

Minutes – Tuesday, January 14, 2025

- 25/1 Councillors present**
Cllrs H Ferguson (chair); K Cann (vice chair); A Stacey; A Pengelly; J Chapman; C Bailey; A Pooley; P Cook and P Martin. Also in attendance: Cllr Fairman; S Cleave, clerk and four members of the public.
- 25/2 Apologies for absence**
None.
- 25/3 Declaration of Interests**
Cllr Pengelly – agenda item 25/16.
- 25/4 To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on December 10, 2024.
Proposed: P Cook Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous
- 25/5 Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)**
None.
- 25/6 County Councillor report - Cllr Dominic Fairman**
Cllr Fairman said he had submitted a piece for publication in the Slate about the implications of the government planning ambitions on planning in Cornwall. The number of units in Cornwall to be developed has doubled. He said the local plan no longer has any weight, but instead it will be judged on national policy and sustainable development. However, currently, Delabole is still wrapped up in the neutral neutrality issue.
- 25/7 Clerk's report**
The clerk's report was noted. She will forward any dog fouling evidence to Cornwall Council.
- 25/8 Consideration of planning applications**
PA24/08088 – Retrospective change of use of land to campsite, with access, parking, landscaping and associated facilities buildings. Blackthorn, Vell Lane, Delabole.
The council voted to object to the plans. This was on the following grounds:
* On the application, there is no mention of owner accommodation. However, it states permission for six caravans when there is a licence for five. The parish council received a letter from Cornwall Council last year which stated there is no permission for owners to stay on site.
* The plot of land was advertised and sold as agricultural land. This change of use makes it business use. Has an environmental impact assessment been carried out regarding the change of use?
* There are livestock on the site. We are aware that some of these need to be registered.
* There was a recent application for a campsite on Treligga Downs Road. Although this is in Delabole, it falls within the Tintagel Parish Council boundary. We note that this application was refused. This application (PA24/08088) has similar aspects. These include the access and it encroaches on the National Landscape designation. It is not infill. It is contrary to Cornwall Policy number 5.
* Delabole already has a campsite, and there is another situated between Delabole and St Teath. Do we need another?
* There are also concerns over sewage and the amount of discharge going into the main sewerage system. Delabole is also included in The River Camel

Phosphate Issue, so this has an impact on those restrictions.

* Access problems have also been highlighted. Access to the site is down a narrow single track, not suitable for caravans and large vehicles.

Proposed: K Cann Seconded: P Cook Votes: Eight in favour, one abstention

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

None.

c. To note planning application decisions

None.

25/9

Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Forest for Cornwall winter newsletter; road closure intention notice (road from junction north of Park Farm to south west of Old Blake House, road from Bryher Cott to junction south of Park Farm, road from Old Blake House to Bryher Cott, road from Poole Farm to junction north of Park Farm and road from junction north of Park Farm to junction south of Park Farm, Treligga, Delabole from February 17th to February 28 – 24 hours); Community Area Partnership agenda and action notes.

25/10

Atlantic Road update.

The council received a reply from Cornwall Highways. Informing the council that the request for Traffic Regulation amendments will be retained for consideration as and when a review is being carried out in the vicinity. The clerk will inform Western Supply of this.

25/11

Seaweed Farm

Cllr cook said the MMO is expected to give its final decision sometime in February. He said the group was hopeful.

25/12

Letter from Marazion Town Council

Councillors received a letter from Marazion Town Council regarding a vote of no confidence in Cornwall Council planning and enforcement departments. The council proposed to write in support of the letter.

Proposed: A Stacey Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous

25/13

Vell Lane

The clerk said Ben Maguire would be happy to write to Cornwall Council for an update.

25/14

Zebra crossing

The clerk read a response from Cornwall Highways. Cllr Stacey said the village needs a pedestrian crossing with lights. He said earlier that evening he was waiting to cross and only the third of three cars stopped. Cllr Ferguson said it was lethal on the school run. Cllr Stacey suggested organising a petition to see how many people are in favour of a crossing.

25/15

Trees

Cllr Stacey said he walked through the playing fields and most of the trees have gone. He suggested replacing them. Councillors were in agreement.

Proposed: H Ferguson Seconded: K Cann Votes: Unanimous

25/16

Park Pennkarn planning enforcement

Councillors received correspondence from a resident who was concerned about the matter. It was noted that parishioners still have concerns. Cllr Fairman said the issue with the boundary fence could be taken further, otherwise an option would be to take to judicial review. The clerk will look into the planning enforcement fence issue.

Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: H Ferguson Votes: Eight in favour, one abstention

25/17

Meeting dates

Councillors confirmed the 2025 meeting dates.

25/18

Memorial request

Councillors approved the memorial – Dawe.

Proposed: A Pooley

Seconded: P Cook

Votes: Unanimous

25/19

Finance

a. Councillors noted the balances of accounts as accurate for January 8, 2024.

Bank balance (January 8, 2025) £86,477.69

b. Councillors noted the income received.

Name	Budget line	Payment method	Value
Drew Memorials – Dawe		BACS	£ 73.40
W J Keat – cremation plots		BACS	£ 358.00

c. Councillors noted the below payments.

Budget line	Payment – January	Total
Staff wages	Staff wages	As per contracts
Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund (December)	As per contract
Office	Clerk mileage	£ 16.20
Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths	Growing Concern (December)	£960.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity (December)	£86.69
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Suez – cemetery bin	£96.47
Office	3 mobile phone	£5.89
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water cemetery (November payment)	£25.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water toilets (November payment)	£24.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	British Gas – electricity toilets (December 2 to January 1)	£57.36
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Direct365 – toilet roll (including £5 discount)	£103.69
Bank	Unity Trust service charge	£6.00
Hall hire	St John's Church – January meeting x 2	£40.00

Councillors approved the accounts and payments.

Proposed: P Cook

Seconded: C Bailey

Votes: Unanimous

25/20

Agenda items for next meeting – February 11, 2025 – Delabole Fire Station.

Dog poo bin near memorial bench.

25/21

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.

Councillors proposed to go into the closed section.

Proposed: C Bailey

Seconded: A Pooley

Votes: Unanimous

25/22

Grass cutting / footpaths and weed control tenders

Councillors considered the tenders received. By a vote, it was agreed to choose Growing Concern for the grass cutting, footpaths and weed control contracts from April 2025 to March 2028.

Vote: Four in favour, three against two abstentions.

The meeting closed at 8pm.