

MINUTES – Tuesday, February 20, 2024

- 24/23 Councillors present**
Cllrs R Chapman (chair), H Ferguson (vice chair), K Cann, A Stacey, A Pooley and J Chapman. Also in attendance, S Cleave, clerk and 10 members of the public.
- 24/24 Apologies for absence**
Cllr I Johns – unwell; Cllr Dominic Fairman – another meeting.
- 24/25 Declaration of Interests**
None.
- 24/26 To receive and approve minutes of last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes from Ordinary meeting held on January 9, 2024.
Proposed: H Ferguson Seconded: K Cann Votes: Unanimous
- 24/27 Co-option of councillor**
This item will be discussed later in the agenda.
- 24/28 Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)**
One resident raised concern with the junction at the top of Water Lane. He said there have been many near misses and an accident will occur there. He said when you turn down Water Lane, there is a lot of parked traffic, and residents are experiencing abuse driving down the road to their homes. He said recently cars were parked so close to the junction, he exited onto the main road blind. He had asked Cllr Fairman a couple of years ago about yellow zig zags but was told this was not allowed on a B road. The resident also noted that the 20mph limit is making no difference – traffic is zooming past.
Another resident spoke about the incidents of vandalism in Pengelly, including hit and runs, near misses with children in the road and petty vandalism (dog faeces and permanent markers on vehicles). He felt enough of it was happening for there to be some form of solution, such as CCTV.
Another member of the public queried obtaining a copy of the budget from Cllr Fairman when the council was formed, and asked why staff wages are confidential. The clerk read guidance notes issued by CALC (Cornwall Association of Local Councils) which states that the Information Commissioner has ruled a person's individual salary is personal attributable data and is therefore protected under the GDPR regulations. She also noted that the pay scales were advertised when vacant positions are advertised.
Another member of the public addressed the council about a planning application the council had considered previously and gave councillors a copy of the application form.
- 24/29 County Councillor report - Cllr Dominic Fairman**
In Cllr Fairman's absence, Cllr R Chapman read an email he had sent. Regarding social housing, Cllr Fairman said the issue had been raised at full council from a member across the county, and the portfolio holder has promised to make this a priority. He also commented on an email from a resident about electric car charging points. He said if it was added to the March agenda, he would be happy to explore options with the parish council.

- 24/30 Clerk's report**
The clerk's report was noted including additional information from Delabole Youth Club; an update from the police (PC Lee Skinner has moved to the Rural team); CORMAC spring workshop details; Port Quinn seaweed farm applications. The clerk will contact the MMO regarding the application, raising points made to the council by local residents.
- 24/31 Consideration of planning applications**
PA24/00477 – Conversion of garage to form accommodation for friends and family. Tregray. 5 Trebarwith Road, Delabole.
Councillors raised no objection to the plans.
Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: A Stacey Votes: Unanimous
- b. To consider any other consultations received since publication of the agenda.**
None.
- c. To note planning application decisions**
PA23/08576 – Proposed front and rear dormers to maximise the head height within the existing roof structure. Internal alterations, removal of ground floor bay windows to SW elevation, addition of front porch to SW elevation, removal of flat roofs between main house and outbuilding, removal of ground floor extension to SE elevation, removal of ground floor flat roof extension to NE elevation, addition of double storey extension to NE elevation. Celtic, Treligga Downs Road, Delabole. **WITHDRAWN**
- 24/32 Correspondence**
The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Affordable Housing newsletter; Community Area Partnership presentation and draft action notes; Cornwall Council planning news for local councils; Cornwall Local Plan training briefing information; NHS Cornwall Together newsletter; licensing invitation for Rev Nicki Far.
- 24/33 Councillor resignation**
Councillors noted the resignation of Cllr Elaine Reynolds. Cllr R Chapman said she had thanked Elaine for her input into the council.
- 24/34 Skatepark Project**
Zoe Burnard and Jo Harris attended on behalf of the skatepark committee. They said they were no further forward but are waiting for the parish council to discuss possibly including it in plans for the playing field. They will investigate getting a proper quote for the pump track.
- 24/35 Equipment for the playing field**
The clerk circulated some brochures and quotes that had been received. It was suggested to form a working group to further examine the options and bring findings back to the full council.
Proposed: R Chapman Seconded: K Cann Votes: Unanimous
It was proposed that the working group would consist of Cllrs Pooley, R Chapman, J Chapman and A Stacey.
Proposed: K Cann Seconded: A Stacey Votes: Unanimous
- 24/36 CCTV**
The clerk gave an update on the CCTV following a conversation with Andy Lawler. This will be placed on the next agenda.
- 24/37 Grant request – St Piran's Playschool**
The council considered a grant application from St Piran's Playschool towards back roof repairs. Councillors felt that the playschool is a business and as

Cornwall Council are their landlords, they should contribute more to repair the roof. As such, the application was declined on this occasion.

Proposed: K Cann

Seconded: H Ferguson

Votes: Unanimous

24/38

Cemetery wall

A letter from the council insurers regarding the cemetery wall, informing the council that it fell under wear and tear was noted.

24/39

Planet Park defibrillator

Councillors voted to pay for the new pads for the defibrillator situated at Planet Park.

Proposed: H Ferguson

Seconded: A Pooley

Votes: Unanimous

24/40

Social housing

The clerk read a reply from Cornwall Council regarding social housing and the empty properties in the village.

24/41

Meetings over the winter months

Cllr Cann suggested that the council meet at the fire station over the winter months (November to February) with the remaining dates being split between the Methodist Church and St John's Church. Cllr Ferguson said she would have to check if this would be possible. It will be placed on a future agenda.

24/42

Village vandalism

The incidents of vandalism in the village were discussed, and the clerk received an email from a resident who had reported her incident to the police and to Scott Mann, North Cornwall MP. Cllr R Chapman re-iterated that any resident who experiences any form of vandalism is encouraged to report it to the police via 101 or online.

24/43

Blocked footpath – Treligga Road

Cllr J Chapman said, while it is still blocked to a certain extent with baler twine, people are now using the footpath. Cllr R Chapman had received a reply from Cornwall Council to say that they had spoken to the landowner and the blockage was to be taken down.

24/44

West Lane footpath

The council received correspondence regarding a large pothole on the entrance to the footpath at West Lane. As this forms part of the Highway, the clerk will report to Cornwall Council.

24/27

Co-option of councillor (as above)

Both candidates were asked if they still wanted to be considered for co-option. A paper vote was carried out and Andrea Pengelly was co-opted onto the council.

24/45

Finance

a. Councillors noted the balances of accounts as accurate for February 9, 2024.

Bank balance (February 10, 2024)

£76,010.58

b. Councillors noted the income received.

Name	Budget line	Payment method	Value
Delabole Allotment Group		BACS	£5.00

c. Councillors noted and authorised the below payments. Two councillors signed each invoice on behalf of the council as authorised and noted where direct debits and other payments have been pre-approved:

Budget line	Payment – February	Total
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Staff wages	Staff wages (January, including toilet manager holiday pay)	£2,129.24
Pension Fund	Cornwall Pension Fund (January)	£155.58
Office	Clerk mileage	£48.60
Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths	Growing Concern (January)	£960.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Suez – cemetery bin	£96.17
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity (Dec 22 to Jan 1)	£24.58
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity (Jan 2 – Jan 31)	£134.95
Office	3 mobile phone	£5.89
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	British Gas – electricity toilets	£120.35
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	L J Osborne – call out to unblock drains (January 15)	£80.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Western Supply	£157.14

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: A Stacey

Seconded: K Cann

Votes: Unanimous

24/46 **Agenda items for next meeting – March 12, 2024, St John’s Church, Delabole**
Play area; allotment fence.

24/47 **Exclusion of members of the public and press: To resolve that under s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely discussion of confidential information.**

24/48 **Toilets**
Councillors discussed the vacancy and the clerk will go back to each candidate with revised hours and report back to the council to make a decision. In the meantime, the toilets will remain closed.

Proposed: H Ferguson

Seconded: A Pooley

Votes: Unanimous

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.