

**MINUTES OF VERYAN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
UNDER COVID REGULATIONS ON MONDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

Minute No.

Action

- 81/21 **APOLOGIES** – were received from Mr P Tregunna, Mr L Dunstone, Mr J Chenoweth, Mr A Richards
- 82/21 **PRESENT** were Ms A Golding (Vice-Chair), Mrs N Bush, Mr R Elliott, Mr J Leach, Mr F Trounce and Mr G Webb  
Cllr Julian German (CC)  
8 members of the public  
In the absence of Chairman the Vice-Chair took the meeting.
- 83/21 **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS**
1. Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the agenda.
  2. Declarations of gifts over £25.00 – none.
- OPEN PERIOD**
- 8 members of the public attended the meeting.
- 84/21
- Richard Heath – Conservative Candidate for the new St.Gorran, Tregony and Roseland ward introduced himself to Councillors and asked to simply observe the meeting.
- 85/21
- Mr Rob Bridges – re: planning application PA20/ 1143 – Parc Rowland, Trewartha. He has recently had his planning application apparently refused/ delegated refusal despite parish support, but he / his agent has not received the formal refusal and all seems in limbo. Asking for further advice / advice from Cllr German.
- 86/21
- Joseph Turnbull & Lawrence Sly presented plans re: pre- planning application for a property conversion at Barn Cottage. There was a previous residential approval back in 2011. Councillors thanked them for information and noted that comments would not be made until the full application was received and comments sought by the planning authority.
- 87/21
- Carolyn Jarrett, Head of School, Veryan CofE School – making enquires about the new Housing Development in the village, and its possible impact on the school. Clerk to pass on Ms Jarrett's details to Sam Irving, CC Head of Housing and Development. She would also welcome suitable article on the site to add to school newsletter to advertise the letting process for potential tenants.
- 88/21
- Mr & Mrs Lark re: planning application PA21/02052 – Aurigny, Trewartha – gave outline of the application and highlighting points of the re-submission.
- 89/21 **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 had been circulated previously and were adopted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Webb, seconded Cllr Elliott
- MATTERS ARISING**
- 90/21 63/21 - Veryan Churchtown trees – work was started on 23rd March as planned – but rooks already nesting in the pine tree. Eucalyptus was taken down and remedial work to pine, where necessary completed. Wood removed. Pine to be revisited in October outside nesting season, and less busy in village. No electricity shut-down will be required.
- 91/21 64/21 – Portloe Car-park -Top Area of car-park – First phase of the work to the car park has been completed and invoice received.
- 92/21 69.21 - A further response has been received from Hollyburn re: their contribution to the resurfacing work – Ed Rimmer relating that request above the £500 suggested donation would need to go to the AGM – Clerk replied reiterating the amount and quality of work and benefit/longevity it would give to owners.
- 93/21 79/21 – Veryan public toilets – equipment has been replaced / re-fixed. Outside lights – have checked how the system works – but it will need an electrician to complete. Cllr Webb will arrange.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

94/21

1. Mrs K Garner – re: planning PA21/02052 – Aurigny, Trewartha - *noted*
2. RBLI – VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May – ‘Tommy silhouettes’ – *discussion – Veryan PC would accept, in principal the siting following discussion, in an approved location by parishioners. Adopted – Proposed Cllr Elliott, seconded Cllr Leach.*
3. Mr J Berey + Mrs Burrows – Lease land adjoining Veryan Parish Hall – *Clerk requested copy of lease of land attached to Veryan Parish Hall used for car parking from parish solicitors following enquiry by land owners.*
4. N Defew – request to locate skip, Portloe car park – enquiry by householders to locate skip in Portloe car park for 2 days – *currently renovating property at Coastguard Cottages – arrangement made an donation received. Daters to be finalized.*
5. Kezia Bennett – objections to W.Portholland planning PA20/11298 - *Noted*
6. M Cortis – Four Acres Rd – parking situation – *new homes -noted*
7. A Guy – West Portholland – PA20/11298 - *noted*
8. K Bennett – W.Portholland – PA20/11298 - *noted*
9. Elections – Statement of persons nominated – Parish Councillors - *Advertised*
10. Elections – Statement of persons nominated – Cornwall Council – Councillor - *Advertised*
11. Elections – Statement of persons nominated – Police & Crime Commissioner - *Advertised*

**PLANNING**

95/21

1. PA20/11299 – Advertisement consent for signage in association with use of car park to inform users of car park Terms and Conditions and use of ANPR camera – Portholland Car park, Portloe, Truro TR2 5PU – *Councillors discussed as delegated planning committee online due to response time constraints not matching meeting timetable: **Veryan Parish Council objects to the application.** Requirement for planning permission under section 57 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990*  
*Material change of use*
  1. *The land which is the subject of this application is a separate planning unit.**Material change of use of the site*
  2. *It is established that the land has been used as a car park. The car parking which has taken place has been by the public as of right for more than 20 years. No charge has been made at any point, nor has there been any assertion of a right to charge or even a request for payment, eg through the positioning of an honesty box (the statement by BLM at paragraph 27 of their Planning Statement of December 2020 that there is an honesty box at the West Portholland site is wholly inaccurate in this respect).*
  3. *There is therefore no existing commercial or business use of the site. This is made clear by paragraph 27 of the Planning Statement of December 2020 by BLM where it is stated “This Application seeks planning permission for the “commercialisation” of that car parking use”.*
  4. *The placing of charging equipment, cameras and notices and the imposition of charges and fines on members of the public using the car park changes the overall character of the area and creates a new commercial and business use on the site. This change in character and new commercial operation constitutes a material change of use from the existing non-commercial public use that requires planning permission separate from any permission requested for the carrying out of building operations on the site and the placing of advertisements on the site.*
  5. *The granting of an application for placing of advertisements would not constitute permission for this material change of use under development control provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.*
  6. *The applicant or the applicant’s agent on their behalf has already instituted the material change of use by starting to charge for the use of the car park.*

*Building operations*

7. *Building operations have taken place on the site through the placing of numerous high metal poles and associated notices, a camera and a charging machine. These items have all been placed on site by substantive excavation operations, the placing of the poles and the backfilling of the holes with concrete, all of which is sufficient to constitute building operations for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning Act.*
8. *No application has been made or permission granted for these building operations. Cornwall Council is requested to start enforcement proceedings against the applicant for these unlawful building operations.*

*Camera and charging machine not “advertisements”*

9. *An application for permission to display advertisements has been made in accordance with Chapter III of Part VIII (“Special Controls”) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.*
10. *An application for permission to display advertisements is a separate regime from the development control provisions of the Act. The granting of permission for an advertisement does not therefore either constitute permission for development other than the placing of an advertisement nor can such development, which requires its own planning permission be considered as ancillary to the placing of advertisements.*
11. *Neither the camera nor the charging machine which have been placed on the development site are “advertisements” within the meaning of Chapter III of Part VIII of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. They cannot therefore be granted permission through the application of the advertisement controls of the 1990 Act, but require an application for full planning permission under the development control provisions of the Act.*

*Notices at the site are not “advertisements”*

12. *The advertisement notices within the development site do not have deemed consent under Class 2 of Schedule 3 to the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 because they have a legal effect that goes beyond the definition of “advertisement” as set out in section 336 of the 1990 Act.*
13. *Section 336 of the 1990 Act defines “advertisement” as “any [...] notice [...] in the nature of, and employed wholly or partly for the purposes of, advertisement, announcement or direction”. In fact the legal nature of the notices erected at West Portholland goes beyond that of an “advertisement”: the wording of the notices forms the offer of a binding legal contract that if accepted creates a contractual licence to park and has enforceable legal effect requiring the payment of money: see paragraph 94 of the Supreme Court judgement in ParkingEye Limited v Beavis.*
14. *Both contractual law and the statutory and ordinary meaning of the word “advertisement” are clear that an “advertisement” is something which provides information and promotes sales. It is not in itself something which is an offer to treat which if accepted can create a contractual obligation.*
15. *In so far as the notices put in place at West Portholland constitute a contractual offer or part of a contractual offer and impose financial consequences for acceptance they therefore fall outside the definition of “advertisement” for the purposes of Chapter III of Part VIII of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and require planning permission under section 57 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 rather than a grant of consent to display an advertisement.*

**Conclusion on scope of development at the site**

16. *The conclusion is therefore that:*
  - a. *The development at West Portholland of a commercial car park constitutes a material change of use of the site which constitutes development requiring planning permission under section 57 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990,*
  - b. *The placing of an ANPR camera, a charging machine, and notices at West Portholland which constitute a contractual offer constitute building operations putting in place articles which are not advertisements, and which*

*therefore require planning permission under section 57 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990,*

- c. The placing of notices which create a legal contract with a user of the site fall outside the definition of “advertisement” for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and therefore require planning permission under section 57 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.*

**Requirement for advertisement consent**

- 17. In so far as there are any notices at West Portholland which constitute advertisements they require consent for their display under The Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I.2007/783) and in accordance with the area of special control which removes deemed consent for advertisements.*
- 18. Where no area of special control applies Class 2 of Schedule 3 to the 2007 Regulations provides deemed consent for “An advertisement displayed for the purpose of identification, direction or warning, with respect to the land or building on which it is displayed. The notices displayed at West Portholland are not displayed only for the purposes of identification, direction or warning as required by Class 2 of Schedule 3 they cannot benefit from this deemed consent.*
- 19. Further, it is a condition of deemed consent under Class 2 of Schedule 3 that no advertisement may exceed 0.3 square metres in area. The Application Form for planning consent at paragraph 22 states that the size of the advertisement is 800mm x 600mm, which is more than 0.3 square metres in area. The development therefore does not comply with the conditions for Class 2 deemed consent.*
- 20. The car park at West Portholland does not have planning permission to operate as a business and has not been operating as such. The car park therefore does not constitute “business premises” for the purposes of deemed consent under Class 6 of Schedule 3 to the 2007 Regulations.*

**Relevant considerations for granting advertising consent**

- 21. The Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I.2007/783) require the planning authority to exercise its powers “in the interests of amenity and public safety, taking into account (a) the provisions of the development plan, so far as they are material, and (b) any other relevant factors. “Relevant factors” include “the general characteristics of the locality, including the presence of any feature of historic, architectural, cultural or similar interest”.  
General characteristics of the locality to be taken into account*
- 22. The proposed development is within the Impact Zone for the Veryan Bay SSSI, is within the Zone of Influence for Natura 2000 and is part of the Portloe to Portholland County Wildlife Site.*
- 23. The proposed development is within the South Coast Central part of the Cornwall AONB. An AONB is an area of national importance which has been designated for the purposes of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area with continuity and consistency over time. Factors leading to the designation of an AONB include not only its landscape and scenic quality but also its relative wildness and tranquility. The Statement of Significance in relation to the Roseland in the AONB Management Plan states “The overriding sense of the Roseland is of an extremely tranquil and well-managed farmed landscape with a globally renowned, stunning coastline”.*
- 24. The proposed development is within the Roseland Heritage Coast. As set out by the former Carrick District Council which first designated this Heritage Coast, “Heritage Coasts are lengths of outstanding and largely undeveloped coastal scenery which are of national significance for their landscape and amenity. They are also used to define the area where management measures are needed to protect a particular stretch of coast”. In relation to the Roseland in particular Carrick District Council stated “this is a long stretch of Heritage Coast with numerous fine un-spoilt beaches, headlands and attractive villages drawing large numbers of visitors”.*
- 25. The Lime Kilns which border the eastern side of the proposed development site are a Grade II listed building with the listing summary stating “2 lime kilns. Probably C18. Slatestone rubble. Irregularly L-shaped and built into hillside. Only openings now*

*visible are in angle to east and south. Round arched embrasures tapered and at angle so that raking out holes are positioned at base of kilns which are now inaccessible. Small vent holes at back of barrel vaults. Further cambered stone arch at higher level in angle to link coped parapets of working areas over kilns. Small lean-to now roofless to right of arches with doorway to west, presumably a shelter for the lime burners.”*

26. *The proposed development is therefore proposed to take place in a highly rural location which is recognised locally and nationally for its environmental value, its wildness, its tranquility and its un-spoilt nature.*

*Relevant provisions of the development plan*

27. *Both the proposed development of a commercial car park with its associated structures and the placing of advertisements at the West Portholland car park are contrary to numerous material policies in the NPPF, the Cornwall Local Plan, the AONB Management Plan and the Roseland Neighbourhood Development Plan, all of which are up to date planning documents. The following comments therefore set out the relevant planning policies which will be contravened at West Portholland by:*
- a. The proposed material change of use to a commercial car park,*
  - b. The placing of equipment and notices other than advertisements, and*
  - c. The placing of advertisements.*

*NPPF*

28. *Paragraph 92 of the NPPF requires planning policies and decisions to provide the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, to plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces and community facilities such as open spaces and to guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities, particularly where this would reduce the community’s ability to meet its day to day needs. Paragraph 97 states that existing open space should not be built on unless an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space to be surplus to requirements or alternative provision is made which clearly outweighs the loss of the current or former use. (Veryan Parish Council is currently in the process of designating the site at West Portholland as an Open Space under Policy SF4 of the Roseland Neighbourhood Development Plan.)*
29. *Paragraph 98 of the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users. The current free car park at West Portholland is an important facility for users of the South West Coast Path.*
30. *Paragraph 110(b) of the NPPF states that applications for development should address the needs of people with disabilities and reduced mobility. The proposed development does not do this and imposes charges regardless of disability including those with blue badges. The provision of free car parking in a rural and traffic-free location, next to a remote and unspoilt beach and from which there are beautiful coastal and inland views is a very valuable resource for people with disabilities and reduced mobility. The difficulties inherent in exiting a vehicle, deciphering instructions, making payment and departing within a set time limit may be insuperable for some people with disabilities and will be a discouragement to others even if dealing with the payment system is possible for them.*
31. *Paragraph 127 of the NPPF requires developments to add to the overall quality of an area, to be visually attractive, to be sympathetic to local character and history including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting and create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible. The proposed development is contrary to all these requirements.*
32. *Paragraph 155 of the NPPF states that inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk. The area of this development is at high risk of flooding from surface water, from river water and from sea water. The proposed development does not provide wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh the flood risk and the proposed development cannot be made safe from flooding: the development does not therefore satisfy the exception test set out in paragraphs 160 and 161 and should not be*

permitted.

33. Paragraph 170 of the NPPF states that “Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by [...] (c) maintaining the character of the undeveloped coast, while improving public access to it where appropriate”. The proposed development does not maintain the character of the undeveloped coast at West Portholland and limits rather than improving public access to that undeveloped coast.
34. Paragraph 172 of the NPPF states “Great weight should be given to conserving and enhancing landscape and scenic beauty in [...] Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which have the highest status of protection”. The proposed development does not either conserve or enhance the landscape and scenic beauty of the AONB at West Portholland.

#### *Cornwall Local Plan*

35. Policy 23 of the Cornwall Local Plan states “Development proposals will need to sustain local distinctiveness and character and protect and where possible enhance Cornwall’s natural environment and assets according to their international, national and local significance.” [...] “In areas of undeveloped coast, outside main settlements, only development requiring a coastal location and that cannot be achieved elsewhere, will be acceptable.” “Great weight will be given to conserving the landscape and scenic beauty within or affecting the setting of the AONB. Proposals must conserve and enhance the landscape character and natural beauty of the AONB and provide only for an identified local need and be appropriately located to address the AONB’s sensitivity and capacity.” The proposed development at West Portholland does not sustain the local distinctiveness of West Portholland, is not a development that cannot be achieved elsewhere (charging for parking has been achieved by the applicant at East Portholland and at Porthluney), does not conserve and enhance the landscape character and natural beauty of the AONB, does not provide for an identified local need and is not appropriately located to address the AONB’s sensitivity and capacity.
36. Policy 23 also states “Development within the Heritage Coast [...] should maintain the character and distinctive landscape qualities of such areas”. The proposed development at West Portholland does not maintain the undeveloped coastal scenery of this part of the Heritage Coast.
37. Policy 26 of the Cornwall Local Plan on Flood risk management and coastal change states that “Development should be sited, designed, of a type and where necessary relocated in a manner that: a. increases flood resilience of the area, taking account of the area’s vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and Transport and Accessibility; and b. minimises, or reduces and where possible, eliminates flood risk on site and in the area; and c. enables or replicates natural ground and surface water flows and decreases surface water runoff, particularly in Critical Drainage Areas, through sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS), utilising green infrastructure where possible and as guided by local standards, including Cornwall drainage guidance; and d. the safeguarding of land, where it is identified to be functional flood storage, to make space for water at times of flood; and e. where applicable, supports community-led local solutions to managing flood risk and coastal change; and f. does not create avoidable future liability for maintenance for public bodies and communities.” The development site is at high risk of flooding and fails all of these tests.

#### *AONB Management Policies*

38. AONB Policy MD6 “Ensure that the scale, design and use of materials have appropriate regard to the character, sensitivity and capacity of the protected landscape and seek better integration of existing ... car parks in order to reduce landscape and visual impact”. The proposed development does not reduce landscape and visual impact.
39. Policy SCC9.01 “Requires consideration of the cumulative landscape and visual impact from individual developments on local character and tranquillity... require all

*new development to respond appropriately to the sensitivity and capacity of the landscape.” The proposed development does not respond appropriately to the sensitivity and capacity of the landscape at West Portholland.*

40. *SCC.05 “Reduce visual impacts by use of carefully located unobtrusive small scale dispersed rural car parks set back from the coast”. The proposed placing of equipment and notices increases visual impacts of the car park which is set right on the coast.*
41. *SCC9.08 “Particular care should be taken to ensure that no development is permitted inside or outside the AONB which would damage its natural beauty, character and special qualities”. The proposed development damages the natural beauty, character and special qualities of West Portholland.*
42. *SCC9.09 “Support the use of the evidence base and policies in the Roseland Neighbourhood Development Plan to inform the preparation and consideration of development proposals across the Roseland area.” The Roseland Neighbourhood Development Plan has been ignored in the preparation of these development proposals.*
43. *SCC9.13 “Seek a reduction in landscape and visual impacts of tourism including better integration of [...] car parks and signage [...] and respect local character in external works landscaping, site design and layout”.*

#### *Roseland Neighbourhood Development Plan*

44. *The proposed development is contrary to the following provisions of the Roseland Neighbourhood Development Plan.*
45. *Policy LA1: The proposed development is contrary to Policy LA1 because it does not conserve and enhance the special qualities of the AONB, does not use materials and is not of a design that has appropriate regard to the character, sensitivity and capacity of the protected AONB landscape and is not sited to avoid damage to the natural beauty, character and special qualities of the AONB, especially avoiding the undeveloped coast.*
46. *Policy LA2: the proposed development does not respond to local character and reflect the identity of the local surroundings based on the assessment of the Roseland Local Landscape Character but instead detracts from it and has an adverse impact on characteristics that have been identified by the community and in the Roseland Local Landscape Character Assessment as important to the character of the area.*
47. *Policy CV5: The proposed development will have an adverse effect on the use of the slipway at West Portholland and detract from the local character of the marine heritage at West Portholland through its inappropriate appearance and the change of use from the free car parking associated with the use of the slipway.*
48. *Policy SF1: The proposed development will result in the loss of free car parking that will not be replaced with car parking facilities of an equal or higher quality economic viability and value to the community.*
49. *Policy SF3: The proposed development will involve the loss of the current free public car parking facilities without making alternative provision of equal value to the public and will have an adverse effect on the landscape.*
50. *Policy SF4: the proposed development will result in the loss of an open space used by the public for sports and recreation as in the process of being designated by Veryan Parish Council, and will result in harm to its character, setting, accessibility, appearance, general quality and amenity value.*
51. *Policy GP1: the proposed development does not meet the economic and social needs of the local community, does not conserve the special environment in which we live and does not improve resilience to climate change while being sensitive to local character and distinctiveness.*
52. *Policy GP2: the proposed development is not sited and designed so as to promote, support and develop the distinctive character of the area, involves building on a Greenfield site, is not integrated with the settlement in terms of form, scale, building details, local features, materials, finishes and colour, siting and landscaping.*

53. Policy CD1: the proposed development involves a material change of use and building development on and immediately adjacent to land subject to statutory and non-statutory designations for wildlife and geological value, would have significant harmful impacts on the historic environment of the area, does not reflect the character of the area, affects the appearance and character of the open countryside and relates to an area subject to risk of flooding as identified by the Environment Agency.

**Proposed Cllr Golding, seconded Cllr Leach. Carried.**

96/21

2. Councillor Golding put forward a proposal that, under SF4 of the Roseland Neighbourhood Plan, Veryan Parish Council designated the area at West Portholland as Open Space for Recreation purposes on the grounds of submitted evidence of use by local electors.

Councillors debated the proposal and voted against an amendment.

**ADOPTED – Proposed Cllr Golding, seconded Cllr Leach –**

**West Portholland - Designated Open Space**

Veryan Parish Council resolved at the meeting of the Parish Council on Monday, 19 April 2021 to designate the site at West Portholland, which is the subject of Planning Application PA20/11299, as Open Space currently used by the public for sports and recreation, in accordance with Policy SF4 of the Roseland Neighbourhood Development Plan. The designation was made on the basis of the submissions set out in objections to the application and on the basis of the personal knowledge and use of the site by parish councillors, in some cases over many decades.

Comments submitted by the public in relation to Planning Applications PA20/11298 and PA20/11299 are evidence of the decades-long use of the open space at West Portholland for sports or recreation.

97/21

3. PA21/02052 –Replacement dwelling and replacement garage – Aurigny, Trewartha, Veryan

There has been a communication error from the planning department as no official consultee request has been sought for the application. An extended comment date has been issued following this omission – date now 5<sup>th</sup> May.

As Veryan PC has not had sufficient consultation time to fully discuss the application an additional planning committee meeting was agreed for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 7.00pm. Agreed. Proposed Cllr Webb, seconded Cllr Bush

98/21

4. PA21/00021 – Proposed extension of existing building including new first floor level to create additional retail units to Chenoweth Business Park – Chenoweth Business Park, Ruanhighlanes TR2 5RT

Agreed to defer to next Planning Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> May -7.00pm. Carried.

## **FINANCE**

<u>Invoice</u>		£
99/21	1. C Davidson – grass cutting	285.00
	2. British Gas – Veryan toilets	14.83
	3. SW Water – Portloe	19.43
	4. Southern Trees – remove Eucalyptus – Veryan	1100.00
	5. Jamie Trounce – Portloe car park	2484.00
	6. Zurich – Veryan insurance 5 yr LTA	773.90

*Schedule presented was agreed for payment.*

**Proposed Cllr Golding, seconded Cllr Webb.**

Bank balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 were noted.

## **Receipts**

Car Park Donation Box takings:

Receipts March/ April

£221.35

**PLAY AREA REPORT**

Cllr Webb  
Clerk

100/21 Cllr Webb has continued to liaise with Schoolscapes, who erected the equipment and original layout – and has a final proposal for works needed.

**Proposal agreed – proposed Cllr Webb, seconded Cllr Trounce**

The grant application has been submitted – max grant applied for £10,000.

Consent will be needed to do work needed on trees surrounding the play area – Clerk to make an application as with Veryan Conservation Area. Contractor Tim Trounce will meet on-site and plan of work agreed. Also awaiting a quote/ price for the work needed.

101/21 **PARISH COUNCIL AND CORNWALL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The Statements of Persons Nominated have been released by Cornwall Council and received. Veryan Parish Council – there will be no election for the parish council as 6 candidates have been approved. 11 seats are available so the new Council will be required to start the co-option process to fill the seats.

Cornwall Council Election – Veryan will be part of a newly reorganised Cornwall Councillor Electoral Division – St. Goran, Tregony & the Roseland.

3 candidates are standing for the election on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT + CORONA VIRUS UPDATE**

102/21 Cllr German reported that incidents of virus infections in Cornwall continue to be lower than the rest of the country but there has been a slight rise in recent weeks as restrictions have been loosened, and will continue to be monitored..

In the County over 89% of over 80s have had vaccines, the 55+ yr olds roll-out is going well. First vaccinations are on target and all age groups should have had first dose by the end of July; but a booster for the Autumn is becoming a reality.

Credit and thanks to go to a very well run and efficient vaccination programme from the councillors.

Parish report –

- Issues around the new public housing at Market Garden, Pendower Road
- Discussions are on-going to make plans for the forthcoming Tall Ships Race departure from Falmouth later in the summer – Cllr German talking with councils / clerks

**OTHER PARISH BUSINESS**

103/21 1. Pond bridges – Cllr Leach reported that he would arrange a meeting with Peter Moore to look at bridges – had been arranged just before lockdown. Cllr Leach

104/21 2. Hedge trimming – hedges in the parish were mainly good, but still one area causing concern – between Cruggen Farm and Penhale Cottage near Tregenna. Branches have become very big and will stick out damaging vehicles unless correctly looked at – the size is limiting the road space – need to contact Cormac. Clerk

105/21 3. Tregenna Farm – following a recent planning permission there is concern that building regulations have not been applied correctly, and water is being allowed to flow out of the property over the Highway. Clerk to request Cormac to investigate. Clerk

106.21 4. Camels – earlier in the year Cllr Tregunna met with Cormac on-site in an effort to get some traffic calming for the hamlet – there is a problem of speeding traffic- but Camills Farm is home of the Chaos group farm activities and there are frequently animals and ‘clients’ on/ crossing road between fields/buildings and there is concern about safety. Councillors felt should try again to get some kind of warnings for the area. Clerk

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WAS GIVEN** as Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

This will be the first meeting of the new council following the election on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The chair thanked Councillors for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.