noted that the site sits within the Designated Dark Skies area, surrounded by open countryside. It appears that no consideration had been given to the light pollution which will impact on the dark landscape, or to protecting the nocturnal wildlife of the area. • The holiday lets border the tree-lined country road leading into Blisland. It was noted that there were no landscape details regarding the retention of these trees as a screen to the proposed development, or to maintaining what is presently a treelined country road. • The plans indicate parking for six cars – this was felt to be excessive. He added that concreting large areas adds to the flood risk. • A misleading statement has been made in the design statement, where it is claimed that 'the character of the road and its properties is one of high-density mixed housing, that has resulted from gradual development over the years. The applicants were in attendance at the meeting and made the following comments: The use of fibre cement boards was recommended by the Architect for health and safety reasons – following the tragedy at Grenfell Tower. The proposed cladding material resembles natural wood but will not burn, should a fire arise. The applicants were advised that they could not use timber cladding, due to its combustible properties. It was confirmed by the applicants that the parking area will not be concreted and will have a permeable surface. It was confirmed that the number of rooflights could be reduced. There is no intention to interfere with the treeline, as it currently stands.	

	Whilst there was no objection to the overall development of the site, there were a number of concerns relating to the plans. It was felt that , should there be a submission of amended plans, the matter could be considered again. It was proposed by Cllr Montague, seconded by Cllr Shephard, and RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not support the application , at this juncture, on the grounds that there should be a reduction in the number of rooflights , and that it should be highlighted that the trees, along the side of the road, must be retained. It was agreed that the following comment would be forwarded to Cornwall Council Planning Department. `Should the Case Officer be minded to recommend the application for approval, in addition to the five-day protocol, the Parish Council would wish an input on the planning conditions for the site'. Five in favour and one abstention. Carried. PA21/11137 – withdrawn 19:29 hrs – Cllr Shephard vacated the Chamber Planning Application - PA21/09427 Proposal: External alterations to existing dwelling including first floor extensions and terrace and internal reconfiguration and associated works. Location: 1 Manor Close, Blisland, Bodmin, PL30 4JY Members considered the application, alluding to the impact of the design on the Dark Skies area. The applicant agreed to fit an electric blind which is light sensitive in order to mitigate light pollution at night as per the Dar Skies Policy. The Parish Council RESOLVED to support the application. Proposed Cllr Lowden, seconded Cllr. Stirling. UNANIMOUS. Carried. 19:35 hrs – Cllr Shephard returned to the Chamber.	
272/21	PA21/09080 – Rose Cottage, Temple This is a planning matter that has been discussed by the Parish Council previously. Members expressed their concern in respect at the failure of the applicant to provide a Light Mitigation Strategy Report/ Design and Access Statement. Without this document, the Members did not feel that it was possible to make an informed decision in respect of the application. It was Proposed that the Locum Clerk should engage in a verbal discussion with the appropriate Planning Officer, highlighting the concerns of the Parish Council, as a body, in respect of this matter. Proposed Cllr Dickin, seconded Cllr. Spencer. UNANIMOUS. Carried.	
273/21	Planning Decisions were 'noted'.	
274/21	NDP Update Cllr. Dickin reported that there was no further information to report on the NDP. The Steering Group is still awaiting the decision as to whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment to be undertaken, prior to the plan being considered by Cornwall Council. The Landscape Character Assessment is now on the website.	

275/21	Finance The Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the bank reconciliation. All documents were inspected and approved, in accordance with Financial Orders. Proposed Cllr Dickin, seconded Cllr. Shepherd. UNANIMOUS. Carried. The monthly payment schedule was considered by Members. All invoices were inspected and properly signed. Proposed Cllr Dickin, seconded Cllr. Shepherd. UNANIMOUS. Carried.	
276/21	Budget Setting for 2022/23 The Chair alluded to the documentation forwarded to Members by the Clerk. This included the agreed budget for each cost centre for the past two years, the amount spent under each cost centre to date (for 2021/22) and a projected spend until the end of the current financial year. It was proposed that the budget would be accepted and that the Parish Precept would be set at £30,900 for the 2022/23 Financial Year (this would constitute a rise of 3%). Proposed Cllr Lowden, seconded Cllr. Spencer. UNANIMOUS. Carried.	
277/21	Horse Shoe Bench Update The Parish Council is currently awaiting delivery of the bench to the Village Green. Fixing of the bench is to be arranged.	
278/21	Village Green Update Pat Fletcher has reported that one of the stones on the Village Green has been dislodged and that cars are parking on the Green. Cllr Lowden confirmed that he had spoken to J.J.Hill Contractors about the proposed work at the Green and that it now had to be decided what action was to be undertaken. Blisland Fayre Cllr Lowden raised the issue of the Village Fayre, which will be held on the Village Green, next Summer. He stated that he wished the Parish Council to consider making a grant to the Fayre Committee (rather than the proposed loan). It was agreed that a firm proposal should be drafted and that the matter would listed as an agenda matter for the January 2022 meeting.	
279/21	Update: Institute The Friday 'Coffee Morning' was postponed until the New Year. There will be an Arts Event at the Institute this weekend. The Christingle Service will be held on Christmas Eve but it was agreed that the Carol Service would not be hosted by BPC at Blisland Institute due to the spike in Covid cases. Cllr Spencer is to speak with the relevant person on this matter.	
280/21	Clerks Report The Clerk gave a brief report in respect of matters that had arisen since the last meeting.	

281/21	Kompan Ltd – The Clerk confirmed that the payment, based on ‘full and final settlement’ had been accepted and that there had been no further correspondence. EDF – The Clerk reported that she had been required to transfer the account into her name (as administrator) in order that an alternative tariff could be sought. However, this matter will now be dealt with by the new Clerk. HMRC – An issue has arisen, which has not been remedied as yet. Extended periods of time have been spent pursuing the matter, It was agreed that the former Clerk should be asked to provide a statement relating to her terminating her employment with the Parish Council. Insurance – A request has been made to BHIB, for an amended insurance quote, following the valuation received in respect of the Blisland Institute.	
282/21	Upcoming Events/ Training Nothing to report	
283/21	Jubilee Celebrations Members discussed the possibility of arranging events for the Parish, Cllr Lowden stated that the community should be involved in the organisation of the same. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Clerk at St Breward in order to determine if there is a desire for joint events. This matter to be brought back to the January 2022 meeting...	
284/21	Correspondence A letter has been received from the PCC, requesting that a meeting is set up between the group and the PC. The new Clerk is to deal with this matter. A letter was received from Mr. Mike Trevathan with regards to the tree on the corner of Pendrift lane. We agreed that the Clerk would raise it with Cllr. Cruse. The meeting closed at 8.50 pm. Next Meeting: 13th January 2022	

Signed:

Chair Cllr S Meads

Date: 13/01/2022

Clerk V Burton-Davey

Date: 13/01/2022