

MINUTES – Tuesday, November 12, 2024

- 24/250 Councillors present**
Cllrs H Ferguson (chair); K Cann (vice chair); A Pengelly; A Pooley; C Bailey; P Cook, A Stacey and J Chapman. Also in attendance: S Cleave, clerk, and four members of public.
- 24/251 Apologies for absence**
Cllr Fairman – other commitments.
- 24/252 Declaration of Interests**
Cllr Pooley – 24/266 Pavilion.
- 24/253 To receive and approve minutes of last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on October 8, 2024.
Proposed: A Pengelly Seconded: K Cann Votes: Unanimous
- 24/254 Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)**
One member of the public spoke on the traffic calming measures proposed for the top of West Down Road. He said there is already a pinch point by the old corner shop and if there is another traffic island further on, this will cause two queues. If there is an ambulance there, for example, it will cause problems.
Another resident spoke about Green Lane and the condition of the road there. The clerk will forward the 106 agreement previously talked about by Cllr Fairman. She also raised concern with the proposed plans to build dwellings at the rear of the Bettle & Chisel pub, which she and her neighbours would object to, as there is already a problem with flood water.
Another resident asked who the parish council represents. The chair said the parish council is there for everybody in the parish.
- 24/255 County Councillor report - Cllr Dominic Fairman**
No report.
- 24/256 Clerk's report**
The clerk's report was noted with a couple of additions – a plaque will be sorted for a bench for former councillor Chris Keat; repairs and maintenance of the Memorial Garden will be placed on the December agenda (Cllr Stacey will have a look and report back). Cllr Ferguson said she had spoken with the chair of St Teath Parish Council about the public toilets at Delabole (these are still in St Teath's name under a long lease). St Teath will push from their side to have them transferred to Delabole.
- 24/257 Consideration of planning applications**
PA24/06670 – Proposed conversion and extension of former goat shed into holiday let accommodation with new foul drainage system. Helland Barton Farm, Delabole.
Councillors objected to the plans and noted that the previous conditions should still apply (PA23/07696 – the development shall only be used for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house as such known as Helland Barton Farm and shall not be used, sold or let at any time as a separate residential unit of accommodation).

b. To consider any other consultations received since publication of the agenda.

The following was noted: PA24/08168 – Works to a tree within a Conservation Area. T1 (Ash) – to crown lift and thin dead wood in crown and reduce to better shape the tree. Range View, Treligga. [As this is for works to trees in a Conservation Area, it will be decided under delegated authority – no consultation for parish council].

c. To note planning application decisions

The following decision was noted:

PA24/02095 – Application for Outline Planning with all matters reserved for the erection of four dwellings and associated works. Land west of Treholme, Trebarwith Road, Delabole. **REFUSED**

24/258

Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Community Area Partnership survey; Community Area Partnership draft action notes from previous meeting; Forest for Cornwall newsletter; Community Area Partnership meeting agenda (October 21 at Bodmin); Framework for Leisure briefing slides; Cornwall Council affordable housing newsletter; Planning News for Local Councils newsletter.

24/259

Speed Watch

Cllr Cook said he would be happy to help with a Speed Watch, as would Cllrs Bailey, Pengelly, Cann and Stacey. The clerk will put a note in the Slate to ask if there are any further volunteers and will contact the police about setting up a group. She will liaise with Cllr Cook.

24/260

Treligga Downs footpath

Councillors received a request for some footing to be installed at the entrance to the footpath. Cllr Pooley has got some plainings that he will put down as a temporary measure.

24/261

Vell Lane stile

Correspondence from Cornwall Council regarding the stile was noted.

24/262

Seaweed Farm

No update.

24/263

Village vandalism

The parish council has been made aware of a social media video showing some young people in the playing fields, and the bin by the pavilion was rugby tackled. The clerk will put a piece in the Slate regarding the incident. The bin has kindly been repaired by Cllr Chapman, but it will be reported to the police for a crime number, and if something like this happens again, an invoice for the damage and / or repairs will be sent to the parents. It was proposed to send a letter to the parents to inform them of this.

Proposed: J Chapman

Seconded: K Cann

Votes: Unanimous

24/264

Bench at Water Lane

The council received a request for a bench to be installed at Water Lane. Councillors proposed to add it to next year's budget and look to install the bin after April.

Proposed: H Ferguson

Seconded: A Pengelly

Votes: Unanimous

24/265

CCTV

No update. The system will be checked as the power is intermittently going off.

24/266

Pavilion

Cllr Pooley explained to councillors that when the Pavilion was built, it had a 25/30-year lease with St Teath Parish Council. This lapsed before Delabole

Parish Council was formed. He said St Teath was not in favour of a new lease, but now, the committee would like to look for grants to put a small extension on to provide a changing room and a lease must be in place. Councillors agreed to sign a 25-year lease.

Proposed: H Ferguson Seconded: A Stacey Votes: Seven in favour, one abstention

24/267 Vell Lane

Councillors were given an update from Cornwall Council. The clerk will ask Cornwall Council for some blurb we can let people have, as there are still several queries being raised by residents.

24/268 Basketball hoop

The clerk gave an updated cost for a basketball hoop. This will cost £1,694.00 exc VAT. The youth club returned the money donated by the parish council, along with some other funds, totalling £1,727.88. It was proposed to order the basketball hoop and apply to the Good Energy fund for the shortfall of £304.92 (although councillors were happy to take this from reserves if the grant was not successful). Cllrs Chapman and Pooley will have a look to see where the best location would be in the playing fields.

Proposed: A Stacey Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous

24/269 Spraying

The council received correspondence about weed spraying in the village. It was noted by councillors that the weeds have to be kept under control. The grass cutting and spraying contract is up in April, so prior to the new tenders going out, the council will look into what is being used to control the weeds.

24/270 Budget

Councillors received a draft budget for 2025/26. As the grass cutting, footpaths and spraying contract is up in April, councillors felt they would be unable to budget for next year without knowing how much they will be paying for these contracts. In addition, Slate Close roundabout will need to be added. The clerk will contact Cornwall Council to ask for an extension. She will look at advertising the tenders as soon as possible.

24/271 Co-option

Councillors voted in favour of co-opting Pauline Martin onto the council.

Proposed: A Stacey Seconded: A Pooley Votes: Unanimous

24/272 Finance

a. Councillors noted the balances of accounts as accurate for November 6, 2024.

Bank balance (November 6, 2024) £94,093.09

b. Councillors noted the income received.

Name	Budget line	Payment method	Value
	Cornwall Council LMP payment	BACS	£2,335.46

c. Councillors noted the below payments.

Budget line	Payment – November	Total
Staff wages	Staff wages (including Local Government Services Pay Agreement back pay)	As per contracts
Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund (October)	As per contract
Office	Clerk mileage	£ 48.60

Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths	Growing Concern (October)	£1,752.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity (October 1 to October 31)	£93.29
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Suez – cemetery bin	£73.37
Office	3 mobile phone	£5.89
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water cemetery (October payment)	£TBC
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water toilets (October payment)	£TBC
Training	CALC Code of Conduct training Cllr Cook	£24.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	British Gas – electricity toilets (October 2 to November 1)	£55.96
Office	S Cochrane - HP ink Amazon	£90.39

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: P Cook

Seconded: A Stacey

Votes: Unanimous

24/273

Agenda items for next meeting – December 10, 2024, Delabole Methodist Church.

Western Supply correspondence; zebra crossing; Memorial Garden repairs.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.