

**BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
AT BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL MANOR SUITE
ON THURSDAY 20th APRIL 2023 AT 7.00 PM**



Press & Public were invited to attend the above meeting.		
CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME: Cllr Stephanie Meads welcomed Councillors to the Meeting.		
AGENDA REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	
23-04/1	PERSONS PRESENT/APOLOGIES PRESENT: Chair Cllr Meads, Vice-Chair Cllr Dickin, Cllrs Green, Lowden, Montague, Shephard, Spencer, Stansfield, Teasdale and Trevvarthen ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Victoria Burton-Davey and Cornwall Cllr Jenny Cruse APOLOGIES: Cllr Teasdale away. The Chair announced that Cllr Montague had decided to step down from the Council after 11 years of service for the Parish.	
23-04/2	MEMBERS DECLARATIONS a. Pecuniary/Registrable Declarations of Interests – Cllr Lowden declared an interest in Agenda item 23-04/15 No other interests or gifts were declared	
23-04/3	PUBLIC FORUM No members of the public were in attendance	
23-04/4	APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Chair said she couldn't to sign the Minutes of the Meeting on March 8th 2023 and said that those Minutes would be brought back to the May Meeting for approval and signing.	
23-04/5	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS Matters arising from the last Meeting were included in the Agenda.	
23-04/6	CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Cruse reported that the Devolution Deal Level 3 discussions had been terminated. The Public consultation gave too much cause for concern to continue with the discussions. Cornwall Council (CC) would proceed to Level 2 Devolution and push for as much funding and power as possible. CC Full Council agreed to remove the secret vote from members as an option on voting procedure. A motion to start negotiations with Government for a Devolution Deal similar to Wales and Scotland was narrowly defeated at Full Council. Cllr Cruse believed a focus on the basics which really matter to our residents and concentrate on getting the best Level 2 Deal for Cornwall was important. Cllr Cruse had spoken to Cabinet about the unsatisfactory state of the roads leading to local villages. Pothole repairs last only a few days, run off from fields had caused damage. Two roads going to Blisland were in a dreadful state and weekly chasing is coming back with the same answer: 'it is due this year but funding is tight'. She had also asked the Portfolio holder and cabinet for more money to be allocated to road maintenance in next years' budget. She reported visiting a local resident to view a problem with flooding outside her property. She confirmed that the 200% Council Tax on	

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	second homes would now not be implemented until April 2024 due to central Government dragging their feet. She was asked to confirm whether the bill allowed discretion for an increase to 300% in future. She could not confirm this.	
23-04/7	NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS and PRE-APPLICATIONS	
a)	PA23/01902 Proposal: Listed Building consent for Internal works to remove modern partition walls inserted as part of the office conversion. Minor changes to fenestration. Construction of a log store and new wood boiler shed. (full app PA23/01564) Location: Trewardale Blisland Bodmin Cornwall Applicant: Mr and Mrs Edward Collins Blisland Parish Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT PA23/01902 at its Full Council Meeting on 20/04/2023 subject to the Log Store and Boiler House being faced with locally sourced granite and using mortar and a finish to match the existing stonework of the adjacent 18th century buildings rather than modern timber. The Parish Council requests that, if the Local Planning Authority are minded to approve this application, that they consider making this a condition of that approval. Proposed: Cllr Stansfield Seconded: Cllr Green AIF: YES	CLERK
b)	PA23/02683 Proposal: Proposed ground mounted solar PV array and ancillary shed Location: Penrose Blisland Bodmin Cornwall Applicant: Mr Matthew Wood Blisland Parish Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT PA23/02683 at its Full Council Meeting on 20/04/2023. Proposed: Cllr Meads Seconded: Cllr Stansfield AIF: YES	CLERK
23-04/8	PLANNING DECISIONS The Meeting NOTED Planning Decisions by Cornwall Council	
	PA23/00826 Applicant: Mr N Sturtridge Proposal: Retention of a hardstanding and construction of an adjoining pole barn for agricultural storage. Location: Poundsconce Blisland Bodmin Cornwall WITHDRAWN 20/03/2023	

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	PA21/11306 Applicant: Mrs Smith Location: Trewint Farm Guest House Blisland Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4HX Proposal: Conversion of pole barn and piggery to 3 holiday lets DECISION: APPROVED 22/03/2023	
	PA23/00528 resubmission of PA22/05799 Location: Poundsconce, Blisland, Bodmin PL30 4HJ Proposal: retrospective consent for the continued use of land as residential curtilage WITHDRAWN 22/03/2023	
23-04/9	OTHER PLANNING MATTERS	
	The Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement Group Leader had been invited to meet with BPC and residents by Cllr Meads in her capacity as Chair. Dates were discussed. A date to be arranged for after the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting.	SM
23-04/10	Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Cllr Dickin gave an update on progress with the NDP and Independent Examiner. BPC had been asked to include Climate Change, clarify a policy title, add a climate infrastructure development component, and change policy 15 to include provision for sustainable energy in line with the CC's Climate Emergency Development Plan Document.	
23-04/11	FINANCE a) The Meeting RECEIVED and NOTED the bank reconciliation as at the 31st March 2023 b) The Meeting RECEIVED and APPROVED the April 2023 Payment Schedule Proposed: Cllr Lowden Seconded: Cllr Shephard AIF: YES c) Travel Payment – Cllr Meads proposed that BPC paid a travel allowance to Cllrs who needed to travel outside of a 10 mile radius for any given meeting, training, or event. BPC RESOLVED to pay 45p/mile for travel incurred by Councillors outside a 10 mile radius of Blisland for pre-approved travel to and from meetings and events. Proposed: Cllr Shephard Seconded: Cllr Lowden AIF: YES d) The RFO Update reported that the first Precept payment had been received: £15,851.00. The mobile phone provider charges were being increased. Cllr Shephard suggested changing provider.	CLERK

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	BPC RESOLVED to change mobile phone network. Proposed: Cllr Shephard Seconded: Cllr Lowden AIF: YES Cllr Shephard to send alternative provider to Clerk. The RFO had delivered BPC Documents to the Internal Auditors and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) was now in process. e) Grants i. BPC considered a request from Cricket in Cornwall for funding but RESOLVED not to make a grant in this instance. Proposed: Cllr Trevvarthen Seconded: Cllr Dickin AIF: YES	PS/CLERK
23-04/12	CLERK'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE a) The Clerk reported all business was up to date. b) Correspondence received was shared with the Meeting. The cutting of the Village Green was discussed. The Clerk let the Meeting know that she had responded that there would be a 'No Mow May' policy coming in to promote growth and seeding of wildflowers on the Green. There was also a follow up on an earlier enquiry about hedge cutting on a lane in the Parish. The Clerk had let the person know that this was CCC's responsibility and forwarded the link for reporting the issue to them. The letter to Scott Mann had been sent as agreed. She reminded Councillors that she had forwarded the Drinking Alcohol in Open Spaces Consultation to them. There was also a Consultation of traffic and parking at Bodmin Hospital and the Rural Network Consultation which had been forwarded for Members to respond to. There was also a report which had just come in from the Coffee Morning group asking for a donation of. BPC RESOLVED to make a donation of £100 to the Coffee morning group to help it keep providing a popular service in the Village. Proposed: Cllr Lowden Seconded: Cllr Stansfield AIF: YES	

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23-04/15	Environment a) Dark Skies Signage – nothing to update b) Trees for Pentor – Cllr Meads had spoken to some residents who were all in favour. She still had several more to speak to. c) Cllr Shephard reported that it was hoped the Flower Meadow would be planted during the 'No Mow May' period, and contractors would be asked to preserve the area after that whilst flowers seeded. Cllr Shephard to send planting area details to Clerk. d) Cllr Meads had met with the Village Hall Committee Chair and agreed that the proposed Hedge Planting would not extend further than the line of the Village Hall to preserve visibility for car park users. Clerk to garner quotes. e) The purchase of Bird/Bat Boxes for the Parish was discussed. BPC RESOLVED to purchase 10 Bird Boxes and 10 Bat Boxes at a cost of £360.00. Proposed: Cllr Shephard Seconded: Cllr Stansfield AIF: YES	PS/CLERK CLERK PS/KL
23-04/16	Duchy Defibrillators a) Temple Defibrillator funding application went in on the 28th March 2023. There would be up to a 12 week wait for the response.	
23-04/17	Institute a) Institute windows drawing quote was still not forthcoming Clerk had followed up and would do so again.	CLERK
23-04/18	Village Green a) Cllr Trevvarthen had spoken to contractors regarding the proposed work on the benches on the Village Green. No response on pricing as yet. b) Cllr Shephard agreed to send details for Picnic Tables purchase to Clerk.	MT PS/CLERK
23-04/19	Communications a) The Coronation celebration planning was reported as going well. Details of the event and what would be available on the day were discussed at length. Insurance still needed to be put in place. Cllr Stansfield to send suggested company to Clerk for her to find a suitable insurer in time. Clerk to put insurance cover in place within the timeframe needed. Cllr spencer suggested that two Cllrs train a certificated First Aiders for future events coverage. Costings were discussed and resolved upon:	JS/CLERK

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	BPC RESOLVED to spend £125.00 on ice cream for the event. Proposed: Cllr Spencer Seconded: Cllr Green AIF: YES BPC RESOLVED to spend £100.00 on prizes for the event. BPC RESOLVED to donate £100.00 to Wadebridge Shipwrecks for their part in the celebrations Proposed: Cllr Dickin Seconded: Cllr Stansfield AIF: YES b) BPC RESOLVED to pay £130.00 for musical entertainment for the Coronation celebration on 7th May 2023 Proposed: Cllr Lowden Seconded: Cllr Stansfield AIF: YES c) Proposal to subsidise food for the Big Lunch on 7th May 2023 - this item had been addressed earlier in the meeting. d) Mailing list to be discussed at next meeting. e) Cllr Meads had sent noticeboard measurements to the Clerk. Clerk to get quotes for a larger replacement noticeboard.	
23-04/20	Training and Meetings Attended Cllr Stansfield had attended the Community Network Panel meeting on the 29th March 2023 and also a CALC Community Led Housing Information Event on 19th April 2023.	
23-04/21	Diary Dates to be confirmed: Annual Parish Meeting 18th May 2023 6pm Annual Council Meeting 18th May 2023 7pm	
23-04/23	MEETING CLOSED 21:00	

Signed: Chair of Meeting _____ 18/05/2023