

MINUTES – Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- 25/52 Councillors present**
Cllrs K Cann (vice chair); A Pengelly; C Bailey; A Stacey; A Pooley; P Cook and J Chapman. Also in attendance: S Cleave, clerk; Cllr D Fairman and three members of the public.
- 25/53 Apologies for absence**
Cllr Ferguson (chair) – family matter; Cllr P Martin – family matter.
- 25/54 Declaration of Interests**
None.
- 25/55 To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on February 11, 2025.
Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: A Pooley Votes: Unanimous
- 25/56 Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)**
None.
- 25/57 County Councillor report - Cllr Dominic Fairman**
Cllr Fairman said it was time to say goodbye and confirmed he would not be standing at the forthcoming election. Next month, council will move into a time of Purdah so this will be his last meeting he attends. He thanked the council for welcoming him to the council meetings.
- 25/58 Clerk's report**
The clerk's report was noted. Councillors were happy for the allotment group to plant some trees close to the allotments.
- 25/59 Consideration of planning applications**
None.
- b. To consider any other consultations received since publication of the agenda.**
None.
- c. To note planning application decisions**
The following decisions were noted:
PA25/00944 – Electricity Act 1989: The Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009. Rockhead, Delabole. **CLOSED – ADVICE GIVEN**
- PA24/06670 – Proposed conversion and extension of former goat shed into holiday let accommodation with new foul drainage system. Helland Barton Farm, Delabole. **APPROVED**
- PA25/00148/PREAPP – Pre-application advice for change of use of the former church hall (Class F1) to a residential dwelling (Class C3), creating a two-bedroom family home. Delabole Church Hall, High Street, Delabole.
- 25/60 Correspondence**
The following correspondence was noted: Community Area Partnership draft action notes; Election candidate and Agent briefing information; Cornwall NHS Together newsletter.

- 25/61 Seaweed Farm**
Cllr Cook said it was ongoing. No decision had been made by the MMO, this has been postponed to April or May. Regarding the two applications in Port Quin, he noted that the Bio Algae application has been withdrawn, only the Camel Fish application is currently going ahead.
- 25/62 Bins**
The clerk will check with Oliver Jones if a new bin can be put on the verge along Treligga Downs Road rather than next to the memorial bench.
- 25/63 Correspondence**
Councillors noted the correspondence received at the February meeting and authorised the clerk to respond.
Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: A Stacey Votes: Unanimous
- 25/64 Election**
Councillors noted the updates regarding the May elections.
- 25/65 Pedestrian crossing**
The clerk shared Cornwall Highway's costings regarding pedestrian crossings. Councillors felt that as the existing crossing is Cornwall Council's property, they should repair it when faulty. The clerk will contact Cornwall Highways.
- 25/66 Speedwatch**
The clerk suggested placing a piece in the Slate asking if there were any other people willing to volunteer for the scheme. Possible locations were suggested – each end of the village and one outside the playing fields; the layby by Trebarwith Road; West Downs; by Luggs and the fisheries.
- 25/67 Speed indicator signs**
The clerk will get clarification on the cost and any deal for three speed indicators.
- 25/68 Pump track**
The clerk has applied to the Levelling Up Fund.
- 25/69 Housing and Land Availability Assessment**
Councillors looked at the correspondence regarding the HELAA sites. They said it showed no allowance for the ongoing sewage issues or lack of infrastructure. It was also noted that an application had been refused off Trebarwith Road previously because of access issues. The clerk will submit the comments.
Proposed: K Cann Seconded: C Bailey Votes: Unanimous
- 25/70 Play equipment**
Cllrs Pooley and Chapman are to meet with the clerk to look at the equipment later in the week.
- 25/71 Pension Discretions Policy**
Councillors agreed to adopt a Pensions Discretions Policy, as required by the Cornwall Pension Fund.
Proposed: K Cann Seconded: C Bailey Votes: Unanimous
- 25/72 Toilets**
It was noted that some councillors felt the toilets were a drain on resources, with it costing the council £80 to have the drains unblocked. Councillors questioned what would happen to the building if they were closed. Cllr Fairman said if Delabole Parish Council did not want to keep them open, Cornwall Council would close them and sell them. He said the parish council would not be boxed in to take over the lease. It was noted that the toilet manager is doing a great job keeping the toilets clean. The clerk will get the details of the lease and bring it back to another meeting, with a possible review clause after 12/18 months.

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Finance

a. To **note** the balances of accounts as accurate for March 6, 2025.

Bank balance **£80,339.59**

b. Councillors noted the income received.

| Name | Budget line | Payment method | Value |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---------|
| RJ Bray – Hicks | | BACS | £199.00 |

c. Councillors noted the below payments.

| Budget line | Payment – March | Total |
|--|---|------------------|
| Staff wages | Staff wages | As per contracts |
| Pension | Cornwall Pension Fund (February) | As per contract |
| Office | Clerk mileage | £ 32.40 |
| Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths | Growing Concern (February) | £ 960.00 |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | EDF Energy – clock electricity (January) | £TBC |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | Suez – cemetery bin | £ 80.53 |
| Office | 3 mobile phone | £5.89 |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | Source for Business – water cemetery (December payment) | £TBC |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | Source for Business – water toilets (December payment) | £TBC |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | British Gas – electricity toilets (February 2 to March 1) | £51.78 |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | A Schofield – toilet supplies | £42.01 |
| Training | SLCC – CiLCA fee (part share) | £112.50 |
| Training | CALC – election training Part 1 (part share) | £10.50 |
| Office | SLCC – The Clerk’s Manual | £52.90 |
| Website | Westernweb Ltd – Renewal of website domain | £66.00 |
| Bank | Unity Trust service charge | £6.00 |
| Hall hire | Delabole Methodist Church – March | £18.00 |

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: P Cook Seconded: JC Votes: Unanimous

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Agenda items for next meeting – April 8, 2025 – St John’s Church, Delabole.
Toilet lease; play equipment; speed watch; speed indicator signs and pedestrian crossing.

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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 voted to move into the closed section of the meeting.

Proposed: A Stacey Seconded: A Pengelly Votes: Unanimous

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Council property

The clerk will review the council's property and update the asset register.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.