

**MINUTES OF VERYAN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM
UNDER COVID REGULATIONS ON MONDAY, 15th FEBRUARY 2021**

Minute No.

Action

- 24/21 **APOLOGIES** – were received from Mr P Tregunna, Mr L Dunstone, Mr J Chenoweth, Mr F Trounce
- 25/21 **PRESENT** were Ms A Golding (Vice-Chair) Mr N Bennett, Mrs N Bush, Mr R Elliott, Mr J Leach, Mr A Richards and Mr G Webb
Cllr Julian German (CC)
4 members of the public
In the absence of Chairman the Vice-Chair took the meeting.
- 26/21 **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS**
1. Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the agenda.
 2. Declarations of gifts over £25.00 – none.
- OPEN PERIOD**
- 4 members of the public attended the meeting.
- 27/21 1. John Floyd – Census UK – introduced Census 2021- census day is 21st March. Run by the Office for National Statistics the purpose of the Census is to gather information on the life of the Nation and it is collated and held securely for 100 years. This year the information from 1921 will be made available. There is a legal obligation to complete the census. This will be the first digital census. National advertising has begun.
- 28/21 2. Mrs Sarah Carbis – concern about the play equipment and state of the playing field at Moor Launder. The space is very useful to children especially at the moment, but the equipment's disrepair makes it un-useable. The kissing gates need to be wider to allow pushchairs to get in easily; the gate to the small children's area has broken hinges and the area in front of the kissing gate by the church is wet and muddy and this gets taken into the small child area when the children run through.
Councillors explained that the area is naturally wet, and has drainage put in to try and make it less wet, and unfortunately winter time is at its worst.
There are plans to improve the equipment and the council is currently in talks on what to do / how to improve the area.
- 29/21 3. Mrs Carbis commented on the proposed planning application PA21/00021 at Chenoweth's Business Park – as neighbours they are supportive of prospect of new/ increase in job numbers but have concerns about possible outside activities / events which impact on noise in the locality-especially after normal trading hours.
- 30/21 4. Planning appl PA20/11433 – Parc Rowland, Trewartha . The applicant, Rob Bridges and Agent, Dan Mitchell attended the meeting and gave Councillors a further update and summarised the planning application. – heard later in meeting.
- 31/21 5. Julian German – recent heavy rain has again given flooding at Pendower Road and Portholland. The incidents have been growing for several years. Agencies have got together to find a solution – County Farms, Highways and the new development being built. There has been a problem identified at Churchtown Farm with gulleys, increased spring activity and Reservoir – work will be planned and undertaken to resolve the problem. Due to the volume of water in several areas of the village, gulleys and drains have been cleaned out and a root cutter put through pipes behind the parish hall. A big issue is the physical volume of water than now has to go through the drainage system due to expansion of the village – it has increased greatly along with heavier rain periods – but the drainage system is old/ has not been renewed has not increased its capacity.
- 32/21 6. Mrs April Bennett spoke to the meeting about her concerns for West Portholland and how the area has been used in the past. She feels that the parish council should comment on the application for Certificate of Lawfulness.

33/21 **THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on Monday, 18th January 2021 had been circulated previously and were agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

- 34/21 7/21 - Veryan Churchtown trees – Quotes for tree felling have been requested from local tree surgeons. Quotes will be discussed under Finance later in the meeting.
- 35/21 8/21 – Portloe Car-park -Top Area of car-park – Cllr Dunstone is in the process of obtaining quotes for improvement work. Agenda item for March.
- 36/21 9/21 – West Portholland -car parking.
Discussions have been going on in the background – Chairman has discussed with Mr Williams; Mrs April Bennett has also been in communication with Mr Williams (circulated to Cllrs). The proposals are reported as policy of the Estate.
The Estate has submitted a planning application to cover a Certificate of Lawfulness in relation to the use of the area of West Portholland area.
Cllrs discussed other uses known for the area, and commented on how extensive and who the ‘White List’ of users covered that would be exempt if charging took place – Estate drawing up the list.
Councillors accept that the other 2 areas owned by Caerhays at East Portholland and Porth Luney are car parks and have been for many years, but the area at West Portholland has never been thought of a car park – much more as a Community / public area (regular bonfire events); a public slipway to the beach, site of boat winch in past, coastal footpath goes through the area. Evidence exists by many local people of free access/ uncharged use for many years.
- 37/21 21/21 East Portholland – laying of granite bollards on front – Cormac.
Some concerns from councillors about how this plan would work? Concerned there would be no room for vehicles to park and force them on the road and prevent leisure parking/ viewing. Cllr German will ask for further details.
- 38/21 19/21 Hedge cutting – Councillors noted the work for hedges near Carne was still in need of doing. It was suggested the parish council should write to National Trust that their tenant had not completed the hedge trimming and safety aspects – in hope that it completes the work and then claim from tenant.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 39/21
1. CALC – Briefing 18 – Planning to return to Physical meeting
 - CALC Elections Update
 - Local Council Elections Update
 2. Julie Johns – Funding for the Parish Hall – funding request – hall still short of target for refurbishment work- *Council received a request for help with funding the work in March last year but hadn't specified what was required. Clerk to enquire what the funding situation is now, and ask the Hall Committee to quantify what is needed.*
 3. CC – Local Maintenance Partnership 2021-22
SWC Path 2021-22
Agreed to complete and submit the confirmation for both schemes for the coming season.
 4. CC – Streetworks – Emergency Road Closure – Road from Sunny Corner – Portloe – 11th Feb – 17th Feb – *parish notified*
 5. Cornwall AONB – Invitation to forthcoming events and courses
Virtual Conference – 25th February- Local Nature Recovery Strategy
Interactive Workshop – 4th March – Local Nature Recovery Strategy
Free Webinar – 2 March – A Monumental Improvement - improving community health, education & wellbeing through heritage
Monuments Matter to People – support /blended learning/ training opportunities to get back into education
 6. CC – Cormac Update
 - Roadside Hedge and tree management

7. Birch, on behalf of Western Power – have completed surveying trees in and around village – work likely to be completed April/ May time.

CIRCULATION

No circulation at present

PLANNING

- 40/21 1. PA20/11433 – Proposed demolition of existing hallway and garage and erection of new 2 storey extension to include recessed balcony on part of East elevation – Parc Rowland, Trewatha, Veryan
Proposed Cllr Webb, seconded Cllr Elliott – no objection. Carried.
- 41/21 2. PA21/00387 – Non material amendment (NMA3) for amending the boundary screen to Plots 13 and 14 from fence to railings to decision PA19/04429 dated 03.09.2019 – Churchtown Farm, Pendower Road, Veryan TR2 5QW
Agreed no objections.
- 42/21 3. PA21/00021 – Proposed extension of existing building including new first floor level to create additional retail units to Chenoweth Business Park – Chenoweth Business park, Ruan high lanes TR2 5JR
Proposed Cllr Elliott, seconded Cllr Leach – no objection. Carried.
- 43/21 4. PA20/11543 – Erection of a new garage – Tregenna House, Portloe TR2 5PS
Proposed Cllr Leach, seconded Cllr Elliott – no objection. Carried.
- 44/21 5. PA21/00598 – proposed single garage – ‘Be Told’, Veryan TR2 5QT
Proposed Cllr Webb, seconded Cllr Bush – no objection. Carried.
- 45/21 6. PA20/11298 – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of a car park – Portholland West Car Park, TR2 5PU
Proposed Cllr Golding, seconded Cllr Webb –
‘Veryan Parish Council would like to comment on the application for a Certificate of

Lawfulness:

1. This area of land, together with the associated slipway, constitutes a public landing place for the parish of Veryan, with a historic use for the keeping of fishing boats and associated uses including the siting of a boat winch and a continuing use for the launching of pleasure craft and to provide recreational access to the beach.

2. The land also has a historic and continuing use for recreation by local residents and visitors, including recreational uses associated with the beach at West Portholland and being the location for the annual village bonfire on 5th November.

3. The land is also the location of the South West Coast Path at this point, and when that path is designated as part of the English National Coast Path will become part of the coastal margin and subject to open access rights for the public.

It is agreed by Veryan Parish Council that subject to these rights the land has also been used as a public car park for at least 20 years. There has never been any charge made for this use, or even the placing of an honesty box to indicate any right to charge. There is therefore no established use of the site as a car park for commercial purposes.

Relevant planning policies for the site are contained in policies SF1 to SF4 and Policy CV5 of the Roseland Neighbourhood Development Plan. Together these policies establish:

(a) that there should be no loss of existing transport facilities including car parks, cycling and pedestrian facilities,

(b) that there should be no loss of, or harm to, open spaces used by the public for sports or recreation,

(c) that there should be no adverse effect on public landing places and their use.

Veryan Parish Council is strongly of the opinion that these facts demonstrate that the car park use of this site has been established:

(a) subject to the pre-existing rights set out above, and

(b) as a non-commercial use which is a transport facility for the public.

Veryan Parish Council also notes that development on the site took place at the end of 2020 through the placing of posts for signage and a charging machine. It considers that this development constituted building operations which would require planning permission and that

that the equipment so placed is outside the scope of this application for established use.'

- 46/21 7. PA21/00768 - Proposed change of use of existing detached annexe to form dwelling-
Treverbyn House, Veryan – TR2 5QL
Proposed Cllr Webb, seconded Cllr Leach – no objection. Carried

FINANCE

<u>Invoice</u>	£
47/21 1. PKF Littlejohn – completion Audit 19/20	360.00
2. Sea Dog IT – Feb monthly website maint	25.00

The schedule above was agreed and payment authorised - Proposed Cllr Elliott, seconded Cllr Golding.

Bank balances and reconciliation at 31st January 2021 were noted

Receipts

48/21 Car Park Donation Box takings: Receipts January/ February	£0.00
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Tenders for felling trees – Veryan Churchtown

Clerk had requested tenders from tree surgeons for the work – to be completed by the end of March.

3 quotes were received ranging from £2150.00 to £3965.00.

Proposed Cllr Bush, seconded Cllr Leach - Agreed that quote for £2150.00 be accepted.

Clerk informed Cllrs that the accepted tender was from Southern Trees.

Clerk to contact and ensure work methodology/ Health and Safety etc all in place.

Clerk has already contacted Western Power about power shut down for the work to ensure space is allocated to enable work to continue before end of March.

PLAY AREA REPORT

- 49/21 Cllr Webb is continuing to liaise with the school and has received some lovely suggestions.
The surfacing under the play areas need a re-thin and perhaps a whole length needs to be put under the whole area.
Drainage is still a particular problem, but shading by trees on the Church-side hedge also needs to be looked at – perhaps work can be done to get the canopy lifted / trimmed?

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

- 50/21 Vaccinations within the County is going well, with 2 new mass centres open at Stithians and Wadebridge. Currently the virus infection rate is running at 76/100,000 people in Cornwall. Vaccination for the Roseland will soon be continuing as part of the Network at Roche, and more locally for patients with underlying health issues and housebound. The over 60-64 and 65-69 groups will be called for vaccination starting soon.
Half term will be this week and people have been urged not to travel to second homes or holiday. If people are aware of different visitors being in the area they should contact Cornwall Council Covid 19 helpline / contact the police.

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 51/21 Cllr German had reported on the local flooding problems earlier.
Churchtown Farm site – Market Garden
There have been rumours that some of the properties have already been allocated and even altered. Cllr German stated this was totally untrue – properties are not due for completion/ finalised until June and the advertising for allocation beginning May / June.
Allocation will be strictly by local connection criteria as set out in previous discussions with the parish council.

OTHER PARISH BUSINESS

- 52/21 1. The Heatley Gardens and Watergardens need to have regular maintenance and we require a new gardener for the area. Cllrs were asked for suggestions – Mr Gilbert Grigg has shown an interest – Clerk asked to speak to him.
- 53/21 2. Some Highways issues were reported:
Pendower Road through to beach – potholes
Culvert at Carne beach which should take water under the road and onto the beach is blocked and water flowing over the road and down the slipway – dangerous as the amount of water is heavy coming down from the valley.
- 54/21 3. Pig Lane – seems to be used by some big vehicles recently – concern about Sat Navs .
The wall on the edge of Heatley Gardens has been damaged probably due to a turning vehicle. Will need repair.
Perhaps the parish council should contact other members of CALC to how they combat the problem of Sat Navs sending vehicles down unsuitable roads.

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WAS GIVEN as Monday 15th March 2021 (provisional – Covid allowing).

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