

**MINUTES OF VERYAN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
UNDER COVID REGULATIONS ON MONDAY, 21st DECEMBER 2020**

Minute No.

Action

- 186/20 **APOLOGIES** - none
- 187/20 **PRESENT** were Mr Tregunna(Chair), Mr N Bennett, Mrs N Bush, Mr L Dunstone, Mr R Elliott, Mrs A Golding Mr J Leach , Mr A Richards, Mr F Trounce and Mr G Webb  
Cllr Julian German (CC)
- 188/20 **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS**
1. Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the agenda- none
  2. Declarations of gifts over £25.00 – none.
- 189/20 **OPEN PERIOD**
- Two members of the public were present. Mrs April Bennett and Ms Kezia Bennett gave information about works that have happened at West Portholland – the beach. Posts have been erected, parking meter and car registration number cameras. It was acknowledged that the land was in the ownership of Caerhays Estate, but no-one has previously, to many people’s recollections, been prevented from free access to the beach and parking. It has always been regarded as a general common space. Vehicles park and use the beach and boats are taken down to the sea and launched. Portholland residents, parishioners and local residents are very concerned about this action as it has come out of the blue- with no prior consultation. Residents in the village have received some notification, recently since the work took place. A petition has been started online and up until the meeting date – 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - there were 502 signatures. Councillors and public members discussed the situation making observations:
- No previous acknowledgement of ownership by way of signs etc (latterly since the conversion of the Fish Stores that building has been signed)
  - No honesty box found at West Portholland
- 190/20 **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on Monday, 16th November 2020 had been circulated previously and were agreed as a true record.
- MATTERS ARISING**
- 191/20 169/20 Veryan Churchtown trees – the application has been submitted.
- 192/20 171/20 – Play area – Moor Launder – Cllr Webb has been in further discussion with Dani Thomas about the play equipment. The equipment is failing as water is accumulating under the footings of the equipment – and age is a factor. New replacements are required, and possibly re-positioning. Schoolscapes will quote for replacement, and the council will need to look for other similar quotes from other suppliers to compare. Cllr Webb feels that School should become involved and get their opinions on the plans and what should be put in the area. He will also be meeting with Schoolscapes again onsite to discuss options.
- 193/20 178/20 – Portloe Car-park re-surfacing has been completed. A good job has been done by H Cooper Tarmacing. The area is now safe for visitors. Hollyburn Ltd (garage owners) should be contacted and invoiced for a proportion of the costs – Cllr Dunstone suggesting £1000.00 as a show of good faith and to enhance the property; it can be emphasised that the slipway to garages has also been completed as part of the project. A skip has been placed without permission in the area, Clerk contacted the owner, and the skip has been removed. Top Area of car-park – currently the area is closed as too wet to be used. Councillors discussed a suggestion / proposal to put matting / grids on the grassed area to enable it to be accessible all year round for parking; and to do further drainage work around the field to keep it properly drained.

194/20 Agreed that the proposal needed further investigation – Cllr Dunstone agreed to get quotes .  
149/20 – Parish Council Website – the new website has now gone live and is accessible –  
[www.veryanparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.veryanparishcouncil.gov.uk)

All councilors have been allocated specific council emails. Those not wanting to use email to notify the clerk. Parish business should now go through the council emails.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- 195/20
1. Dani Thomas – Schoolscapes – new equipment information
  2. CC –Town & Parish Council elections – cost to council –uncontested £325.72/  
contested £1928.30
  3. APWireless- investment proposal – Telecoms mast, Veryan
  4. Flash Flooding in Portholland 16/12/20
  5. CC Simon Deverill – water issues, Veryan
  6. Mrs Burrow and Jed Berey –Parish Hall – *car park lease info - there are still issues with water courses in the area. Clerk in contact with owners (above) and Simon Mansell CC.*

### CIRCULATION

No circulation at present

### PLANNING

- 196/20 PA20/10003 – Oak (T1) Pollard to a height of 4 meters to bring tree back into shape following a number of branches being damaged due to passing lorries – Pilgrim Cottage, Veryan Green  
*Tree application noted – no objections.*
- 197/20 PA20/10558 – Conversion of garage and alterations to existing dwelling to provide living accommodation – 53 Roseland Gardens, Veryan  
*No Objections – Prop Cllr Webb, seconded Cllr Richards- Carried.*
- 198/20 Morvah Cottage – planning application for new stable and driveway has been refused.

### FINANCE

199/20	<u>Invoice</u>	£
	1. H Cooper – surfacing Portloe car park	8400.00
	2. SW Water – Portloe toilets	16.21
	3. British Gas – electricity Veryan toilets	14.77
	4. Clerk’s expenses Oct-Dec	195.25
	5. Sea Dog IT – 50% website creation	1142.50
	6. Sea Dog IT – monthly DD set-up– website maint set up	25.00

*The above schedule was agreed and payment authorised. Proposed Cllr Webb seconded Cllr Richards.*

Bank balances and reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were noted.

Internal control – Report on Quarter 3 internal checks approved.

### Receipts

200/20 Car Park Donation Box takings:  
Receipts November / December £102.00

### PRECEPT DISCUSSION

Clerk has presented a draft precept prior to the meeting and Councillors debated the contents in context of the current situation and proposed increases by Cornwall Council- possibly a5% rise to the budget.

Following discussion it was proposed Cllr Golding, seconded Cllr Webb that a precept of £33,000.00 be requested – keeping the parish contribution to the Council Tax the same as previous two years. Carried.

- 201/20 **PLAY AREA REPORT**  
As reported earlier.
- 202/20 **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**  
Clerk commented that there have again changes in how the Country is facing the pandemic and proposals to ease restrictions have been over-turned. It is likely that meetings will have to remain online well into the New Year.
- 203/20 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**  
Cllr German reported to the meeting.  
Cornwall Council – Corona-19 situation is worsening with figures in Cornwall climbing rapidly and steps to control the situation need to be taken quickly. Cornwall Council are continuing to press home the rules of Social Distancing + Hand Washing + Staying Local  
[Covid19@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Covid19@cornwall.gov.uk) is a good source of information.  
There are a lot of concerns about the number of visitors moving into the County for the Christmas holiday break – particularly from higher tiers in the country. Cornwall looks set to rise to a higher tier, but people should not be travelling from tiers 3 or 4  
  
Veryan Parish flooding issues in the parish were reports during the recent heavy rain – Pendower Road problems again – East Portholland.  
Use the Cornwall County 'Report It' site online to report issues as they occur – and for Highways 'Out of Hours Emergencies' – 0300 1234222
- 204/20 **WEST PORTHOLLAND**  
Councillors discussed the issues put forward in the Open period about the operations happening at West Portholland and possible consequences for the future and historical context to the area. It was felt that there should be a meeting between Councillors and Mr Williams to discuss the situation and amenities of the area.  
Cllrs pointed out that the public have enjoyed the rights over the area for many years unchallenged. It may be possible to make a legal challenge and find how far back these local rights have been in place.  
Some Cllrs pointed out that it seems very sad that previous good relationships have now been disregarded.  
Proposed Cllr Dunstone, seconded Cllr Richards that the parish council take an initial measured, 'gentle' approach by writing to Mr Williams / Caerhays Estate asking for a meeting to discuss the situation and requesting no additional work to be undertaken whilst dialogue commences. Carried.  
Clerk to contact the Estate.
- OTHER PARISH BUSINESS**
- 205/20 Cllr Golding reported that walking below Carne Village on the coast path there are areas of thorn that need cutting back – and a little further on. Cllr Bennett volunteered to trim over the next couple of weeks.
- 206/20 Cllr Webb reported that current timetable are not connecting / co-ordinating as they should for the Veryan bus – on paper it works, but it is not happening on the ground! Cllr German offered to pass on the problem and find a solution.
- 207/20 There has been some criminal damage reported at a property at Pendower.
- 208/20 There is an issue of a blocked drainage system to the Highway at Carne – it has been reported to the area foreman.
- 209/20 Veryan toilets – an incident of arsenic has been reported in the toilets in the village. Clerk to report the incident to police.  
**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WAS GIVEN** as Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (provisional – Covid allowing).  
The chair thanked Councillors for their attendance, wished all attending a Merry Christmas and declared the meeting closed.

*Monday, 21st December 2020*

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