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MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th of NOVEMBER 2024

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

Also Present: Maria Roper (Clerk), 7 members of the public (in part)

Cllr Stephanie Meads opened the meeting at 19:07 hrs and welcomed the Councillors and the public

AGENDA REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION
24-11/01	PERSONS PRESENT/APOLOGIES None
24-11/02	MEMBERS DECLARATIONS To RECEIVE any Declarations of Interest from Members: None declared
24-11/03	PUBLIC FORUM 4 members of the public introduced themselves as the co-option candidates for the councillors vacancies. One of the candidates was questioned about potential conflict of interests due to his work as a property developer. The candidate responded that, although he is still active as a a developer, he is trying to avoid the local area. The candidates didn't have any questions for the councillors. The Chair reminded the candidates that their applications would be discussed in a closed session at the end of the meeting and the Clerk will notify them of the outcome. Other members of the public came to support the planning application PA24/07953 listed under the agenda item 24-11/07. David Glasson , representing the architects, informed the Council that they have partnered with Blue Forest , a company renowned for building treehouses and environmentally friendly properties. Blue Forest has been holds a strong reputation for delivering sustainable, nature-focused developments. He explained that the proposed scheme aims to create a modern, efficient dwelling while respecting Cornish vernacular architecture. He assured the Council that public footpaths and existing trees would remain unaffected. He continued to say that the feedback from the AONB

	officer had been taken onboard, leading to the removal of upward-facing lights from the proposal. Cllr Stansfield remarked that there is a new comment from the AONB officer.
	<i>The chair brought the agenda item 24-11/07 forward for the benefit of the public</i>
24-11/07	PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PRE-APPLICATIONS a) PA24/07953 Replacement of existing, part subterranean, pitched roof dwelling with a part subterranean dwelling with a meadow grass, flat green roof Riverside Waterloo Hill Waterloo Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4JX The Chair expressed enthusiasm for the proposal, highlighting features such as the heat source pump and the use of timber and stone cladding. She noted that the design is respectful of the environment and adds a new dimension to the area. It was proposed by Cllr Meads, seconded by Cllr Stansfield, and RESOLVED by the Council to support the application, subject to the mitigation of concerns raised by the AONB officer.
24-11/04	APPROVAL OF MINUTES To RESOLVE that the Minutes of Blisland Parish Council (BPC) meetings 24th October 2024 having been previously circulated, be taken as read. It was proposed by Cllr Stansfield, seconded by Cllr Dickin and RESOLVED by the Council approve the minutes as true and accurate. Unanimous. Carried
24-11/05	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS None
24-11/06	CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cornwall Councilor Cruse (not in attendance) submitted the following written report prior to the meeting: <i>Planning : In September I attended a meeting between Devonshire Homes and the Cornwall Design Panel at the proposed Callywith site also in attendance was Stephen Kirby. Concerns I raised were</i> <i>1.Bodmin College completely full</i> <i>2.Primary Care unsatisfactory and overstretched. Bodmin Hospital unable to extend.</i> <i>3.Waste Treatment Works over capacity and discharging into the river Camel</i> <i>4.Phosphates issue not resolved and developers need to find their own solution</i> <i>5.Concerns regarding local access and providing footpaths into town, particularly the Cooksland Road junction</i> <i>6. Developers seemed unaware of the SEC.1 requirement to build carbon neutral homes with a £25,000 levy per house if not achieved.</i> <i>We are waiting for the Panderosa and Halgavor Moor applications to be heard at Strategic Planning. Apart from the insanity of building on a flood plain and wetland the above concerns still hold, with highways, and significant ecological and environmental objections.</i> <i>Bodmin and my ward have received funding from the Community Levelling Up Fund. The full details can be found on the CLUP and Good Growth website. Major benefactors are Bodmin Bowls, Into Bodmin, The BEAT, Walker Lines Sports Centre, Bodmin CIC, Nanstallon Community Centre, Helland Village Hall, Blisland Village Hall, Lanivet One for All, plus further awards for local feasibility studies.</i>

I have been working with the management companies of Coastline, and First Port to get all the adoption of common spaces finalised and clearing and tidying of areas that were being left overgrown at Borough View and Coastline. Clearing these areas has had a beneficial effect on residents and encourages them to take good care of their environment. Road closures at Green Valley Road have again caused disruption this is due to the road not being in a satisfactory state for adoption by Cornwall Council.

The road from Jims to Nanstallon and the road from Trewint to Blisland has been resurfaced (top dressing for Nanstallon in the Spring). This has improved the flooding situation on both roads. We are also hoping to get a quiet lanes installed in the villages around Bodmin and linking into the Camel Trail.

The Vote of No Confidence in our Leader was soundly defeated. I spoke in support of Linda; she has worked tirelessly to promote Cornwall both locally and on the National arena. She has always found time to listen, advise and support me and has made me feel a valued member of the Council. Her dedication to the role as Leader is immense and she has had to steer us in very difficult times. Any suggestion that she is not well supported was finally put to rest. I can assure you that she has the support of all her Conservative group and as proved by the vote of many of the opposition as well. On Thursday at Health and Adult Social Care I spoke about my concerns for Southwest Water adding fluoride to our water. Philosophically I cannot support this and suggested we should be putting all our efforts into encouraging schools to promote healthy eating and good oral hygiene. The recently published Healthy Schools Tool Kit has an excellent link on Oral Health and can easily be incorporated into the school curriculum. There are too many uncertainties surrounding fluoride and ethically I do not agree with having this imposed upon the population. The only option to decline would be drinking bottled water, which is hardly a sustainable solution.

There has been a major breakdown of the Water Treatment Works at Blisland with up to 10 tankers taking waste water away for treatment to Nanstallon. I had no notification of this and it has taken a great deal of chasing by email and phone calls to find out the exact problem which is complete breakdown of the system. A temporary fix is in place and we are told the repairs should be done by Christmas. The lack of consultation and information from South West Water does not install any confidence in how they view the public and how efficiently they are running their treatment works.

I am also concerned to hear that Labour are now removing the £50 subsidy from SW Water bills, this is beginning to feel like a war on pensioners, businesses, farmers and now anyone living in the Southwest!

After laying a wreath at the Bodmin Keep last Sunday I was very pleased to lay a wreath at the memorial in Blisland where I joined a good number of residents in the service and then laid a wreath at Cardinham. It is a very special time of year when we remember those that died so that we could live in freedom.

The Draft 25/26 Budget plans are now out for public consultation. We need to find 58 million savings for next year. If you follow this [Cornwall Council Draft Budget 2025-26 | Let's Talk Cornwall](#) you can view how Council Tax money is spent, also follow a link to where the proposed cuts will be from and then you can leave a comment. If you don't have time to do this I can say that the majority of spend is 27% adults who need our help 25% helping children and young people get the best start in life 9% on housing benefit to prevent homelessness 8% collecting rubbish and looking after countryside parks and beaches 6% fixing and maintaining roads street lighting and public transport 4% on fire and rescue and keeping communities safe 4% on running the council and holding elections 2% online services 2% keeping people well and stay healthy 1% running libraries, registration and trading standards

At Full Council next Tuesday we are proposing a Motion to Support our Farmers and oppose Labours Family Farm Tax. Labour lied their way into power and have shown their true colours by targeting the pensioners, small businesses, farmers and rural areas in order to pay inflated wages to train drivers and civil servants. The suggestion that wealthy people are buying up farms to

	<i>avoid inheritance tax is unsubstantiated, I would like to know where in Cornwall this has happened. This farm tax will destroy medium and small sized family farms on whom we so much rely upon for our food and countryside custody.</i> <i>And finally I would highly recommend time to read the recently published Nature Recovery Strategy which is an excellent piece of work undertaken by Cornwall Council with expert help from Exeter University. All the links and a chance to have your say are at Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Nature Recovery Strategy / Let's Talk Cornwall The loss of so much of our wildlife can be and must be reversed and the amount of effort and study that has gone in to producing the interactive map and the processes for making the best use of land for nature is well worth a study...should you have the time.</i> The report was noted by the Council
24-11/07	PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PRE-APPLICATIONS a) PA24/07953 Replacement of existing, part subterranean, pitched roof dwelling with a part subterranean dwelling with a meadow grass, flat green roof Riverside Waterloo Hill Waterloo Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4JX Resolved earlier
24-11/08	PLANNING DECISIONS a) PA24/08308 The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and restrictions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 BT intends to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus Kea House Tresarrett Blisland Cornwall PL30 4QH Closed – advise given. 30 Oct 2024 b) PA24/08053 The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and restrictions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 BT intends to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus Street Record Blisland Bodmin Cornwall Closed- advise given. 21 Oct 2024 The above was noted by the Council
24-11/09	OTHER PLANNING MATTERS To NOTE and RECIEVE UPDATES on other planning matters, late Decisions and Urgent Correspondence APPLICATIONS AND PRE-APPLICATIONS a) PA24/03077- Land South East Of Jollibrook Barn Temple Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4HP Change of use from B8 storage workshop to C3 dwelling house b) PA 24/04739- Prior approval for conversion of an existing agricultural building into an apart-hotel Land South East Of Jollibrook Barn Temple Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4HP The Councillors noted that a new planning application had been submitted for the property, while the previous planning proposal is still under consideration. It was noted that although the Council is not formally consulted on prior approval applications, it may write to the planners. The AONB officer deemed the previous proposal unacceptable due to its overt residential appearance, which conflicts with the surrounding agricultural landscape. It was also noted that

	some works had already been carried out without the necessary planning application being submitted. Cllr Dickin read aloud a draft letter to be sent to the planning authority. It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Stansfield, and RESOLVED by the Council to send the suggested letter. Unanimous. Carried.
24-11/10	FINANCE a) To RECEIVE the RFO report and CONSIDER draft budget proposal The RFO circulated reports prior to the meeting. Cllr Stansfield noted that the information on the income is missing. It was agreed to arrange a working group meeting to prepare a draft budget on the 10th December at 2pm b) To RECEIVE and NOTE the bank reconciliation as of the 30th September 2024 The bank reconciliation was presented by the Clerk and signed by the Chair c) To RECEIVE and APPROVE October 2024 Payment Schedule The Clerk circulated a schedule of payment. It was proposed by Cllr Dickin, seconded by Cllr Spencer and RESOLVED by the Council to approve the payments. Unanimous. Carried.
24-11/11	CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE To RECEIVE Clerk's Report and NOTE correspondence. a) Clerk report The Clerk reported that there is currently a consultation on proxy voting and remote attendance for Parish Councils, the details of which will be circulated. In addition she reported that she had received a response from the Highway authority b) Correspondence received The Clerk circulated a letter from the local MP and a letter from Cornwall Housing association. The Council agreed to include these in the digital Community newsletter.
24-11/12	POLICIES' REVIEW: a) Financial regulations – to consider adopting following the review on the 6th Nov 2024 It was proposed by Cllr Dickin, seconded by Cllr Spencer and RESOLVED by the Council to adopt the revised Financial Regulations. Unanimous. Carried. b) Village Green policy – to consider amendments The Chair read out suggested amendments to the village green policy. The proposed policy to be circulated prior to the next meeting c) Internal Audit Control – to review and consider adopting The draft policy was circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Councillors need more time to review it. Deferred until next meeting.
24-11/13	INSTITUTE To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action as appropriate. a) To RECEIVE updates, including revenue and any future developments The Councillors discussed purchasing additional Christmas lights for the Village Green and the Institute. It was proposed by Cllr Stansfield, seconded by Cllr Trevvarthen and RESOLVED by the Council to allocate a budget of £250 towards the purchase of Christmas lighting. Unanimous. Carried. Cllr Spencer reported that there will be a Christmas craft show held jointly with the Community shop.

24-11/14	HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action as appropriate. The Councillors reported that there'd been a good progress at Trewardale. It was further added that Cormac was there for a week carrying out works.
24-11/15	VILLAGE GREEN To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action as appropriate a) To CONSIDER options for regular play safety inspections The Clerk reported that RoSPA stopped selling paly area safety checklists and instead offers subscription for £80 a year. She added that it should be possible to source a free checklist. It was proposed by Cllr Dickin, seconded by Cllr Green and RESOLVED by the Council to source a free checklist. Unanimous. Carried
24-11/16	ENVIRONMENT To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action as appropriate a) SW Water Pump House The councillors reported that the visit to the SW Water Pump House went very well. It was proposed by Cllr Trevarthen, seconded by Cllr Dickin and RESOLVED by the Council to send them a letter thanking for the visit. Unanimous. Carried.
24-11/17	TRAINING AND MEETINGS ATTENDED To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action as appropriate Cllr Green attended the Code of Conduct training on the 19th of November. Cllr Stansfield attended the CALC AGM and circulated a report via email. He noted that one of the presentations could not be shared during the meeting due to technical issues. The Councillors briefly discussed the transition to VOIP and agreed that Ofcom should be providing clear guidance to the public.
24-11/18	DIARY DATES TO BE CONFIRMED: a) Full Council meeting – Thursday 19th December 2024
24-11/19	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: No amendments
24-11/20	CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave. a) CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS To RECIEVE updates and CONSIDER applications The Staffing Committee met with the candidates on the 29th of October and shared a précis of the application forms with the Council. The Council discussed the applications. - It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Dickin, and RESOLVED by the Council to accept Clare Shannon's application. Unanimous. Carried. - It was proposed by Cllr Trevarthen, seconded by Cllr Spencer, and RESOLVED by the Council to accept Philip Kennen's application. Unanimous. Carried..

	It was proposed by Cllr Spencer, seconded by Cllr Stansfield, and RESOLVED by the Council to accept Gerry Sutton's application. The decision was unanimous and carried. Stansfield and RESOLVED by the Council to seek further clarification on their business association before making a decision. Unanimous. Carried
24-11/21	Meeting closed at 21:52

Vice Chair

Karen Dickin

Date

19th December 2024