

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the St Goran Parish Council held on 7th September 2023 in the Old School Rooms at 7.30pm, with Mr CP Grose in the Chair.

Present were Messrs Ayres, Enos, Fox, Husband, Lobb, Winter, Miss Coffee, Cornwall Councillor German, The Co Chair of the NDP, The Chair of The 3 Bays Wildlife Group and 4 members of the public.

1/09/23 APOLOGIES

Mr Blamey and Dr Dunne

2(a)/09/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Enos – 8.3/09/23

2(b)/09/23 GIFT DECLARATIONS

None

2(c)/09/23 CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION.

None

2(d)/09/23 GDPR – Any Matters to Consider

None

3/09/23 PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public asked if their planning application had been received. It had not been received, by the PC at the time.

A member of the Gorran Green Committee reported that the diseased Holly tree had been pruned. They also reported that the hedge along the lane, near the Green is overgrown and that an Ash tree, in this area looks to be diseased. Cornwall Councillor German agreed to report the overgrown hedge and it was agreed for the Tree Warden and local tree surgeon to survey the Ash tree.

A member of the public felt that Mr Ayres statement from the July meeting was misrepresentative. It was agreed to change the word majority, to a number, under Parish Problems in the July minutes. The edited statement will now read - Mr Ayres reported that a number of parishioners were extremely disappointed in Cornwall Council for not permitting planning application PA22/02389. They also felt their representation in the July meeting was not minuted in as much detail as other matters, that were raised in the public session. The member of the public then read out a statement - The very considerable opposition locally to that planning application has been made very clear, with much wider and more significant reasons for not going ahead than the disappointment of some people in Gorran Haven.

3.1/09/23 Three Bays Wildlife Group – Wildlife & Nature development in Portmellon Valley

The Chairman of the Three Bays Wildlife Group gave the presentation.

Portmellon Valley is where the waterflows in the catchment area. The boundary follows the road that encompasses Mevagissey and Gorran.

The representative is a Nature Developer, who protects and enhances nature and looks for opportunities for nature development. It is important to think about resilience to climate change and look at the people aspect.

The valley has a history of nature development and includes County wildlife sites, special protection areas, ancient woodland, a temperate rainforest and a private nature reserve. It holds important plants, habitats, freshwater reptiles, amphibians, birds, insects, mammals, coastal and marine wildlife. Portmellon holds the largest Seal population, on the South Coast.

Nature development opportunities and threats.

Sanctuary woods is a Woodland Trust site where the butterfly population is monitored by volunteers. There is potential to sow wild flowers in this area, to manage the woodland, open up the river, and rejuvenate the ponds in the Mill field. The Sheep field is overgrown and needs management. The Galowras Wetland has the potential to hold a makeshift wetland habitat. The butterfly field is a biodiversity hotspot, that holds grassland, that has not been recently farmed. It holds 21 species of butterfly and rare plants. The landowner has recently cut back the gorse, which is good for the area. The community wetland in Portmellon is an important habitat for wildlife, but there is currently a planning application for a museum to be developed in this area. Portmellon Bay has a new seagrass area, due to the reduction of dredging and benefiting from sustainable fishing.

There is a potential to introduce new species to the valley.

The PC can question if there is a nature development opportunity in the decisions they make, consult with landowners regarding nature development opportunities, on their land. They could consider objecting to the planning application at Portmellon. There is the intention to form a Friends of Portmellon Valley Group, to work with local landowners and local people to get people enthused.

The Three Bays Chairman was thanked for his presentation.

The meeting then went into the formal session.

4/09/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 20TH JULY 2023

Once the wording had been edited, as agreed in the Public Session, it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to accept the minutes.

5/09/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1/09/23 Cemetery Memorial

The PC had granted permission for the new kerbs memorial, which had been an oversight on their behalf.

5.2/09/23 Bell Hill

Highways have inspected the reported issue and have determined that in accordance with their highways maintenance manual it does not require attention at the present time. However, the area is inspected regularly, so should there be any significant deterioration, appropriate action will be taken.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to thank Highways for the relining of the virtual footpath.

5.3/09/23 Cooks Level

Highways reported that before a permanent closure can be considered, the PC would need to understand the views of the wider community, including any affected residents and businesses on the surrounding road network to Cooks Level, as well as the views and support of the elected Cornwall Councillor. Local businesses with delivery needs may be adversely affected by such a scheme, because some of the surrounding road network is not suitable for delivery vehicles.

Highways would suggest a discussion with the elected member initially to gain his views, and some wider consultation work to seek views of the community before a scheme is considered for feasibility, to avoid abortive costs.

Cornwall Councillor German's reply to a resident regarding the closure

The council has no intention of closing the road. There is a legal process for closing a public highway but it is not successful if a single objection is received.

There is a challenge with the process for the works to retaining wall, which is that it is the landowner's responsibility to undertake the works and that the work to put it right

has to get technical approval. There has been ongoing dialogue between the council and the landowner to resolve the situation.
Cornwall Councillor German reported during the meeting that there is now an extension to the road closure until December.

5.4/09/23 Multi-use Trail

The Parishioner has been speaking to Cornwall Council directly in an effort for them to make earlier remedial cutting in May.

5.5/09/23 Closed Churchyard

The closed Churchyard has now been cut.

5.6/09/23 Gorran Green – Holly Tree

The Tree Warden passed on their recommendation for the Holly tree to the Gorran Green committee.

To remove the dead part of the stem is a minor task and the Tree Warden would be happy to carry out this task.

6/09/23 COMMITTEE REPORTS.

6.1/09/23 Footpaths

Following the LMP contractors report, it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to report to the Countryside Ranger that a stile at Caerhays, requires some repairs. The LMP contractor reported that Path no 8 was unable to be completed as the maize has been planted too close to the hedge.

Footpath No 7 was cut back the week prior to the July meeting.

All the cropped over footpaths have been cleared. The member of the public thanked the PC for resolving the issues and it is very much appreciated. They hope the landowner continues to keep them clear going forward.

Mr Lobb has reinstalled the footpath sign on path No 19 and was thanked by the member of the public.

The member of the public ask's if No 17 can be cut back. The landowner had already been requested to cut this back, as agreed in the July meeting.

The Countryside Ranger 404/17 – the lane from Rescassa to the first field is very overgrown. If Cormac give the track a hard cut back of surface/side/overhanging vegetation (to our cost), to really open the path up, would the Parish then include this path in their regular trimming using some of the silver funding under LMP 24/25? It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to accept the Countryside Rangers proposal.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to report to the Countryside Ranger that the Carvinick steps and the stile on footpath No 12 require repair.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to place a notice in the Parish Magazine that it is the landowner's responsibility to keep public rights of way clear.

6.2/09/23 Beach

The signs, bollards and bins have been stored away for the winter. Mr Ayres felt that there was a positive response to the restrictive bollard scheme this year.

Mr Ayres has cleared the Little Perhaver steps.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOVLED to purchase 3 replacement bin liners.

6.3/09/23 General Purposes

Cemetery Trees

The Tree Warden and a local tree surgeon intend to assess the trees.

The maintenance contractor will clear the overgrown shrubs on the identified graves.

6.4/09/23 Public Convenience

During the holiday's the drains have been blocked 3 or 4 times and the toilets were closed. The PC were of the opinion that the drain capacity is not enough for the usage of the toilets. This will be looked into with the refurbishment.

A new volunteer has taken on the organisation of the winter cleaning rota.

Following a request, the PC received many ideas from the public for the intended refurbishment. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED for the toilet committee to meet to discuss the ideas from the public, to enable them to put forward a proposal.

6.5/09/23 Housing

Nothing to report.

6.6/09/23 NDP

The PC were invited to a meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing a new off-road cycle route / multi-use trail to link Gorran Churchtown and Heligan. The meeting will take place on the evening of Monday 18th September at the St Ewe Village Hall

6.7/09/23 Kerneneth Carvinick

Coodes have agreed to act on behalf of the PC regarding the lease and the sub lease. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED for the head of the Kenmeneth Carvinick Group to liaise directly with Coodes regarding the Sub lease.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED not to carry out any searches.

The leases for site 1 & 2 were received from Cornwall Council.

The leases were signed by Mr Grose and Mr Fox in the presence of the Proper Officer. Included with the leases is a Warning Notice, to confirm that the lease has no security of tenure. Accompanying this notice is a statutory declaration, which must be taken to a local solicitor to witness. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED for the clerk to complete this task with a local solicitor.

7/09/23 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR COMMENTS

Cornwall Councillor German checked with the PC that the multi use trail had been cut and he intends to ensure this is cut prior to the holidays next year.

Following Cornwall Councillor German's sharing details of a grant's workshop Mr Enos attended the Mevagissey drop in session. He reported that they explained and showed how to explore the Community Capacity Fund. This fund is the distribution of the levelling up fund. Mr Enos reported that it may be difficult to obtain funding for a toilet project, but the possibility of raising funds for use of the toilet block under a different capacity, while retaining the availability of the toilets. They are looking to fund 40 – 50 projects by November. There is a follow up session to assist in the completion of grant applications forms.

8/09/23 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1/09/23 Kernow Memorials – Memorial Installation Request

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to grant permission to install a new headstone.

8.2/09/23 Roseland & Truro CAP – Workshop Summary & Meeting

A summary of the workshop discussions and draft notes of the first meeting were received. In the notes, a working group for Low Carbon and New Zero was agreed.

Agendas for Roseland & Truro Community Area Partnership Meetings due to be held on 17th October.

8.3/09/23 Applicant – Revised Plans PA22/11224

The applicant will shortly be re submitting a revised Planning Application for the property, Maen Lay, Foxhole Lane, Gorran Haven.

The application was refused on first submission in January.

Their intention is to instruct formal resubmission. Since the original application, the plans have been revised to incorporate feedback from all parties involved in the initial Planning process.

8.4/09/23 Visitor – Gents toilet

A visitor reported that in the gent's toilets, the water tap spring was broken and every time it is used it has to be lifted to stop the water from continually running

All of the cubical doors have no sliding locks for privacy

And one of the toilets is broken

Mr Lobb and Mr Winter have installed new locks and fixed the tap.

8.5/09/23 Mid Cornwall Climate & Eco Hub – Opening Event Invitation

Invitation to the Mid-Cornwall Climate and Eco Hub (MCCEH) Open Day on 30th September.

8.6/09/23 Visitor – Bench

A visitor has asked permission to install a memorial bench on the Platt.

Unfortunately, there is not enough space to install another bench on the Platt

8.7/09/23 Visitor – Incident on the Beach

A person in a vehicle removed the beach signs that restricted access until 1800hrs.

This happened at around 17.15hrs - the person drove at speed onto the beach to retrieve his boat - families, young children & dogs were playing on the beach.

8.8/09/23 CALC - Training

Details of CALC training courses.

Addressing Conflict between Employees and Members, including Code of Conduct Issues. Introduction to Planning and a separate course looking in detail at Planning Enforcement and Appeals.

8.9/09/23 Carbon Neutral Cornwall Team – Local Area Energy Plan session

Your Town / Parish Council is invited to send a representative to attend a dedicated engagement session to help shape the UK's first rural and island Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP). Sessions in Bodmin and on line

8.10/09/23 Cornwall Council - Updating the Clean Air for Cornwall Strategy:

Engagement workshops with CAP representatives

Cornwall Council's Environmental Protection team are interested in engaging with Cornwall Councillors, Town and Parish councils and wider stakeholders from the public, voluntary and community sectors to seek their suggestions on what air quality priorities and success measures should be included in an updated version of the Clean Air for Cornwall strategy.

8.11/09/23 Cornwall Council – Grant Application Workshop

A workshop is being held locally for applying for grants. It is aimed at not for profit community organisations with little or no experience of applying for grant funding.

The community capacity fund will be included in this, which gives grants to enable the work to be done to then go for bigger grants.

8.12/09/23 Roseland & Community Area Partnership – Meeting

The next meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 17th October @6.45pm. Online or in person.

8.13/09/23 Internal Auditor – Cessation

The PC's internal auditor will no longer be carrying out any further audits. Cornwall Councillor German to inquire with other PC's regarding their internal auditors.

8.14/09/23 Newsletters

Rural Services, Positive Planning, Weekly Bathing Water Results, Cornwall CLT

8.15/09/23 Further Correspondence

CALC - Online Town & Parish Council Budget Update Briefing

Thursday 12 October at 10.00am CALC will be hosting a Teams meeting on Cornwall Council's Budget Update giving an opportunity to consider the Cornwall Council draft budget for 2024/25

Mad Hatters - Events

Mad Hatters would like to do the Gwineas swim on the 8th June next year and the Roseland swim/run on the 14th July. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to defer this decision until November, to allow the Rowing Club time to confirm a date for their regatta.

9/09/23 PLANNING MATTERS

PA23/05735: Mr F Cunningham, Byways, Bell Hill The proposed erection of a raised decking area to the rear elevation of the dwelling, alterations to the rear elevation and the provision of three dormer windows in the rear elevation of the roof
Full Application

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support.

PA23/05539: Mr Richard Watkins, Meadow View, Derbys Lane Extension to the rear (North), alterations to roof to raise ridge height and balcony to South elevation
Full Application

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support

PA23/05942: Mrs Cheryl Holder, Tregillan, Trewollock Lane Proposals to construct a new Garden Pod at Tregillan to be used as temporary accommodation to be used as an additional bedroom to the main house for occasional visitors and family etc.
Full Application

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to support with the condition that it is used for friends and family only.

Any Further Applications Received Prior to Meeting

9.1/09/23 Cornwall Council Planning Decision

PA23/09207: Mr & Miss Andrew & Laura Garland & Vickery, Mellown Vale
APPROVED

PA23/02874: Mrs Anne couch, Land South West of the Boathouse, Rice lane
APPROVED

PA23/04789: Mr & Mrs Fox, Green Bank, Gorran

APPROVED

PA23/05033: Mrs Emma Crawford, Homelea, Gorran

APPROVED

<u>PA23/04240: Ms Sarah Lowe, 37 Trelispen Park Drive</u>	APPROVED
<u>PA23/04409: Burton, The Nook</u>	APPROVED
<u>PA23/04446: Shaun Scales, Old Coastguard House, Chute Lane</u>	APPROVED
<u>PA23/04244: Mrs Cheryl Holder, Tregillian, Trewollock Lane</u>	APPROVED

9.2/09/23 Cornwall Council Recommendation – PA23/04446

Cornwall Planning noted the members support, and their comment that they would have preferred an alternative material to timber cladding on the garage due to the site's location within the AONB. Having assessed the proposals it is considered that given the tucked away location and scale of the garage the choice of material is acceptable in this instance and will not have a negative impact on the landscape character and natural beauty of the AONB. As such they have not requested that the material is changed and plan to proceed to an approval under delegated powers within the statutory timescales.

10/09/23 BILLS FOR PAYMENT & BUDGET REVIEW

PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

British Gas Electricity Supply £18.37	Member of the public Toilet donation £25.00
ID Mobile Telephone £8.40	Dignity Funerals Burial Charges £1,090.00
AJH Services Toilet Cleaning £648.16	Member of the public Toilet donation £10.00
Google Google £55.20	Members public Toilet donation boxes £449.00
SeaDog IT Website £25.00	
HSBC Bank charges £12.00	
British Gas Electricity Supply £51.51	
ID Mobile Parish Telephone £8.40	
SeaDog IT Website £25.00	
Mr C F Lobb Reimburse Toolstation – toilet furniture £59.86	
SWW Water Supply £495.20	
Duchy Cemetery's Grave Preparation £510.00	
Treleaven Countryside Services Ltd LMP & SWCP £1,434.24	
Clear-flow Drain jetting £168.00	
AJH Services Toilet Cleaning £648.16	
Mrs L Pothecary Clerks Salary £965.54	
Mrs L Pothecary Clerks Expenses £86.07	
Mrs L Pothecary Clerks Purchases £6.10	
S Spence Grasscutting £375.00	

TOTAL £5,600.21

TOTAL £1,574.00

All the Bills for July have been paid. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to pay the bills for August. A copy of the accounts was sent to all Councillors. The Clerk presented the actual receipts and payments to date, which were compared with the yearly budget.

11.1/09/23 Financial Regulations Review

The Financial Regulations were reviewed and it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to accept them for the forth coming year.

12/09/23 Parish Problems

None

The meeting closed at 9pm