

Minutes – Tuesday, March 12, 2024

- 24/49 Councillors present**
Cllrs R Chapman (chair); H Ferguson (vice chair); K Cann; A Pooley; A Stacey; I Johns; J Chapman and A Pengelly. Also in attendance: Cllr D Fairman, county councillor; S Cleave, clerk and 13 members of the public.
- 24/50 Apologies for absence**
None.
- 24/51 Declaration of Interests**
None.
- 24/52 To receive and approve minutes of last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of Ordinary meeting on February 20, 2024.
Proposed: H Ferguson Seconded: K Cann Votes: Six in favour, two abstentions
- 24/53 Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)**
One resident spoke about the seaweed farm, noting that the correct process has not been taken. He said St John's playing field is 3.7 acres and the Tregardock seaweed farm area totals 250 acres, 67 times larger. He urged parish councils involved to contact the MMO about the impending applications and to ask that the Tregardock application is revoked and a period of public consultation be followed. He said he was not against seaweed farms, but these are in the wrong place.
Another member of the public spoke about Vell Lane.
- 24/54 County Councillor report - Cllr Dominic Fairman**
Cllr Fairman spoke about the public toilets and questioned what practical solution could be reached before they were handed over from Cornwall Council to the parish council. Repairs to the drainage system were mentioned.
He has received an update from Highways on the congestion scheme. They are hoping to come back to the village before spring with a plan. It is expected that a consultation will begin in April / May.
Cllr Pooley asked if cats eyes could be put along the new resurfaced road going out of the village (in both directions). Cllr Fairman to clarify.
- 24/55 Clerk's report**
The clerk's report was noted. She also gave an update on the Water Lane junction and the upcoming CORMAC workshops.
- 24/56 Consideration of planning applications**
PA24/00923 – Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the construction of an agricultural workers dwelling, namely access only. Lane west of Shelton Farm, Delabole.
Councillors voted to support the application.
Proposed: A Pooley Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous
- b. To consider any other consultations received since publication of the agenda.**
The following was noted:
PA23/10289 – Proposed attached annexe extension. Trefenyon, Rendle Street, Delabole.

APPROVED

c. To note planning application decisions

None.

- 24/57 Correspondence**
The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Together newsletter; Cornwall Planning Partnership vacancies.
- 24/58 Seaweed farm licences**
The clerk read updates received from the MMO. The chair invited Nicola Williams of St Endellion Parish Council to address the council. Nicola said she wanted to form a working group with the local parish councils. She said the task was to convince Scott Mann that he needs to raise the issue with the MMO to get the licence suspended. A united front would be needed to facilitate this. She said the group was determined to get a proper level of consultation. Councillors agreed to write a letter to the MMO stating that the consultation was not adequate.
Proposed: A Stacey Seconded: A Pooley Votes: Unanimous
It was also agreed that the parish council join with the group that has been formed (with one councillor acting as the council representative).
Proposed: H Ferguson Seconded: K Cann Votes: Unanimous
- 24/59 Skatepark Project**
Zoe Burnard attended on behalf of the Skatepark Project. She said they had met with Forte to get a quote for a pump track, which came in at £50,000. She provided the council with a detailed break-down and images.
- 24/60 Equipment for the playing field**
Following on from the last agenda item, a report was given from the working group formed to look at possible additional equipment for the playing fields and information on possible funding available. Councillors proposed to go with the recommendation of the working group to apply for funding for a few pieces of equipment, along with the pump track that the skatepark committee had been funding towards.
Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: K Cann Votes: Unanimous
- 24/61 Vell Lane**
Councillors received information from Cornwall Council that the Vell Lane enforcement was at stage six of their flowchart – the negotiation stage.
- 24/62 Grant request – Delabole Allotment Group**
Councillors favourably received a grant application from the Delabole Allotment Group but asked for it to be deferred to the April meeting, when the 2024/25 budget would begin.
- 24/63 Village vandalism**
No update. Advised by the police to report any incidents of vandalism to them via the phone or online.
- 24/64 CCTV**
The clerk emailed the owner of the house near SPAR to ask if they would be willing to have a camera sited on the end of their property. No reply yet. Cllr Cann said she had spoken to the Bettle & Chisel and they were happy to have a camera on the side of the pub. Cllr J Chapman to go and take a look.
- 24/65 Parish council Facebook page**
Councillors proposed to start a parish council Facebook page, to be used as an online notice board. This will be monitored for three to six months to see if it is a useful communication tool for the parish council
Proposed: H Ferguson Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Seven in favour, one against

24/66 Electric vehicle charging points
Councillors decided to leave this on the table.

24/67 Public toilets
An update was given on the public toilets, which remain closed while the council recruit a new toilet manager.

24/68 Annual meeting
The date of the annual meeting will be publicised on the website and noticeboards.

24/69 West Lane footpath
The council received correspondence about the state of the footpath at West Lane. Councillors believed it belongs to Helland Barton. The clerk will respond and speak to HB's steward to clarify.

24/70 Finance
a. Councillors noted the balances of accounts as accurate for March 6, 2024.

Bank balance (March 6, 2024) £72,098.04

b. To **note** the income received.

Name	Budget line	Payment method	Value
None.			

c. To note and authorise the below payments.

Budget line	Payment – March	Total
Staff wages	Staff wages	As per contract
Pension Fund	Cornwall Pension Fund (February)	£155.58
Office	Clerk mileage	£32.40
Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths	Growing Concern (February)	£960.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	C F Services – work to fit bench	£75.00
Hall hire	Delabole Methodist Church (February)	£18.00
Hall hire	St John's Church (March)	£15.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity (Feb 1 to Feb 29)	£106.06
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Suez – cemetery bin	£77.57
Office	3 mobile phone	£5.89
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	British Gas – electricity toilets	£49.85
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water - toilets	In credit
Defibrillator	Planet Park Residents Association – two new sets of pads	£388.80
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Glasdon – bin	£204.19

Councillors approved the finances.

Proposed: K Cann

Seconded: I Johns

Votes: Seven in favour, one abstention

24/71 Agenda items for next meeting – April 16, 2024, Delabole Fire Station
Allotment grant application.