

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 19th APRIL 2021 VIA ZOOM UNDER COVID REGULATIONS

The meeting was chaired by the Parish Council Vice-Chairman, Ms A Golding.

Present were 6 parish councillors and 9 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES – for absence were received from Cllrs Chenoweth, Dunstone, Richards and Tregunna.

2. MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, 15th April 2019 were read to the meeting and confirmed as a true record.

The meeting for April 2020 was cancelled due to the national lockdown of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Little Cygnets area – in good use with the area providing a designated area and equipment for pre-school children.

3.2 Foot bridges by the pond / Watergardens – unfortunately, due to the lock-down of the previous years, inspection and proposed works have been unable to take place. Cllr Leach will again contact the shipwright and begin again the process to get repairs underway.

3.3 Playground Report / repairs –there have been difficulties, again over the previous year, with arranging work to deal with the issues at Moor Launder, and more equipment has become un-safe. However work is now well underway regarding planning the area and grant applications.

3.4 Footpath committee – paths have been used well during the previous year, but need to be reviewed again to ensure the parish is able to continue to provide access.

3.5 Sports and Social Club – the whole area has been under restrictions during the lockdowns, but hopefully will be back to use as before in the coming months.

3.6 The tap for public drinking water has been installed outside Veryan toilets – free to use provision.

4. UPDATE ON NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON PENDOWER ROAD AND FOUR ACRES – TO BE KNOWN AS ‘MARKET GARDEN’

Sam Irving, Cornwall Council Head of Housing and Development, spoke to the meeting with an update on the development.

Construction is well advanced with completion being scheduled for 30th July 2021 – this is approx. 3 months behind planned dates due to last year’s Covid lockdowns.

The former garages site at Four Acres has started with completion scheduled for approx.. 9th August 2021.

Local lettings plans are being put forward – with initial lettings to qualifying Veryan parishioners, then Roseland parishioners – but must always have a Cornish connection.

Applicants will need to be pre-registered with Home Choice – there is still time to do this.

More details on the final criteria will be discussed with the parish council before the process begins. All properties are for social rent.

Cornwall Home Choice will be dealing with the applications – in normal situations there would be interactive Open Events in the village – but they are looking at Covid safe alternatives. There will be further communications to advertise / newsletter info etc.

The current purdah period will have an effect on getting information out – but the parish council will be invited for a visit around the properties before the site is completed.

Sam Irving answered questions from the meeting.

Parking around the new flats at Four Acres was brought up, the residents have had concerns – Mr Irving will provide some plans to show residents – parking has been provided with designated and visitor spaces.

Meeting thanked Mr Irving for his time.

4. ACCOUNTS - of the year 2020/2021, un-audited, were presented by the Clerk and showed gross receipts of £53186.88 and payments of £44195.67; after payments of £2350.00 to reserves, leaving a surplus of £8991.21

Proposed from the Cllr Webb, seconded Cllr Leach that the financial statement be adopted.
Carried.

5. COUNCILLOR'S ATTENANCE 2020 - 2021

The attendance of the parish councillors/ meetings, due to the Covid Pandemic , was irregular during the first phase and changed to online meetings. All members attended as they were able under the circumstances, and within the law.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Cllr Tregunna, had submitted a report which the Clerk read to the meeting.
' Outstanding issues as I write are, although good progress has been made, there are still lengths of roadside hedges that have not been trimmed for some years. This is at Tregenna. It is now 'closed season' for trimming so no action can be taken at this time, but this needs addressing in the future.

Also, back in September I met with the Area Foreman of Cormac regarding the introduction of a 20mph speed limit at Camels. This didn't get support but since then I have received further reports of incidents and requests for the matter to be revisited.

Allocations will soon be made for the 14 houses at the Chuchtown Farm site – 'Market Garden'. I hope and expect the parish council will be involved in this – LOCAL NEEDS.

You will not be surprised to know that I shall not be seeking another term on the Parish Council. Looking back I have experienced many emotions and frustrations but it has been an interesting journey. 34 years as a Parish Councillor, 16 years Cornwall County Council, 12 years Carrick District Council, 8 years with Devon & Cornwall Police Authority - all adds up to the fact that it is time I was 'put out to grass'.

My sincere thanks to you all for help and support over the years. Thanks also to Julian German who, inspite of being Leader of the Council at County Hall, with the work- load that brings, has been a great help to the parishes of the Roseland.

Finally, thank you Mary for keeping things together and allowing our parish work to continue during this difficult year.'

Councillors wanted it recorded that all wanted to give their grateful thanks to Cllr Tregunna for his service to the parish and wider Community of the Roseland for the last 34 years. All wished him well in his 'retirement'.

7 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Pond and Playground– Cllr Webb reported on issues affecting the area-and maintenance issues.

Pond - After many years of managing the Pond and Heatley Gardens David Truscott has handed over the reins to Gilbert Grigg. The parish has thanked Mr. Truscott for his work over the years and looks forward to working with Mr.Grigg in the future.

The pond had its annual clearance of gravel and mud earlier this year. Several parish councillors were helped by parishioner's, Jamie Trounce and John Saville who were able to bring mechanical diggers into the pond which sped up the work.

Damage to the area, by rocks and stones, has been reduced by the spare stone being removed from the site – some has been used / embedded in the banks to firm them.

Playground - The playground and wider park area has proved popular as an outside space over the last year. The toddler area in particular has been popular. The decline of the older children's play equipment and the surrounding muddy surface has been a concern.

The task of improving the surface and replacing broken equipment is beyond the DIY skills of councillors and it was agreed to approach contractors to drain and surface around the play equipment remove what is broken and replace play equipment where necessary.

A grant from the National Lottery Fund has been applied for but even without it the Parish has committed to carry out the remedial work. This also includes lifting the crowns of overhanging trees and repairing the roof of the shelter. It is hoped this work can be undertaken in the early summer.

Children from Veryan School have been engaged in helping to decide what needs done in the park. They have been using the park, Heatley Gardens and other open spaces in the village as outdoor classrooms.

There have been a few occurrences of misbehaviour in the park over the last year with some damage. It is hoped that through greater use by the local children of these open spaces and proper maintenance of the park and play area will discourage further incidents.

Other Works –

Rundles Walk - The Parish will be considering the resurfacing of Rundles Walk subject to funding.

Watergarden Bridges - The Parish will be considering repairs to bridges and Kissing Gates subject to funding.

- 7.2 Footpath Committee – Cllr Dunstone was unable to submit a report. There will be a review of footpaths – inland and coastal during the coming year. Councillors offered thanks to Lewis Annear for his work.
- 7.3 Sports & Social Club report – Due to Covid restrictions activity both Social and Sporting has been limited. It is hoped that the lifting of restrictions will allow activities to resume.

8 OTHER PARISH BUSINESS

8.1 Thanks to Julian German for the support he has given the parish this year.

8.2 The Elections will be held on 8th May 2021. Veryan Parish council will not have a contested election this time – Co-option will be one of the first business of the new council session. It will also be election time of Cornwall Council Councillors and the Devon & Cornwall Crime Commissioner.

9 There being no further business, the meeting Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.