

MINUTES OF VERYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT VERYAN PARISH HALL, VERYAN ON
MONDAY, 18th AUGUST 2025

Minute
No.

Action

- 238/25 **1. PRESENT** were Cllrs Couch (Chair) Carbis, Clark, Darby, Dunstone, Garner, Leach and Trounce.
Clerk – Mrs M Symons
1 member of public
- 239/25 **2. APOLOGIES** – were received from Cllrs Strongman.
- 240/25 **3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS & DISPENSATIONS**
1. Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the agenda –
 - Cllr Dunstone and Cllr Clark declared an interest in discussions regarding The Ship Inn, SOS
 2. Declarations of gifts over £50.00
 3. Dispensations – none
- 4. OPEN PERIOD**
- 241/25 1 member of the public was present
- 4.1 Mr Colin Clark thanked the parish council for its pledge for the Community Group SOS Save Our Ship, but wanted to know why the pledge was small in comparison to grants and requests from other groups and buildings within the parish? After all this will be securing the building for the Community of Portloe. Cllr Carbis responded that there was a very robust and challenging discussion at the July meeting when the matter had been discussed. Cllrs were trying to balance the differing opinions of the parishioners about the project, as well as balancing public finance and projects already being undertaken by the parish council. Councillors had wanted to show support but were currently unable to commit a larger sum of money at present, as it would be tied up within the building and not available for use. As the project continues in the future more funds may be made available to provide further support. The parish council has given support in-kind already to get the project started and progressing by facilitating use and a dedicated section of the Council's website; and bank account. Councillors are also very aware of the present financial constraints put upon public services and the public's opinions of where and whether their council taxation payments are being spent. Mr Clark replied that all the help of the council was welcomed, but it should be remembered that as a result of the SOS campaign, a Community Benefit Society has been formed, and if there is enough support, it will go on to own the building.
- 242/25 **5 THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on Monday, 21st July 2025 had been circulated previously.
Resolved that the minutes were adopted as a true record.
- 6. MATTERS ARISING**
- 243/25 217/25 – Public toilets – it was further discussed about the state of cleaning happening within the parish public toilets. Further evidence has shown that this is not happening according to the contract and assurances otherwise.
The Clerk has researched some companies about ways to electronically record access into the buildings and time taken on-site. However for a small set-up it will cost £400 and £99 annually to run. Clls felt this was uneconomic. We should try a simple time-sheet, but kept in the cleaner's cupboards so that they have to be opened to complete – Cllrs will do spot checks. Clerk to have further talks with cleaner.
Cllr Clark has enquired locally and there is a possibility of someone looking to take on the cleaning position. The Clerk has also received a request from the National Trust regarding toilets/ cleaning – they have 2 sites- at Carne and Pendower. They are making enquiries about the possibility of sharing cleaning rounds – they too are having issues. Clerk to find out more.
- 244/25 218/25 – Clerk has written again to Fraser regarding a site visit, after the previous dates were cancelled – awaiting some more dates to be given.
- 245/25 236/25 – Tree on Veryan Green – Cllrs have checked the tree and do feel that it needs some professional work to reduce the size. Contact Tim Trounce for professional opinion.
- 7. PLANNING.**
- 246/25 6.1 PA25/05184 – Addition of a conservatory to the end of the property – Aldworth, Veryan Green TR2 5QQ
Proposed Cllr Clark, seconded Cllr Ling – no objections - Carried
- 247/25 6.2 PA25/0522 – Proposed green oak garden room extension – The Old Lodge, Veryan TR2 5QA
Proposed Cllr Darby, seconded Cllr Garner – no objections - Carried

- 248/25 6.3 PA25/0523 – Listed building consent for a proposed green oak garden room extension – The Old Lodge, Veryan TR2 5QA
Proposed Cllr Darby, seconded Cllr Garner – no objections - Carried
- 249/25 6.4 PA25/05145 – Erection of a single storey timber shed –The Right Round House, Veryan Green TR2 5QQ
*Proposed Cllr Trounce, seconded Cllr Clark - Veryan Parish Council objects to the application.
The proposed site is outside the settlement boundary, lies on a greenfield site, and would be contrary to points within the Roseland Development Plan. Carried.*
- 250/25 6.5 PA25/05711 – Works to trees within a conservation area: To remove 1xLeylandii tree and 1x Cypress tree. – Tre Kroner, Green Lane, Veryan Green TR2 5QD
Proposed Cllr Darby, seconded Cllr Carbis – No objections. Carried

Planning Applications determined by Cornwall Council

- 251/25 6.6 PA25/05338 – Electricity Act 1989: Overhead Line (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009 Street Record, Elerkey Lane, Veryan - *Status -Decided – Closed, advice given*
- 252/25 6.7 PA25/02042 – Reserved matters planning application for appearance, landscaping and layout for elements D7, D8 and D9 following outline approval PA13/00256 dated 15.03.2017 – Nare Hotel, Veryan TR2 5PF –
Status – Decided – Approved with conditions

Other Planning matters

- 253/25 6.8 Carpenters, Sunny Corner, Portloe – Response to Concerns raised to Cornwall Council about PA23/04381 - Carpenters, Sunny Corner, Portloe TR2 5RB.
Council has taken some recognition of the time spent progressing/ dealing with the application and say they will be looking into some of the concerns. The parish's concerns have been aired and hopefully noted for the future.
- 254/25 6.9 - PA25/04213 – Tippetts Shop, Tregony – A 5-day protocol letter was received from the planning officer, deciding in-favour of the application – Cllrs agreed to disagree.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 255/25 Cllr German reported to the meeting :
- Overhead line in Veryan – National Grid need to do further work which will delay the new housing scheme by about 3 months – Spring 2026
 - New Housing- Elerkey Lane – Cllr German has been with local residents to the site to discuss privacy /overlooking issues received. Hopefully the fears have been assured – planting and screening will mitigate and help.
 - Properties still empty in Park and Dreas – property 11 is currently with solicitors under offer and 16 has had a purchase scheme agreed..
 - Properties at Pendower Road – 10 is now occupied
 - New Homes, Elerkey Lane – Unsure when these will be advertised, but a guess would be around January to apply with a possible move in March. Will need to put an article into the October magazine with all the relevant details/ criteria and advise parishioners.
 - Highways Surveyor visit – Cllr German has arranged a parish visit by CC Highways to look at the Highways issues raised by the parish – Cllrs asked to draw up a list of concerns to be visited:
Bessybeneath – hedges overgrown over road signs – and obstruction to vision by plant growth on junction from garden planting and on highway boundary
Layby at Trenona – former Visit Roseland sign collapsed
Road markings – Bessybeneath to Crohans – need reinstating
Green Lane Veryan – road surface poor and drains need clearing not just cleaned out but between drains to make sure there is flow down through – otherwise when full water just flow over road surface damaging surface.
Potholes Treviskey to Portholland
Low trees near Penhale / Tregenna – causing an issue for larger vehicles/vans
Road Signs losing reflective surfaces – some large 30 signs and restriction end signs
Road Surface- Pendower Road to Carne/ Pendower beaches
Road surface edge/ loss/ shrinking –road from before Veryan Green entrance towards Carne village – near first set of farm buildings and at Tregamenna entrance.
 - Cornwall Council's 'Black Hole' has recently features a lot in the press and online. Concerns were discussed with Cllr German and raised issue of County Farms sell-off – not on the cards at all – all hear-say.

9. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS & LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

- 256/25 9.1 Moor Launder & Play area – Cllr Darby has received the inspection report from RoSPA safety play equipment visit . No major problems reported. She will look at it and the site and draw up a list of work that will be needed.
However, there has been a report received that there was an incident on the weekend with one of the swings. A child was involved, but not hurt – but the swing needs to be inspected again – Cllr Darby to visit and check for any visible issue.
- 257/25 9.2 Watergardens – Working group are making good headway with replanting the pond area. Some good comments have been received online.
- 258/25 9.3 Veryan Parish Hall – Hall is currently being decorated – the next Management Committee meeting will be next month.
- 259/25 9.4 Footpath Committee – The second coastal footpath cut has been completed. An excellent job completed by our contractor in extremely testing conditions. All completed in time for the Annual overnight ‘Mud-run’. No issues reported.
Currently contractors are working through Inland paths highlighted by the Footpath Committee. Growth of ferns, gorse etc are causing a big concern in places.
Penny Hodgson has agreed to supplying new way markers and posts if Council will erect. Need to draw up numbers required and sites.
- 260/25 9.5 Veryan Sports Club – The Sports Club committee have reported a very successful event –(no figure on funds raised yet) – it was well run and supported – but more volunteers are needed for a future event.
The Paddle Club is being progressed by the Tennis Club and necessary paperwork for a variation to lease requirements is being prepared. Clerk to consult Stephens Scown to get council’s solicitor looking into the change required.
- 261/25 9.6 Allotments – the erection of a barn for the site has been agreed and 100% funding commitment received. The parish council will be purchasing the building and paying for erection. Order is to be submitted shortly.
- 262/25 9.7 Portloe Car Park – The report from YourParkingSpace for July at Portloe Car Park was £1634.10
Cllr Dunstone felt that the time has come to start discussing Electric Charging points for the car park – there is noticeably a larger number of hybrid/ fully electric vehicles now using the car park. Grants are available through Cornwall Council to help with the infrastructure – agenda item for next month.
- 263/25 9.8 New replacement bridge, Watergardens – the work on the second replacement bridge is ongoing and awaiting transport of timber from company in Scotland.

264/25 **10. SOS SAVE OUR SHIP –PROJECT UPDATE**

Cllrs Clark and Dunstone gave an update of the project. At the Open meeting of 6th August the Committee told attendees that the building has been bought from St.Austell Brewery for the Community. The consensus of opinion is that all are pleased with the result. Additional fundraising / Crowd funding will still need to happen and there will be an Open morning on Saturday 23rd August at the Church, Portloe to continue this.
Cllr German has very kindly donated £500 from his Community Chest account to the fund.
The Portloe Community Benefit Society thanked the parish council for its pledge.

11. FINANCE

265/25 Payments Schedule presented: £

1. Chris Davidson – Greens cutting , Veryan	175 +145
2. FarmPlus – deposit for barn- Allotments	600.00
3. SeaDog IT – website work for SOS	390.00
4. Ocean Homes – 2 nd cut coastal paths	4800.00
5. Noeline Hanson – Internal Audit inv	140.00
6. SeaDog IT - monthly support (Stripe)	34.95 (DD)
7. HMRC – PAYE	162.60 (STO)
8. NEST – pension	65.72 (DD)
9. Clerk salary	609.69 (STO)
10. AJH Services – toilet contract	802.50 (STO)
11. Google Cloud (email support)	18.00 (DD)
<u>Receipts Received</u>	
12. Your Parking Space –June	1585.20
13. Car-park donation box June-	420.65
July-	277.73

The schedule was agreed and payment authorised.. Proposed Cllr Garner , seconded Cllr Clark

266/25 Bank balances as at 31 July 2025 were noted

12 CORRESPONDENCE

- 267/25
1. Anna Jones -Gwella Contracting Services Introduction
 2. Duncan McLaren –TaCQ systems
 3. Hilary Hancock – Portloe – toilets, and coastal footpaths
 4. British Gas – Veryan toilets
 5. Noeline Hanson – Internal Audit inv
 6. Victoria Ling - VRTC/VSSC lease
 7. Michaela Darby - VRTC/VSSC Constitution
 8. Planning - PA25/04213 - Tippetts Shop, Tregony – 5-Day Protocol
 9. Cornwall Council - Casework Assist - CAS-23403-V7K8M0 / - Planning enforcement
 10. Graham Webb – Farmplus timber building
 11. Penny Hodgson – Veryan PC, Footpaths
 12. James Cox – Veryan development - advertising
 13. Ian Nellis – erection of FarmPlus building
 14. Cornwall Streetworks – A3078 -11th September- temporary speed restriction of traffic – Reskivers, Tregony
 15. Tony Bowden – Council payment proof
 16. Tony Bowden: Share Prospectus
 17. Remittances YPS - Remittance report for July 2025 - £1634.10 July 25
 18. Cornwall Council - Casework Assist Enquiry - CAS-23403-V7K8M0 / - Planning enforcement – Response
 19. Jayne Kirkham (MP) – ‘Tea with your MP’ 15th August
 20. Penny Hodgson – Coastal Path cutting – Mudrun – 15/16 Aug
 21. Rural and Coastal – CRCC meetings with Communities –Save the Date
 22. Ocean Homes – inv 2nd cut Coastal footpaths
 23. Nicki Davies, Riverside Cottage, Veryan

13. OTHER PARISH ISSUES/ CONCERNS

- 268/25 13.1 Congratulations to the members of St Symphorian Church, Veryan for all the Summer events and Activities that taken place during August. So many different and varied- suitable for all. Greatly appreciated and hopefully will be helping the Church too.
- 269/25 13.2 Car Parking Problems – Portloe – Cllr Leach reported on parking problems within the village making it difficult for larger vehicles to get through. Suggested getting photos of the obstructions and reporting to Cornwall Council and Police 101.

270/25 **14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS –**

It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public to undertake confidential business.
Proposed Cllr Couch, seconded Cllr Dunstone.
Following completion, Cllr Couch re-convened the parish council meeting.

The date of the next meeting was given as Monday, 15th September 2025 at 7.30pm, Veryan Parish Hall, Veryan

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