

**MINUTES OF A MEETING of the St Goran Parish Council held on 2nd July 2020
@ a Zoom Virtual Meeting at 7.30pm. with Mr P Grose in the Chair.**

Present were Messrs Ayres, Bulled, Bunney, Husband, Lobb, Dr Dunne, Ms Lobb, Mrs Hart, County Councillor Mustoe and 4 members of the public.

1/07/20. APOLOGIES

None

1.1/07/20 (b) CONFIRMATION ALL ARE ABLE TO HEAR THE MEETING

It was confirmed that all attendees were able to hear the meeting

1.1/07/20 (c) ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Councillors named above and 4 members of the public were in attendance

1.1/07/20 (d) & CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

It was confirmed that a quorum was met.

2/07/20(a). DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2/07/20(b). GIFT DECLARATIONS

None

2/07/20(c) CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION.

None

2/07/20(d) GDPR – Any Matters to Consider

None

3/07/20. PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman of The Three Bays Wildlife Group was invited to speak
He thanked the PC for co-opting him on to the Carvinick working group to represent the community and Three Bays Wildlife Group. He is massively disappointed with Cornwall Councils action in putting Carvinick up as a farm tenancy and as he was led to believe, there would be consultation beforehand and feels this is a massive opportunity missed. Cornwall Council had no statutory obligation to this. He feels we just have to move on and welcome the opportunities now presented to us all, which he still feels can form an exciting project.

One disappointing outcome from the first working group meeting was the reduction in size of the community/school field. The previous boundary as recommended by Cornwall Wildlife Trust was the footpath that splits the field in the middle.

This boundary change was not agreed at the meeting and was done by Cornwall Council afterwards.

He has strongly objected to this amendment as the appointed community representative on the working group, stating again that this should not be reduced without consultation. He was not supported in his objection by the Parish council and the local representative. He would therefore like to ask the full Parish Council what their view is on the boundary change? And ask the Parish Council to support him in his objection and ask for the community/school field to be reinstated to the size prior to the working group meeting.

Please also bear in mind that the allocated community field is very wet and potentially unsuitable for woodland/orchard planting and other opportunities which may arise from the future consultation.

The PC responded that there was confusion whether the boundary for the community field had changed compared to Cornwall Council's original offer. It was thought that 2 acres had originally been offered to the community.

The consultation by the Wildlife Trust showed a different boundary.

It was pointed out that there has been significant interest in the community field. The best fields for the community would be next to the school or next to the playing field. It is thought that Cornwall Council are trying to get the right balance between a County Farm and Community area.

It was suggested that the farm building area would be better suited for an affordable housing area rather than the area that had been offered, which is wet and boggy.

A member of the public submitted the following question and was read out by the Clerk.

Cornwall Council appears to believe that any affordable housing development on Carvinick Farm land should be located at the bottom of the slope by Trellispen Park. Considerations of flooding, construction traffic and residents' traffic suggest that a small rural exception site near the proposed Community Wood off the road to Carvinick Farm might be preferable. Since it is the purpose of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to establish where the community would prefer new development to be located, will the Parish Council please ensure this is not decided irrevocably before the NDP is completed. Also, that development on part of the land could, if needed, be achieved during the period in which the land is to be let.

Dr Dunne reported that the affordable housing area can be discussed at the next steering group meeting with Cornwall Council due to be held on 20th July. She also reported that in the previous meeting Cornwall Council mentioned it may be difficult to get planning permission on the farm building site. Emphasis should be put on the Housing Needs survey once completed and the site should not be allocated in a rush. It was felt to be a positive move, that Cornwall Council recognise a need for an affordable housing site.

County Councillor Mustoe pointed out that Cornwall Council did not intend for the whole farm to be up for consultation. Just an area to be allocated for the community.

The Chairman of the NDP steering group submitted the following question and was read out by the Clerk.

That the access road is unsuitable. Would there be the possibility of a new road from the school end? It would allow traffic to bypass both settlements.

That the site is too wet. From an engineering point of view, I can't see that this is an issue. Water tables are routinely lowered through drainage and although foundations may be a little more expensive, dependant on soil type, it's not insurmountable.

That if development were to take place on the brownfield site at Carvinick, the affordable homes wouldn't really be part of the community, but a satellite, out on a limb, with poorer access to transport, the school and other amenities.

His own points. If not the land offered, where will it be? Any site will have some opponents. Is this limited development preferable to the field being sold to a developer, sometime downstream, and therefore the lesser of two evils?

The offer presents an opportunity to focus on the issue and deliver a reasonable plan much earlier. We could then include a restriction in the plan on any future new development within the Parish whereby it must be of benefit to the residents, which could restrict further, unwanted development in the field proposed by CC.

The PM's new mantra of 'Build, build, build', doesn't bode well for the NDP. I wouldn't want anyone else to be staring at the footings for a new 4 bed house, as I am, unnecessarily....

The Chairman of the Three Bays Wildlife Group stated that he was very grateful to Cornwall Council for this opportunity.

County Councillor Mustoe reported that a lot of work has gone into this project and this is the very first time Cornwall Council have made such an offer.

The meeting then went into the formal session.

4/07/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 4TH JUNE 2020

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to accept the minutes.

5/07/20. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Community Help Scheme Update

The community help scheme is continuing and all volunteers were thanked.

Mr Bunney was thanked by the PC for running the scheme.

Mr Bunney stated that every item discussed in a PC meeting must now bear in mind COVID19.

5.1/07/20 Carvinick

Many representations were made to the PC, by members of the public and local representatives prior to and after the meeting with Cornwall Council. All correspondence was emailed to PC members.

The first formal conversation between Cornwall Council Farms team, the Parish Council, the Local Member, and the Three Bays Wildlife Group on 15th June. CC were able to provide the following guidance on what they wish to achieve:

New entrant and local food

The Council's primary objective with the Farms Estate is to create business opportunities for new entrants or opportunities for new entrants to progress their business and to develop farm business from Carvinick growing local food and potentially supplying local people. The expectation is that the appointment of the tenant will be achieved by the end of July.

They recognise that there may have been raised expectations within the community about how the land could be managed and that there would be consultation about the future of the site. We are sorry that there was a misunderstanding, but the Parish Council acknowledge that they had no expectation in that regard.

Timescale in place for 29 September 2020

Integrated Land Management

The Council is keen to work with adjoining landowners and other stakeholders to integrate land management plans to support "green corridors" for wildlife linking key Natural Capital sites in the locality. This needs to be balanced with the farming plans and activity, cost of installation and management and benefit to the wildlife. This will be developed through engagement with adjoining landowners and stakeholders, delivered through the farm tenant and funding hopefully secured through Countryside Stewardship or other applicable schemes. The Council Farms has funding available to match fund this element.

The principle of re-wilding was discussed. It was agreed that re-wilding which is a larger landscape concept was not appropriate but conservation management, environmental corridors, targeted and appropriate planting schemes were the key tools to apply on this site.

The Consultant, with the farm tenant, will be asked to meet adjoining landowners and stakeholders to explore opportunities and secure the optimal land management plan for the farm.

Timescale, in place for 29 September 2020

Community/School Field - 2 acres Filed reference pt 1060

Approximately two acres has been excluded from the farm tenancy alongside the school. The Council will fund the fencing of the land to provide a clear boundary between the this and the farm. The Council have no pre-conceived proposals for this site except that a community led project exploring local food production integrating with the school has been mentioned. There was a discussion regarding shelter belts for this site due to its location. The Council will fund trees, materials etc for this, and labour if necessary but would be delighted to fund refreshments to support a community planting event, if felt appropriate.

This is an area for discussion and consultation.

Timescale to be agreed

Community Woodland 3.5 acres Field Reference 1058

A single field has been identified adjoining the playing field and the access path to the school for community woodland. This is a wet field. A planting scheme will need to balance current ecological value, tree species, access and wildlife habitat. The Council has no pre-conceived proposals for the site.

This is an area for discussion and consultation

The Council will underwrite the cost of this, with additional funding drawn from appropriate grant schemes as applicable.

Timescale to be agreed

Affordable Housing – Field Reference 1066

The Council is keen to see part of this field explored through the Neighbourhood plan and planning process for a small affordable housing scheme. The timescale for this is not fixed. All management plans will make allowance for this but it was agreed this was not within the remit of this conversation.

Timescale to be agreed

Next Steps

Appoint the farm tenant by end of July 2020.

Led by Cornwall Council

Begin consultation on Community / School Field.

Led by Parish Council

Begin consultation on Community woodland.

Led by Parish Council

Meet adjoining Landowners to discuss integration of land management Led by Cornwall Council.

Prior to and following the working group meeting report Dr Dunne had been heavily criticized as a PC representative.

Having read the emails that have circulated over recent weeks regarding Carvinick, there are two issues that I feel need to be addressed:

1. The PC have been accused of not representing the community. This is simply not the case. Our community extends beyond Gorran Church Town and Gorran Haven and includes farmers and food producers. Our community also includes young children and a pre-school and a primary school and our community includes adults in need of an affordable roof over their head. The proposal from Cornwall Council for Carvinick will benefit many people of this parish.
2. The fact that I am a farmer has been cited by a few people as a reason why I should not be representing the PC in discussions on Carvinick. It has been wrongly assumed that as a farmer I will have limited interest in or knowledge of wildlife conservation or re-wilding.

I am very proud to call myself a farmer (all be it part time and some would say a hobby farmer). I am privileged to be farming the land that my grandfather purchased 100 years ago. Not from a farming family, he set about learning the necessary skills

at Tregarton Farm and then purchased Galowras Farm. Such a move by a young person in current times is almost unheard of.

I am also an academic, a scientist and for the last 20 years a teacher. Having taught science and agricultural science in South Wales and the Republic of Ireland, I have been teaching biology at Truro College since 2006. I am a keen conservationist managing a range of habitats on my own farm and I support the work of Cornwall Wildlife Trust as a member. I believe that my academic and practical experience, more than equip me to represent the PC in the discussions regarding Carvinick. What is clear from much of the correspondence regarding Carvinick is that unfortunately there is a polarisation of opinion, either you are pro-farming, or you are pro-wildlife. This saddens me as it wrongly assumes that farmers are not interested in the environment, wildlife or the climate emergency. It also seems to be oblivious to the fact that food production (farming) is an essential land use!

Such opinions show a lack of connection between people and the food they eat and demonstrate the need for us to better educate the next generation. The plans for Carvinick serve to bring together an educational resource, a new entrant farmer and community growing and woodland. This gives Gorran a unique opportunity to showcase how farming and the environment can be linked. The future lies in the hands of the children. More than ever we need to engage youngsters with the land, food and environment. The climate emergency is real, but agriculture is part of the solution.

Carvinick will provide a new entrant farmer with the opportunity to build a business producing local food, it seeks to engage with neighbouring landowners to enhance the biodiversity of the wider area and gives our community an exciting opportunity to enrich the education of our children. Children that are interested in food production, farming and the environment will be better decision makers in the future. It also recognises the need for affordable housing which is essential if our villages are to be sustainable.

The parish council have supported this proposal by Cornwall Council. I have endeavoured to remain positive and realistic throughout. My experiences as a farmer, an academic and an educator have, I believe, been used accordingly.

There was a formal vote of confidence by the PC in Dr Dunne to fairly represent the Parish regarding Carvinick.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to thank Cornwall Council for the opportunity for a community area, that during the next working group meeting, request PC representatives to put forward matters discussed in the public session, particularly whether the community field boundary should run along the current permissive footpath and discuss the commencement of the consultation.

5.2/07/2020 The Triangle Bench - Repair

A bench was ordered at a cost of £199.99.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to allow the Friends of the Triangle to use the remaining £100 to replace the rotting flower tubs on either side of the bench.

5.3/07/2020 Planning EN19/00938 Land South of Cherrington

The landowners confirmed that no work has been carried out regarding the instalment of the required attenuation tank. They also categorically state that none of the material operations were performed before the date of expiration of the planning consent. The only work that was carried out before the expiration of planning was the removal and relocation of an electricity pole that would obstruct the proposed entrance to the site.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to forward the correspondence onto the Planning Officer.

6/07/20 COMMITTEE REPORTS.

6.1/07/20 Footpaths.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to report to the Countryside Ranger that the signpost at the Recassa end of path19 has now fallen down, due to the widening of a gateway.

Footpath 17 Rescassa to Treveor is now usable, thanks to Caerhays Estate for removing a fallen tree.

6.2/07/20 Beach

The bins have been put on the beach.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to put 2 seats instead of 3, on the beach this year, to allow for social distancing.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to request Cormac to remove the granite blocks that were left on the beach following repairs to the wall.

6.3/07/20 Genral Purposes (Cemetery, Gorran Green & Tree Warden)

Seat Repairs

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to request the maintenance contractor to replace slats and tidy up 2 seats on Gorran Green and re-stain 2 seats on the Platt.

Flytipping – Notice

There has been a recurring issue with fly tipping in the layby towards to Bodrugan. Mr White has kindly removed the grass cuttings in black bags twice.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that a sign be put up to try to prevent the issue from reoccurring.

Parking at the Gruda

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to request Highways to put up a sign in the pull in area, on the Lamledra side of the Gruda. 'No parking - passing area only'.

6.4/07/20 Public Convenience

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to open the ladies & gents on 4th July A lock will be installed on the main ladies and gent's toilet doors to allow the public into the main block and be able to lock it behind them. The main block can then be used by a social bubble or individually, negating any social distancing issue within the main toilets.

Only keep 2 ladies and 1 gent's cubicle open.

3 automatic hand sanitiser dispensers were ordered at a cost of £89.97 as agreed by email.

The cleaner will charge dispensers in the service cupboard when required.

The maintenance contractor was asked to look at the cistern in one of the ladies.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to order permanent instruction signs for the toilets. Mr Lobb to produce temporary signs.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to keep the toilets unlocked and delegate authority to the toilet committee to review this decision is necessary.

Mr Lobb, Mr Ayres and Mr Bunney were thanked for their input and work on opening the toilets during the COVID19 restrictions.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to accept the Risk assessments that were completed regarding the reopening of the Ladies and Gent's, under the Government COVID19 restrictions.

6.5/07/20 Neighbourhood Plan

The Housing needs survey has been delayed due to COVID19 but the reported is expected at the end of August at the earliest.

7/07/20 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1/07/20 Police & Crime Commissioner – Councillors Advocate Scheme

The Police & Crime Commissioner invite the PC to nominate a representative to join the scheme.

7.2/07/20 Cornwall Council – Social Distancing Signs

Cornwall Council offered to put up COVID19 signs to help with social distancing. The PC agreed via email prior to the meeting.

7.3/07/20 Steve Double – COVID19 Funding Support

A number of local Parish or Town Councils raised concerns over a reluctance from Cornwall Council to issue funds to support them for additional costs or losses incurred during lockdown. He reported that The Secretary of State is very clear that the onus of providing additional funding for town and parish councils lies with the local authority, Cornwall Council, which has been given additional funding from the Government in order to do so. Steve Double suggests that should the PC need to, they contact Cornwall Council, to help make the case for support due to additional costs or loss of income the PC has incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

7.4/07/20 CALC – Re-Opening of Toilets Webinar

A copy of the presentation was received.

7.5/07/20 Cormac – Highway Maintenance Update

Following the most recent guidance from the government and Cornwall Council to restart key activities and projects where it can be done safely, their highways and environment teams have been gradually stepping up works. In the highways service, their initial focus is on the maintenance of the main routes.

7.6/07/20 Resident – Advance Notice of Planning Application

A resident thought it was worth taking the time to give the PC a preview of a planning application which they had just submitted, and to make the PC aware of the consideration they have given to the local community before submitting them.

7.7/07/20 Environment Agency – Update on Bathing Water Monitoring

The Environment Agency's routine bathing water sampling was suspended before the start of the 2020 bathing season, due to government guidelines. Following the latest government advice, they are actively planning to restart their bathing water monitoring and expect to restart bathing water monitoring towards the end of July.

7.8/07/20 Residents – Community Meal Thank yous

Thank you notes from residents were received along with donations for the community meals.

Mr Bunney and the other volunteers were also thanked for running the scheme

7.9/07/20 Cornwall Council – Draft Code of Conduct Consultation

The Government is planning to tighten the ethical standards regime following the recent review conducted by the Committee on Standards in Public Life. The first part of this is the development of a new national model Code of Conduct. Any comments are welcomed.

7.10/07/20 Newsletters

Voluntary & Community Sector COVID19 update, Steve Double May Enews letter, Town & Parish COVID19 Update, Cornwall Council COVID19 core brief, Cornwall CLT June newsletter, Citizens Advice Cornwall

Further Correspondence

Luxulyan Parish Council – Easing of lockdown, a cautious approach

Luxulyan PC are very concerned with the possibility of a second peak of Coronavirus cases during and after the holiday season and hopes that the PC will support a cautious approach to the easing of Lockdown in Cornwall and all holiday spots in the UK.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED for the PC to write to MP Steve Double.

St Austell & Mevagissey Community Network Panel – Virtual Network Meeting

Action notes from the St Austell and Mevagissey Informal Community Network Meeting held on 23rd June. An additional meeting will be held in July to discuss the Highways Schemes. The proposed date for this meeting is Wednesday 22 July at 6.00pm.

Cornwall Council – Community Network Highways Scheme

Update on the Community Network Highways scheme.

Horse signage, Woodwick Farm. Cost £800 approx 6 months from commission.

Bell Hill 30mph speed limit, Cost £3,400. approx 12 months from commission

Gorran School parking and Gorran Churchtown pedestrian safety.

CALC – COVID Recovery and Planning Reform

The government is considering a wide range of policies and programmes to assist the country with recovery and renewal A new Business and Planning Bill was recently published The Prime Minister made an announcement on the 30th June which indicates that further changes to the planning system will be forthcoming. A briefing on the legislation has been received that summarises the impact of the changes.

CALC – Physical Meetings

All of the current government guidance continues to stress the need for social distancing and social responsibility and leadership in remaining alert to the purpose behind the restrictions.

CALC completely agree with the legal opinion of a number of senior legal advisory bodies to the sector that, although the slight easing of restrictions may encourage your council to consider holding a physical meeting, it is neither essential or safe at this time. They cannot recommend the need to invite members of the council, staff and the community to attend physical meetings, either outside or indoors at this time which could put them at risk, of contracting Covid-19.

8/07/20 PLANNING MATTERS

PA20/03675: Mr D W Shillabar, Land Adj to Springfield Rice Lane New 2 bedroom bungalow

Full Application – 2 letters of objection received included in 7 objections on line. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to **object**. Mr Grose, Mr Bulled, Ms Lobb, Mr Husband and Mr Ayres abstained.

Due to highways concerns, and it will overlook neighbouring properties and have a negative impact on flooding in the local area. There would be a cumulative impact of over development in the area, with no amenity space which would be detrimental to the property. The development would very unlikely assist in the housing need in the local area.

8.1/07/20 Cornwall Council Planning decisions

<u>PA20/01278: Mr David Biggs, Avondale, Canton Street</u>	APPROVED
<u>PA20/03200: Mr and Mrs D Smith, Caprera, Cliff Road</u>	APPROVED
<u>PA20/01570: Amanda Taylor, Chingbri, 3 Trewollock Close</u>	APPROVED
<u>PA20/01159: Dr Olivia Hum, 1 Church Street</u>	APPROVED
<u>PA20/03790: Mr & Mrs Colin Wiseman, Finistere, Wills Moor</u>	APPROVED
<u>PA20/00958: Julia Burr, Kittiwake, 13 Perhaver Way</u>	APPROVED
<u>PA20/02395: Mr Simon De Courcy, Rice Farm, Rice Lane</u>	APPROVED

9/07/20. BILLS FOR PAYMENT, BUDGET REVIEW & BANK RECONCILIATION VERIFICATION

PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Cornwall Council Burial Ground Rates	£52.00	Community donation COVID19	£20.00
ID Mobile Parish Telephone	£16.40	HSBC Interest Deposit AC	£1.41
Non Domestic Rates Burial Ground	£60.00	Co-op Funeral Services Burial	£465.00
Reimburse Mr Ayres Jewsons bolts	£11.59	Community donation COVID19	£100.00
Old School Rooms Grant kitchen	£700.00	HSBC Interest Dev AC	£1.76
St Goran CLT Transfer cost	£250.00	Community donation COVID 19	£20.00
AJH Services hand sanitiser	£188.40	Community donation COVID 19	£725.00
S Spence Grasscutting & Maintenance	£315.00	NS&I – HSBC Transfer burial	£465.00
AJH Services Toilet Cleaning	£409.31		
British Gas Electricity Supply	£33.53		
SWW Water Supply toilets	£24.38		
Community volunteer travel expenses	£135.00		
Friend of the Triangle reimburse bench	£212.99		
Duchy Cemetery gravedigger	£465.00		
Mrs LCV Potheary Clerks Salary	£642.76		
Mrs LCV Potheary Clerks Purchases	£86.47		
Mrs LCV Potheary Clerks Expenses	£64.00		
NS&I HSBC burial transfer	£465.00		
Mr CF Lobb Reimburse toilet locks	£31.86		

TOTAL £4,111.79

TOTAL £1,798.17

All the Bills for May have been paid. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to pay the bills for June. The Clerk presented the actual receipts and payments to date, which were compared with the yearly budget.

The bank reconciliation was verified.

10/07/20 Grants.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to award Grants as follows

Gorran FC	£100
Gorran Haven Snooker Club	£100
Gorran Cricket Club	£100
St Goran Rowing Club	£100
St Goran Playingfield Trust	£100
Gorran Pre-school	£100
St Goran PCC – Magazine	£350
The Old School Rooms	£100
St Goran PCC – Parish Nurse	£250
Gorran Rainbows	£100
Gorran Haven Memorial Hall	£110
Village Website	£86.40

11/07/20. Parish Problems

It was proposed, seconded and RESOVLED to ask Caerhayes Estate if they should have planning permission for the newly installed carpark camera poles. It is thought that they are unsightly in an AONB and detrimental to the admirable work the Estate had recently carried out on renovating the Arch.

County Councillor Mustoe to request Cormac to place the road from Oak Tree to Polmassick on their servicing list.

With the travel restrictions newly lifted, the PC were concerned about rubbish in the beach area. The beach cleaning rota has now begun and it was hoped that members of the public would take their rubbish home if bins were full and local businesses to support this measure.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.