

WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of **Withiel Parish Council (WPC)** held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 which opened at 7:15 pm with Cllr Shearer welcoming all in attendance.

WPC Councillors present: Cllrs Shearer (Chair), Cubitt, Harper, Hoyle, Malone, Nott-Bower.

Also present: Cornwall Cllr Chris Batters, and one member of the public.

153/19 Apologies for absence: Cllr Coy.

154/19 Members Declaration of Interest and any requests for dispensations: None

155/19 Invitation to members of the public to address the meeting

Cornwall Cllr Batters reported on recent problems with travellers in the Bodmin area, how the costs of removing them had fallen on the county and town councils and individual landlords, and the measures being contemplated to deal with them in the future. He noted that the funds applied for to make a second passing bay on Withiel hill have been approved, and work is expected to start in the spring.

Cornwall Cllr Batters left the meeting at this point.

156/19 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th September 2019

Proposed Cllr Nott-Bower, seconded Cllr Hoyle. Resolved to approve the minutes. Cllr Shearer signed the minutes.

157/19 To approve the amended minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on 14th August 2019

Proposed Cllr Malone, seconded Cllr Nott-Bower. Resolved to approve the minutes. Cllr Shearer signed the minutes.

158/19 Any matters arising from the council meeting minutes of 4th September 2019 and 14th August 2019 which are not agenda items below

On item 142/19 damaged stile, Cllr Hoyle proposed we set a budget of £30 for the cost of repair, seconded Cllr Nott-Bower. Resolved to set a budget of £30 for cost of repair.

On item 138/19 recruitment of a new Clerk, agreed that the whole membership of the council should be entitled to sit on the interview panel, which was provisionally set for Tuesday 15th October 2019. Cllr Shearer to coordinate and confirm the arrangements.

159/19 Finance Matters

-Responsible Finance Officer's report: No report in the absence of Cllr Coy.

-Accounts payable; To approve issue of (1) cheque no 100642 dated 2nd October 2019 for £120 payable to Jane Bramfitt for calligraphy of freedom of the parish scroll, (2) cheque no 100643 dated 2nd October 2019 for £39.66 payable to Janet Shearer for reimbursement for cost of framing the scroll, (3) cheque no 100644 dated 2nd October 2019 for £108.34 payable to Nigel Liddicoat for costs of catering at freedom of the parish event. Cllr Shearer proposed that these payments be approved. Seconded Cllr Malone. Resolved to approve these payments.

-To approve setting up an internet banking account and designate Cllr Coy as the Primary User as long as he is the Responsible Finance Officer: Cllr Cubitt reported on what paperwork the bank required to be completed to carry these intentions into effect. Cllr Harper proposed that this action be held over until the new clerk is in place and his/her details can be included in the relevant mandates. Seconded Cllr Hoyle. Resolved to hold this action over until the new clerk is in post.

160/19 Planning: To consider and approve consultee comment for planning applications listed below and any others received prior to the meeting

PA19/07920 Conversion of storage building to a residential dwelling/Land west of Tregustick Barn, Tregustick Road, Withiel, Bodmin PL30 5NG/Applicant Mr Edward Piper: After discussion, Cllr Harper proposed that the Council accept and support the application. Seconded Cllr Hoyle. Resolved to support the application with three votes in favour and three abstentions.

161/19 To report planning decisions of the planning authority for Withiel parish

None.

162/19 To report, for information only, any preapplication planning submissions to the planning authority for Withiel parish

None.

163/19 Withiel Website

Cllr Shearer reported on the current situation with the new website, Withiel.info. The old website, Withiel.com, has now been discontinued. It is proposed to add pages for the village hall committee and the Ruthern Valley Players. Mark Finney, ex of Maisemore Systems, would charge £50 to make the Parish Council page secure. After discussion about the implications for the Council under GDPR rules of non-Parish Council pages being found insecure, Cllr Shearer was tasked to ascertain from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils what liability the Parish Council bears for the content of pages on its website which are given over to local community groups and populated by their representatives; whether contraventions of GDPR or any other legislation on such pages are the responsibility of the Parish Council, and whether a disclaimer regarding responsibility for third party content on non-Parish Council pages is sufficient to absolve the Parish Council from responsibility for contraventions of libel laws, or breaches of GDPR or any other statute.

164/19 Correspondence (for information only)

Reminder from the Bodmin Community Network Panel that their next meeting is on Wednesday 9th October 2019 at 6.30 pm at Chy Tревail.

Notification that the Annual General Meeting of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils is to be held at County Hall, Truro, on Tuesday 26th November; details to follow.

Letter from Neil Rose regarding alteration of the footpath at Withielgoose; Cllr Hoyle as footpath officer will liaise with County Cllr Batters about the matter.

165/19 Advise dates of the next meetings of the Council

6th November 2019, 4th December 2019 and 8th January 2020.

Cllr Shearer closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.