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MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26th of SEPTEMBER 2024

Present: Cllr. Meads (Chair), Cllr. Dickin (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Green, Cllr. Spencer, Cllr. Stansfield, and Cllr Trevarthen.

Also Present: Maria Roper (Clerk), Cornwall Councillors Cruse, 10 members of the public (in part)

Cllr Stephanie Meads opened the meeting at 19:00 hrs and welcomed the Councillors and the public

AGENDA REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION
24-09/01	PERSONS PRESENT/APOLOGIES To NOTE persons, present and RECEIVE apologies for absence. None
24-09/02	MEMBERS DECLARATIONS To RECEIVE any Declarations of Interest from Members: a. Pecuniary/Registrable Declarations of Interests b. Non-Registrable Interests c. Declaration of Gifts No interest declared
24-09/03	PUBLIC FORUM Members of the Public are invited to speak in Public Forum for a maximum of 2 minutes on any subject covered by the agenda and should give their name and subject to the Clerk at clerk@blislandparishcouncil.co.uk, or in person before the meeting commences. Councillors will not comment on agenda items in Public Forum however the Public are welcome to stay and listen when the given subject is discussed. Any items brought to Council but not on the agenda will be considered for future meetings on written application to The Clerk. Total time allocated to Public Forum will not exceed 10 minutes, in accordance with Blisland Parish Council Standing Orders, unless extended at the discretion of the Chair.

	Village Shop representatives came to discuss the agenda item 24-09/16 – New community notice board. They shared their plans to renovate the front of the shop and inquired about the proposed noticeboard’s placement. They mentioned that the defibrillator would need to be moved, and the existing blackboard could be repurposed elsewhere. A meeting on the 6th of October will address these possibilities.
	<i>The Chair moved the following agenda item forward for the benefit of the public</i>
24-09/16 (a)	Consider options for a new noticeboard Cllr Meads informed the Council that she looked at various options online and prices for a 3 tier notice board range between £800 and up to £1500. Such boards will fit about 27 sheets. Cllr Stansfield added that as a community organisation, the shop is eligible to apply for a grant to fund purchase of a notice board, while it will be difficult for Parish Councils to successfully do so. A meeting at 2pm on Friday, 18th October 2024 will address these possibilities.
	A representative of Blisland Fayre Committee came to discuss organising of Christmas lunch for the elderly residents of Blisland He thanked the Council for supporting Blisland Fayre, which is now self-funding. The Fayre Committee considered options for using the surplus money and agreed that Christmas lunch for the elderly would be a worthy cause. He added that the larger community seem to enjoy it as well. He continued to say that they are targeting about 50 people - isolated members of the community and were hoping that the Parish Council would partner with the Fayre Committee on this occasion. Information on potential invitees is sought through the shop, postman, church. They would be seeking a contribution of £750 to cover the costs of catering.
	<i>The Chair moved the following agenda item forward for the benefit of the public</i>
24-09/11	a) Correspondence received - Christmas Lunch contribution request from Blisland Fayre Committee Cllr Dickin said that the Council is supportive of the idea but needs to be transparent about how it spends the public money. Cllr Stansfield added that it’s important to ensure that the event is inclusive and everyone over the certain age can have the opportunity to attend. The Council agreed that in the interest of the public, it will be prudent to administer any funding via grant. The application form is on the website and a copy of the Blisland Fayre accounts would be required to understand how the surplus money is spent.

	Cllr Cruse has kindly agreed to contribute towards the cause if some of the requests don't come through.
	A member of the public came to discuss the planning application PA24/03605 & PA24/03606 - Denham House Tregenna Road Blisland Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4JD. He informed the Council that the revised plans had been submitted to the planning authority for further consideration, but are not yet uploaded to the planning portal. Another consultation is being set up with the Conservation Officer.
	<i>The Chair moved agenda item forward for the benefit of the public</i>
24-09/09 (a)	OTHER PLANNING MATTERS PA24/03605 & PA24/03606 - Denham House Tregenna Road Blisland Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4JD The Council agreed to seek deferral of the determination date to ensure the updated plans can be discussed at the October meeting.
	A member of the public came to discuss the planning application PA24/03077 - Land South East Of Jollibrook Barn Temple Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4HP Change of use from B8 storage workshop to C3 dwellinghouse He explained that he was brought up in Temple and having spent some time away would now like to settle down and make a home out of this site. He intends to keep some stock and smaller farm animals in the barn underneath the living quarters. He intends to use the commons for grazing and has access to further 3 acres in Temple.
	<i>The Chair moved the following agenda item forward for the benefit of the public</i>
24-09/07 (a)	PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PRE-APPLICATIONS PA24/03077 - Land South East Of Jollibrook Barn Temple Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4HP Change of use from B8 storage workshop to C3 dwellinghouse The Council noted that the planning application is retrospective and the works had already started. Councillor Dicken said that the Council had received a response from the landowner of the Common confirming that it was unlikely that the Applicant would be able to use the Commons for the grazing of additional stock on the basis of the development site's common's rights'. It was proposed by Cllr Stansfield, seconded by Cllr Green and RESOLVED by the Council to seek deferral of determination until the opinions of the County Land Agent and AONB officer are received. Unanimous. Carried

	The applicant of the planning application PA24/0492 updated the Council that the approval was granted for the - Higher Carwen Blisland PL30 4JJ. She assured that the works will be done well, and top-quality materials will be used. The building will be shielded by lots of trees and won't be seen.
19:37	<i>9 members of the public left the meeting</i>
	Village hall treasurer came to discuss the anticipated improvement works in the Village Hall in confidence.
	<i>The Chair agreed to discuss the item in confidence after the report of the Cornwall Councillor Cruse and moved agenda item 24-09/06 forward</i>
24-09/06	CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT To receive the monthly Cornwall Councillor's Report from Councillor Jennifer Cruse Cllr Cruse submitted the following report prior to the meeting Today at Full Council a motion was supported to ask the Government to rethink the withdrawal of winter fuel allowance. We also called for the application for Pension Credit to be simplified since it is very onerous. It is estimated that as many as 100,000 pensioners in Cornwall alone will be affected by this policy. Fears for genuine hardship and loss of life during the winter months. Three Labour councillors did not support the motion. We also called for more funding and a reset of our Special Educational Needs programme as well as the banning of VAPes particularly those that are designed to attract children with sweet associated flavouring. Last week I attended a design meeting for a proposed 650 houses and a commercial area in the fields opposite the Callywith College, a small part being in the Helland parish. I expressed my concerns regarding lack of infrastructure, and light pollution (affecting Bodmin Moor dark skies) no satisfactory mitigation for the phosphate issue in the River Camel and no significant upgrade to the two WTW Nanstallon and Scarlet Well. The fact that we have children in Blisland who are unable to attend Bodmin College due to the school being completely full and then having to travel to either St Austell or Fowey is quite unacceptable. With no immediate plans to upgrade or build any additional services for Bodmin it is hard to see how the already creaking systems will cope. I also made strong representation to Cornwall Planning regarding their response to the NPPF consultation as I perceived there was a suggestion that rural exception sites should be supported within the AONB. I consider this unacceptable due to the social isolation, unsustainable location and destruction to wildlife and biodiversity She added that the number of the proposed builds is phenomenal, and some developers were not aware of the CS1 carbon neutrality requirement. Cllr Stansfield invited Cllr Cruse to a proposed meeting with SW water and requested additional Spare signs of Dark signs

19:51	<i>Cllr Cruise left the meeting</i>
	Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, it was proposed by Cllr Dickin , seconded by Cllr Spencer and RESOLVED by the Council to transact the following business in confidence. Unanimous. Carried
	CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION a) Village Hall update The Treasurer of the Village Hall spoke of the anticipated improvement works in the village hall and uncertainty around obligations of the Parish Council towards the Village Hall. She is aware that the Parish Council has the right to nominate a representative, which is currently not exercised She added that the Village Hall Committee consists of 10 active members and is in good shape in terms of lettings. The Parish Council confirmed that it would welcome regular updates and Cllr Stansfield can assist with sorting the existing paperwork.
20:18	<i>Village Hall Treasurer left the meeting</i>
	<i>The Chair reinstated the standard order of the agenda</i>
24-09/04	APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Council noted that the minute 24-07/14 of the meeting of the 25 th July 2024 contains a repetitive phrase, and the minute 24-07/11(e) should read “consider appointing another auditor” It was proposed by Cllr Stansfield , seconded by Cllr Dickin and RESOLVED by the Council to approve the minutes of the 25 th July 2024 with the above amendments. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair The Council noted one spelling mistake in the minute E24-08/8 of the 6 th of August 2024 It was proposed by Cllr Stansfield , seconded by Cllr Spencer and RESOLVED by the Council to approve the minutes of the 6 th of August 2024 with the above amendment. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair
24-09/05	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS To NOTE any matters arising from the accepted Minutes Matters requiring further consideration had been included in the agenda. None apart from items covered by the Agenda
24-09/06	CORNWALL COUNCILLOR’S REPORT - <i>Received earlier</i>
24-09/07	PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PRE-APPLICATIONS - <i>Resolved earlier</i>
24-09/08	PLANNING DECISIONS None
24-09/09	OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

	To NOTE and RECIEVE UPDATES on other planning matters, late Decisions and Urgent Correspondence a) PA24/03605 & PA24/03606 - Denham House Tregenna Road Blisland Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4JD - <i>Resolved earlier</i> b) PA24/04924 - Higher Carwen Blisland PL30 4JJ Demolition of Existing Extensions and Outbuilding and Construction of Two Storey Rear Extension with Terrace, Detached Garage and Associated Works – <i>Approved 25th September 2024</i>
24-09/10	FINANCE a) To RECEIVE and NOTE the bank reconciliation as of the 30th June, 31st July and 30th August 2024 The Clerk presented bank reconciliation reports, which were signed by the Chair b) To RECEIVE and APPROVE September 2024 Payment Schedule and RATIFY August 2024 payments It was proposed by Cllr Spencer, seconded by Cllr Trevarthen and RESOLVED by the Council to ratify the August payments made under previous resolutions. The Chair signed the August schedule of payments. It was proposed by Cllr Spencer, seconded by Cllr Dickin and RESOLVED by the Council to approve the September payments. The Chair signed the September schedule of payments. c) Tax liability – to receive updates and consider recommendations e The Clerk informed that Council that HMRC has confirmed the receipt of the claim. However, there is no timescale for when it will be dealt with. Councillor Stansfield said that one option if it proved difficult to obtain a timely substantive response from HMRC was to use our Member of Parliament's direct Hotline to HMRC; HMRC have an obligation to respond on this hotline in seven days d) Revenue from public toilets and Village Institute The Clerk reported that as the end of August, the total income from the Institute for the year to the end of September is £1188.5. Income from the toilets was deposited to the shop and collected by a Councillor. The Councillors agreed that the current system is not very effective and that once a month the cash should be dropped off to Cllr Green who lives nearby. The Clerk to deposit the cash at the bank. e) RFO Update – the RFO not in attendance
	CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE To RECEIVE Clerk's Report and NOTE correspondence. a) Clerk report – covered under other agenda items b) Correspondence received - Christmas Lunch contribution request from Blisland Fayre Committee – Resolved earlier - The Clerk reported that she received a confirmation of renewal of the ICO certificate

24-09/12	POLICIES' REVIEW: a) Financial regulations – to review and consider adopting The Council agreed that the document needs to be amended to reflect the position of Blisland Parish Council. It was agreed to set up a separate meeting for this purpose. It was agreed to meet on the 6th of November at 2pm. b) Complaints Handling Procedure – to review and consider adopting Defer until next meeting. – Deferred until the 6th November 2024
24-09/13	INSTITUTE To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action as appropriate. a) Update on windows and associated works - The works are now complete. All paperwork and bills will need to be submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund before Christmas and the Council will be refunded 63% of the total expenditure.
24-09/14	HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action as appropriate. a) Improving Access from the Highway to the SW of the Green Cllr Stansfield reported that he attended the meeting with SW Water representatives earlier today. South West Water agreed to repair the broken highway and resurface the entrance from the highway to a point just inside the gateway with a load bearing surface of sufficient strength to carry the weight of a fully laden tanker; the specification was endorsed as being suitable and correct by the Highways Authority Street works Manager who was also present at the meeting. He suggested that a representative of SW Water is invited to Blisland for a public meeting at which the public can ask questions about the pump house. Draft letters for the highway authority and SW Water were prepared and circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Trevarthen, seconded by Cllr Stansfield and RESOLVED by the Council to send the letters to the Highway Authority and SW Water Board and disseminate the information via digital newsletter. b) LMP to receive report and consider options for next year The Clerk circulated the grass contractor's report and informed the Council of complaints about overgrown paths, despite the contractor's confirmation that they had been cut. She recommended that the Council considers scheduling more frequent cuts for the following year. Cllrs reported that a new gate had been installed on the footpath near Pendrift. c) Broken granite way marker at Tresarret. No progress. It was agreed to involve Cornwall Cllr Cruse and instruct the Clerk to write to the Highway Authorities that the cost of repair will be covered by the insurance of the party at fault.

	It was also reported that the gate and fencing at Pendrfit were repaired.
24-09/15	VILLAGE GREEN To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action as appropriate a) Play equipment safety inspections The Clerk circulated quote for regular play equipment safety inspection and informed the Council that it is also possible to purchase a template from ROSPA for doing the checks in-house. It was proposed by Cllr Spencer, seconded by Cllr Dickin and RESOLVED by the Council to purchase the template from ROSPA and carry out the play area safety checks in house. Unanimous. Carried. b) Cast Iron Finger post The Council was informed that the existing finger posts are managed by the Highway Authority and can only display highway destinations signs. It was proposed by Cllr Stansfield, seconded by Cllr Dickin and RESOLVED by the Council to repurpose the old lamp post on the Village Green for displaying the signs to the Village Hall, the Shop and the Institute. Unanimous. Carried. Cllr Meads will invite the contractor to assess the necessary works.
24-09/16	COMMUNICATIONS To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action as appropriate a) Digital photo frame for displaying historic photos of Blisland The Clerk consulted with the Church regarding the permanent installation of a digital photo frame and gathered preliminary cost estimates. The Council agreed that the project should be managed by residents, with the Council offering financial support for the purchase, within the approved budget of £200. b) Consider options for a new noticeboard - Resolved earlier c) Cllr Stansfield informed the Council that the police are reinstating local monthly surgeries. It was proposed by Cllr Spencer, seconded by Cllr Green and RESOLVED by the Council to write a letter of thanks for the reinstatement of the Surgeries to the Bodmin and Wadebridge Inspector, Adam Stonehill. Unanimous. Carried
24-09/17	CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS To RECEIVE updates, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action as appropriate To consider received applications and further actions: The Councillors to agree the interview date via emails
24-09/18	TRAINING AND MEETINGS ATTENDED To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action as appropriate Cllr Stansfield informed the Council of the next Camel Valley CAP meeting on the 21st of October and encouraged other Councillors to attend.
24-09/19	DIARY DATES TO BE CONFIRMED: Confirm the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council a) Schedule of the Parish Council meetings for 2025

	The Council confirmed that in 2025, meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except for December, when the date will be set separately. b) The next meeting of the Council is on the 24th of October 2024
24-09/20	CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, it was proposed by Cllr Spencer, seconded by Cllr Stansfield and RESOLVED by the Council that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave. No member of the public present a) Village Hall updates – Resolved earlier b) Village Trough – The Clerk reported that request was returned by the Land Registry due to the incorrectly filled form. It was agreed to resend it. c) Meeting with CALC to receive updates and consider any further actions Following correspondence and the meeting with CALC representatives, the Council agreed that the matter can now be closed. It was proposed by Cllr Stansfield, seconded by Cllr Dickin and RESOLVED by the Council to close the matter. Unanimous. Carried.
24-09/21	MEETING CLOSED at 22:10

Chair

Stephnie Meads

Date

24th October 2024