

St Breward Parish Council 2023/24
Minutes of the Council meeting for
Monday 7th August 2023 at 7pm
Held in St Breward Institute & War Memorial Hall

1) Parish Councillors Present: Veronica Stansfield, David Cornelius, Fiona Camboropolous, Stephen Nankivell, Paul van der Ben, Denis Lusby, Darren Wills, David Poxon

2) Unitary Authority Councillor Present: Dominic Fairman
Clerk to the Parish Council: None
Members of the Public Present: Peter Glaser, Paul Frost

	Minutes	Action req'd/Person responsible
Public concerns and issues raised prior to start of the PC meeting	None	
2) Apologies	Anita Cornelius (work) Patrick Lucas (work)	
3) Declaration of members registerable, non-registerable and disclosable pecuniary interests (in accordance with Part 3, 5A & 5B Code of Conduct)	None	
4) Minutes of the meeting 3 rd July 2023	The PC approved the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd July 2023. Proposed by PvdB, seconded by FC All in favour.	
5) Matters Arising	i) Clerk advised that she has ordered the 20mph signs from Monster Signs ii) Clerk still has not heard from Community Heartbeat Trust re telephone box iii) the residents at Penpont have agreed that they will repair the seat and send invoice for materials to PC. iv) <i>DW was going to discuss replacement seat at Colans Cross with Stephen Kay (SK unavailable due to death in family)</i> v) Cost for a replacement bench at Higher Lank made from recyclable materials are: £978.67(inc VAT) and memorial plaque costs an additional £101.39. PC agreed to order bench & plaque: proposed DP, Seconded DW. All in favour.	
6) Public Concerns &	No Public Concerns & Comments	

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7) Planning matters & planning applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Applications: None ii) Decisions: PA23/104873 S52/S106 & discharge of condition apps iii) Correspondence: Land North West of Newton St Breward Bodmin Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed:change of use of agricultural buildings to dwelling houses (use Class C3) Mrs C Swiderska PA23/05056 Chair reported that this had been withdrawn. iv) Training: Councillor Stansfield gave an update following her attendance of a workshop on 11th July 2023 	
8) Police Report will be received	The Police Report has been circulated to Councillors and posted on PC website.	
9) Updates from CALC	None	
10) Steering Group in response to closure of village shop	DL, on behalf of the St.BCSSG, thanked the PC for the £3,000 donation and with other donations , now had approximately £17,000, He reported that the conditions imposed by the Village Hall committee made it unfeasible to go ahead with a temporary shop in the village hall grounds and despite the kind offer of St Breward Silver Band to have a community shop in the Band Room for 6 months, the steering group reluctantly decided that this option was not economically viable with projected unrecoverable costs of £7,000. The steering group are in discussions with Cornwall Council about the possibility of acquiring a rural workshop in Chyryn Drive. This option is not certain, as all 4 units are currently occupied, planners might not agree to a change of use and Public Health requirements to bring it up to the standard needed for food use might make it prohibitive. The steering group are considering going back to the community for help in their search for a suitable site. The alternative option is that St Breward, unlike its neighbours, Blisland, St Tudy and St Maybn, will not have a community shop.	
11) Play Areas at Rylands	DL reported that despite 2 cows being in the play area on 25 th July, because the common side gate was wide open, no damage had been done and despite minor problems with the gates and minor sinking of the surface matting, the play area was looking in really good condition after 10 or so years, and the PC should be proud of what they had achieved for this well used children's facility. PVDB reported that the swings were noisy and did they need oiling. DL to investigate.	
12) Village Seats, grit bins, bins	VS is liaising with Park signs for a new noticeboard which will include a village map but she would like a new open fronted noticeboard to be erected at the top of Hill. DP reported that the new bin at	

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<p>& notice boards</p>	<p>Lower Penquite is being emptied by Charlie Webb and all seems ok.</p>	
<p>13) Bus Shelters</p>	<p>Rylands Bus Shelter – phase 1 of overgrown weeds and shrubs complete. 2nd phase to be determined – Bench to be inserted inside the bus shelter - PvdB asked North Coast Cabins if they would donate this, and they have agreed. PvdB reported that the roof had been given two coats of sealer and had bought the white Weathershield paint for both the inside and outside, but some ivy roots were proving hard to remove. The railings had been de-rusted and painted. Inside the shelter had been sprayed to remove the mould. After much discussion about fixing the Millenium decorated clay tiles on the inside, DL agreed to work out how much area of inside wall they would cover before the inside was painted. He would chase up Terry Pengelly about paving in front of the shelter.</p>	
<p>14) Cattle grazing on the common at Rylands and straying down into village</p>	<p>PC had received various complaints from residents in lower half of the village. These complaints centred on 5 to 8 large cows that had been entering gardens and causing damage. These properties were well away from Rylands Common. P Glaser told of the damage caused to his property but declined to pursue damages on this occasion. DL reported a near miss with 2 female cyclists who just managed to seek refuge from the cows which were being inadvertently driven up from Limbhead by a car. This part of the road was effectively single lane because of a line of parked cars.</p> <p>Previously the PC had investigated placing a cattle grid at the lower end of the common but were unable to secure funding. The problem is that the Highways Act 1980 Section 155 states that there are penalties for straying animals, but livestock straying off a common are exempt from these penalties. Only a court of law could decide how far down the highway from the common would this exemption expire. DL said that village roads are much busier and more congested with parked vehicles and more residents were unused to sharing them with large animals and our community needed to do something before someone gets injured.</p> <p>After much debate and advice from SN & DF the PC decided to write to Mr Blackburn, advising him of the increasing number of complaints and that some residents are considering legal action. Has he considered collars as a possible solution. As the last resort the PC could lease Nofence</p>	

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	<p>collars which would prevent cattle straying and trial these collars in conjunction with Mr Blackburn. These can be leased monthly. If necessary, the PC would have to inform our community if we had to raise the precept to pay for this initiative. The PC agreed this plan of action. Proposed by DC. Seconded DW – all in favour.</p>	
<p>15) Watercourses & Leats</p>	<p>After a site meeting with Cornwall Council, Simon Deverill (Consents & Enforcement) stated that they were not able to undertake drainage works on private land but could if the works are within the publicly maintained highway. If there is a blockage or works have been done that reduces its capacity and efficiency, then CC can investigate this under the Land Drainage Act 1991.</p> <p>R Kendall reported that after recent heavy rain he observed a good flow of water running into the drain at the Chapel, this then flowed down the sluice all the way down to Limehead. This route is joined by another flow of water from a sluice pipe adjacent to the block of flats that runs under the road to connect with the Chapel water at an open drain on the side of the road. This water course then proceeds under the fronts of the residences (on the right-hand side of the main road) before emerging under a drain cover at the footpath between Trevor and Tor View. The water course then continues in a straight line through several gardens one of which is Camel View House. There is an access point in Camel View House's front garden and its where the pipe divides into 2. One pipe continues down to Limehead whilst the 2nd one runs down to the old horse trough and into my property and Mr Finnemore's.</p> <p>He checked the flow of water coming into the horse trough after all the rain and it was quite substantial. The next day he was surprised to find it had reduced to a mere trickle.</p> <p>He lifted the cover of the sluice in the footpath adjacent to Trevor and only found a trickle of water. Not to have any substantial flow of water in the slice after the heavy downpours of the previous day was surprising. He can only conclude, that given there was a steady flow of water at the Chapel but then a mere trickle at the footpath, somewhere between these 2 points the watercourse is being blocked or diverted.</p> <p>Councillors have had reports that Waterfall Cottage has had flooding issues and rubble had been thrown into the water course at Tor Lodge. PC to ask CC to investigate the watercourse in these two properties, and to deliver a Riparian Rights leaflet to all properties through which the watercourse runs. DL has Cornwall Council's leaflet on Land Drainage: Rights & Responsibilities. Proposed by VS, seconded by DP – all in favour.</p>	
<p>16) Footpaths</p>	<p>a) FP 6 Mill Lane – the PC gave an update following a meeting with Chris Monk and Terry</p>	

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	<p>Pengelly. His quote for this work was £4,664.00 inclusive. Chris Monk will ascertain if CC will pay for this work.</p> <p>b) Footpath Signage Project ongoing – waiting for Cormac to do work..</p> <p>c) FP 7 , 9 unclassified road at Newton, PF 5/4 CC to put up FP signs on the road entrance. Councillors were concerned that he had erected 2 gates across the public road. VC said CC was reluctant to take any action. SN said Commoners were upset about this as previously livestock on the common could use this lane to cross from one common to another. DF confirmed that this lane was part of the common. PC decided to take no action.</p>	
17) Public Conveniences	Nothing to report – all OK	
18) The PC will note all reports made to Cornwall Council in the past month and update on progress	<p>a) VS informed that Cormac have addressed the boulder in the hedge below Pendavey.</p> <p>b) WS232048102 – overgrown hedge reported.</p>	
19) Reports will be received by Unitary Councillor Fairman and/or the members of the Parish Council	<p>DF Shared Prosperity Funding money going rapidly and he had attended Community Bus committee to help with any possible grant application.</p> <p>PvdB proposed that PC meetings begin at 7.30pm instead of 7pm as this would working people time to gate home from work. Clerk to agree it. Seconded by FC – all in agreement</p>	
20) Financial Matters	<p>The PC noted that the current account has £242.29 on 06.08.23 prior to July expenses being paid</p> <p>The PC noted that the savings account has £31475.98 on 06.08.2023 prior to July transfer being made.</p> <p>The PC reviewed all payments, BACS payments and inter account transfers and all actions supported. Proposed by DW, seconded VS – all in favour.</p> <p>The PC noted the following:</p> <p>The transfer of £3000 to the St Breward Shop Steering Committee was made on 6th August 2023.</p>	

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	<p>Payments in August 2023: PAYE: £129.40 Cleaner: £300 Clerk: £517 V Stansfield (Just Giving Table) £11.20 & £9.72 Payroo: £6 North Cornwall Learning Trust £26.80 (printing at school) paid on 12th July Tom Preedy – grass cutting @ Rylands play areas and Higher Lank triangle £78 St Breward Community Shop £3000 as per extraordinary meeting resolution on 20th June 2023.</p> <p>General & Earmarked reserves will be reviewed in September when Clerk combines it with a Quarter 2 bank reconciliation.</p> <p>Insurance renewal information questionnaire has been received and will be reviewed prior to renewal in October.</p>	
21) Correspondence	<p>a) Cornwall AONB newsletter b) D Day 80th Anniversary 6th June 2024 c) Poley's Orchard</p>	
22) Forthcoming Training/Meetings/seminars	<p>a) the Parish Council will consider if they wish to explore civility and respect training and ask Clerk to determine cost for this. PC noted that NALC was offering civility & respect training. PC and should ask CALC's advice.</p>	
23) Items for discussion at next meeting	<p>General & earmarked reserves update Bus Shelter – Claylands</p>	
24) Date & time of next meeting	<p>The PC agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday 4th September 2023 at 7.30pm Meeting closed at 19.50hrs</p>	