

St Breward Parish Council 2020

Minutes of the Council meeting for

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Held via Zoom as a remote meeting at 7pm, because of COVID19 legislation

1) Parish Councillors Present: Denis Lusby, Joe Kay, Ben Fairman, Patrick Lucas, David Poxon, David Cornelius, Veronica Stansfield

Unitary Authority Councillor Present: None

Clerk to the Parish Council: A Cornelius

Members of the Public Present: Alaric Colville, Jane Hanscomb,

Guest speakers; Jo Poland Volunteer Cornwall Butterfly Conservation, Dick Goodeer Cornwall Butterfly Conservation

	Minutes	Action req'd/Person responsible
Public concerns and issues raised prior to start of the PC meeting	None	
2) Apologies	Darren Wills, Stephen Nankivell	
3) Declaration of members registerable, non-registerable and disclosable pecuniary interests (in accordance with Part 3, 5A & 5B Code of Conduct)	Ben Fairman declared his personal interest in Item 8, no financial interest associated with this.	
4) Minutes of the meeting 2 nd February 2021	The PC approved the minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd February 2021. Proposed by VS, seconded by BF. All in favour. The Chairman welcomed all participants via Zoom meeting in view of the current COVID pandemic.	
5) Matters Arising	Actions reviewed and prioritised in view of COVID 19: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) On Hold – work with owners of Wenford Pottery regarding commemorating Michael Cardew 2) Noticeboard replacement plan – on hold 3) Rylands Bus Shelter structural survey undertaken – Clerk informed Tina McGrath & Rob Waters – ongoing project – Clerk to check in with Tina McGrath 4) 20mph signs – signs with Ben 	
6) Public Concerns & Comments	None	
7) Planning matters & planning applications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning matters & planning applications – the PC will consider and discuss all planning applications, matters of correspondence and approvals/refusals received from the Unitary Council: All planning applications and decision notices received will be reviewed and confirmed by the Parish Council: <p>7a)PA21/00469 Deaconstowe St Breward Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4PW Agricultural building to form part micro brewery and part agricultural storage of grain / feed / hops and general farm equipment - Mr S Carruthers The PC supports this application. Proposed by BF, seconded by JK – all in favour.</p>	

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	<p>7b) PRE APP for information only PA21/00226 Land South Of Victoria Terrace St Breward Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4NG Pre application advice for a single storey dwelling, previously approved under E1/2010/00269 - Jonathon Servantas</p> <p>7c) Decisions: None from 3rd February 2021 – 25th February 2021</p> <p>7d) Other planning correspondence: will be received – objection received for application PA21/00424 from parishioners after the last PC meeting</p> <p>Planning Officers looking for representations from last PC meeting – addressed by Chairman</p>	
<p>8) South Penquite Woodland Planting Scheme and concerns form Cornwall Butterfly Conservation – including the rare fritillary butterfly within St Breward</p> <p>19:25hrs</p>	<p>The Chairman invited Jo Poland to give summary from Cornwall Butterfly Conservation, explaining that South Penquite Farm was in Blisland Parish.</p> <p>Jo Poland advised that South Penquite Farm – right on the border between Blisland & St Breward and has been central to work completed over past 20 years. A farm which is very biodiverse and sensitive to the environment.</p> <p>This Application came to Cornwall Butterfly Conservation by accident, we were disappointed that we weren't consulted on it as have previously worked together on the Bodmin Moor project. Peatlands are rare environments and largest terrestrial carbon store.</p> <p>Digging up peatland (is a major problem) as this produces greenhouse gases.</p> <p>Jo referred to the Emailed Letter from Dr Colin French with regards to his own concerns as the West Recorder for the Botanical society for Britain & Ireland. (detailed below)</p> <p>Mr Goodeer advised that CBC are not against planting trees at all – but needs to be right trees in the right places. Do not want to loose the butterflies, in densely planted tree schemes.</p> <p>Clerk read email from Mr Stapleton, St Breward Wildlife & Conservation Group received after the agenda was set.</p> <p>Clerk to share emails with Dominic Fairman from the Parish Council.</p> <p>Mr Goodeer and Jo Poland left the meeting</p> <p>Dear Anita,</p> <p>I would have very much liked to attend your zoom meeting to represent the Botanical Society for Britain and Ireland (BSBI). Unfortunately it clashes with another zoom meeting (for my sins I am a Cub Scout leader in Camborne and our weekly zoom meeting is at the same time). I would, however, very much like to state that the BSBI Recorders for Cornwall are very much against the proposed woodland creation scheme at South Penquite because it will destroy much better wildlife habitat than it will create.</p> <p>It may seem odd that the Cornish representatives of a botanical society should be against a tree planting scheme, when such schemes are</p>	

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	<p>fashionable amongst the general public and are actively promoted as being a very green thing to do. In reality, many tree planting schemes in the last few decades have caused a lot of environmental damage by destroying more highly prized wildlife habitat, such as heathland and moorland, and replaced it with woodland which generally has little value in terms of biodiversity. This is especially true in Cornwall where the landscape was effectively cleared of woodland in prehistoric times. This clearance has meant that whenever woodland has been created there has not been a reservoir of woodland fauna and flora in the vicinity to invade and so provide the woodland with higher biodiversity. As a result, in Cornwall, the vast majority of woodlands are very poor in biodiversity, are typically less than 200 years old and are often dominated by non native trees and shrubs.</p> <p>South Penquite is an existing area of high biodiversity with a significant number of rare and threatened plants and animals which has benefitted from being managed in an environmentally friendly way as an organic holding. Woodland creation at South Penquite would undoubtedly be detrimental to the overall biodiversity of the site. Furthermore, the planting of woodland on existing high quality wildlife habitat, goes against the published advice concerning tree planting schemes of such organisations as Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Kew, and the Woodland Trust. Such a scheme is totally inappropriate for South Penquite.</p> <p>Best wishes, Dr Colin French BSc PhD West Cornwall Recorder for the Botanical Society for Britain and Ireland</p>	
9) Police report	No Police report received for February 2021.	
10) Cornwall Climate stories	The Parish Councillors have received this information from the Clerk. Link – www.cornwallclimate.org	
11) Play Areas at Rylands	<p>Play equipment delivery expected later this month. Quite a large package – more details to follow after installation project.</p> <p>VS undertook inspection today – and 8 children using the facility.</p>	
12) Footpaths 19:45hrs	<p>VS advised that Mark Jewell has now taken over from Debbie Ebsary.</p> <p>Clerk to check LMP emails.</p> <p>Mr Colville & Mrs Hanscomb left the meeting</p> <p>VS contacted the landowner where there is a missing gate on part of Footpath 19 and being used by cyclists.</p> <p>Landowner confirmed that it is in hand.</p>	
13) Public Conveniences	<p>DL has undertaken a review and suggested that the facility ought to be replaced with better facility ? be part of a CIL application.</p> <p>Need to work up the project for improvement – to replace windows. Agreed to get quote to replace windows, painting the toilets and VS to ask about installing a handrail.</p> <p>Agenda item for next meeting – advertising for new toilet cleaner.</p>	
14) The PC will note all reports made to Cornwall Council/others in the past month & update on progress	<p>a) W1256664 – Pothole Penvorder lane, b) W2156669 Pothole Bottom of Dry Lane, c) W2156662 Pothole etc – Delphy Turning/Junction d) W2157146 broken road near White Meadows, e) 101005309504 – abandoned car Wenford Dries (accepted – ref 101005310189 – Public Protection Team) f) 101005313926 – fly tipping Wenford dries</p> <p>Contact Public Protection Team to inform owners of concerns re fly tipping – VS offered to do.</p>	

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	New potholes – opposite school entrance & outside the village hall. VS will report.	
15) Western Web Ltd Update	The PC were advised that the PC name of stbreward.gov.uk has been accepted as a domain name for the new website. Need list of suggested sites – which needs an OS grid reference. List to be circulated to Councillors for their consideration. DL will undertake the OS references.	
16) Financial Matters	<p>The Clerk advised the current account has £243.90 (£700 transferred from savings account on 15th February 2021 to pay bills) and the savings account has £27475.10 (23p interest in last month)</p> <p>Payments to be made: Clerk - £367.15 PAYE - £88.20 Payroo : £6 x 2 for 2 months (inv: 18034 & 16061) P Hoskin (contractor) for annual cuts to Rylands play area, Delank triangle, Tin Ten junction, urban footways and moss removal of urban footway at Limehead - £680 Clerk transferred £1160 on 02/03/2021 to pay bills. Remaining balance – current account £256.55, savings account £26315.10. Payments made since last month: British Gas : £57.30 for electricity in public conveniences</p> <p>Clerk advised Councillors that SWW bill had been received for the public conveniences, confirming £50 credit position between November 2020 – 19 February 2021.</p> <p>General & Earmarked reserves – last updated and reported upon on 6th October 2020 (extract from minutes) a) <i>General and earmarked reserves were reviewed and agreed by the PC.</i> <i>General reserves have reduced to £200</i> <i>Business Rate relief: £10,000</i> <i>Precept for remainder of year: £9907.50</i> <i>Earmarked reserves total: £14341</i> <i>Proposed by DP, seconded by VS – all in favour.</i></p>	
17)	<div style="text-align: center;">  Elections FAQ.pdf  Elections 2021 Timetable 2.2.21.pdf </div> <p>Post to Stephen and Joe Kay their info packs. Annual General Meeting – all Councillors to think about topics for presentation</p>	

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18) Reports will be received from Clerk/Councillors/Volunteers who are responsible for a portfolio/attended a meeting/conference	<p>a) Camelford Network meeting – Camelford Bypass – has passed the first stage of approval, but has 2 more stages to go through. Camelford Town Council report – community orchard and community tree planting scheme. Camelford Medical Centre – update was received. New website & facebook page. Employed a new salaried GP, paramedic and Pharmacist. Applying for Delabole to be a dispensing practice and extended the lease for St Breward surgery.</p> <p>b) Bins Update – all in hand</p> <p>c) PC agreed to give update in Parish magazine – advertise toilet cleaner deadline for 17th March 2021</p>	
19) Correspondence the PC will view or discuss specific items of correspondence received via email or post	<p>a) SLCC press release re Handforth PC</p> <p>b) Bus Shelter Rylands query – AC to send onto Cormac</p> <p>c) Free COVID safety signage for play areas/open spaces – VS advised we'd have 2.</p> <p>d) Interactive map</p> <p>e) Updates from Cornwall Council re COVID</p> <p>f) Updates from CALC re meetings and implications of COVID/law</p>	
20) Forthcoming Training/Meetings/seminars	<p>AONB Interactive Workshop 4th March 2021</p> <p>AONB A monumental Improvement: improving community health, education, wellbeing through heritage</p>	
21) Items for discussion at next meeting	<p>Toilet project – better ventilation</p> <p>LMP</p> <p>Days for forthcoming PC meetings in St Breward (as they clash with St Teath & ? Delabole meetings)</p>	
22) Date & time of next meeting	<p>Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 7pm via Zoom</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20:36hrs</p>	