

Report of the Parish Council Meeting 19th July 2023

PRESENT: Cllrs. T. Hulbert, M. Smith, R.L.B. Spencer, S. Bell, W.C. Longden, A. Percy, W. Caff, and Cornwall Councillor Adrian Dennis Harvey and The Interim Clerk to the Parish Council. 2 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. D. Hopkinson and G. Rowe **Police Report – None.**

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

None of the Councillors in attendance were prepared to stand. A discussion about how to proceed ensued. Cllr. R.L.B. Spencer said he would be prepared to stand as Vice-Chairman but only if a chairman is found. It was suggested that the role of Chairman could be filled on a rota basis. However, this is far from ideal so it was **RESOLVED** to continue appointing a chairman prior to each meeting until a permanent volunteer comes forward.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 17th May and 21st June 2023:

The Minutes were approved and signed as True Records.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 21st June 2023:

Cllr. R.B.L. Spencer advised that the refusal of PA23/01150 (Land East of Wesley Road) has been reported in this week's Newquay Voice. Cllr. D. Hopkinson has reported the poor road surface in Chynowen Parc to Cormac.

The Clerk informed the meeting that a quote has been obtained from James Bradder to add the QEII park to the cutting schedule. The figure mentioned equates to an additional £900 per year an increase of 16% to our grass cutting budget.

In addition, the Clerk spoke to the repairers of the Mower to look into a possible replacement but they stated that the current Mower still had plenty of life in it. They also indicated that the problems we have been experiencing are due to miss use of the Mower. The Clerk recommended continuing with the current regime for now and an instruction manual will be drafted in due course. The cost of cutting the Village Hall grass equates to around £300 per year.

Cllr. W. Caff advised that the strimmer is working properly and he has purchased a wheelbarrow. The chainsaw attachments are now being stored in his shed. Cllr. T. Hulbert is going to do an inventory of the equipment and a training manual. Cllr. W. Caff offered to help with this.

Cllr. M. Smith has ordered the new bin and an invoice will be sent to the Clerk for payment.

Cllr. M. Smith clarified the comments he made at the last meeting regarding the jubilee firepit. The person who made the firepit is not aware of any agreement to put the firepit in the village square and is happy for it to be installed outside the Village Hall. The correspondence is available for anyone who wishes to see it. Cllr. W. Caff said he would find the original emails that referred to this.

Cllr. A. Percy advised that the cycle track has not yet been installed. However, the work should be starting on Monday.

Cllr. A. Percy will apply for the second tranche of funding once the installation has taken place.

Josie Grant thanks the Council for their kind donation towards the wool for the poppy project.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND OTHER FINANCIAL BUSINESS: Resolved to pay all accounts as presented.

PLANNING:

Decisions made by Cornwall Council:

PA23/01150 Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of up to five dwellings - Land East Of Wesley Road Cubert Cornwall TR8 5HB for Kingsley Homes limited - **REFUSED**

PA23/02600 New pitched roof to flat roof garage, conversion of garage to office, new extended porch, replacement windows, new doors and patio doors, internal alterations. - 48 Wheel Golden Drive, Holywell Bay - **APPROVED**

Applications

PA23/04176 Conversion of single storey garage/outbuilding and utility room to a 1 bed living accommodation.

Concord Wesley Road Cubert Newquay for Mrs Joanna Shipway **Resolved** to **SUPPORT** the application providing that there is a condition keeping the accommodation as ancillary to the main dwelling.

Other Planning Matters:

Cllr. A. Harvey thanked Cllr. A. Percy for his work on PA23/01150 (Land East of Wesley Road) Cllr. A. Harvey advised that he is taking the application for works to Trevemper Footbridge to committee and requested the Parish Council's support. A discussion ensued. **RESOLVED:** Cubert Parish Council supports Cllr. A. Harvey in taking this application to committee. Cllr. R.L.B. Spencer will represent the Parish Council at the meeting. Cornwall Council's Affordable Housing Newsletter and details of Cornwall Council's enforcement process have been circulated. Cllr. A. Harvey has been liaising with the Enforcement Officer over the repeated use of advertising trailers in the Parish and has offered his support if the Officer wishes to take the landowner to court. Cllr. R.B.L. Spencer advised that he had asked a question at Full Council regarding the issue. He was told that the Officer has to start from scratch each time a new case is reported and the same process is followed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Cllr. R.L.B. Spencer that there is still no news on Central Government Funding. The work to the website has been commissioned and a public consultation is still planned for 9th September. It is hoped that the draft Design Guide will be uploaded to the website in the next 3 weeks.

CUBERT VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. R.B.L. Spencer confirmed that Stephen Scown's has been instructed to proceed with the further enquiry. The fee will be approx. £200. The response will be circulated to Councillors when received. Cllr. G. Rowe's report from the Village Hall Committee Meeting had been circulated. It was commented that the public accounts seem to be held in a veil of secrecy. A discussion took place as to why the Parish Council is paying £300 to cut the grass at the village hall if the accounts are not transparent. **RESOLVED:** Agenda item next month.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS NOT REQUIRING DECISIONS AT THIS MEETING:

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Quarterly Audit has been completed and submitted to the Internal Auditor. Cllr. R.L.B. Spencer gave a brief report of the Allotment Association meeting he had attended. The AGM will be held in November. It was commented that the minutes say that the Allotment Association has agreed to give the Village Hall a donation of £50 towards the flowers for the jubilee beacon. This should say CHCC. Cllr. R.B.L. Spencer will ask for the minutes to be amended. Cllrs. W. Caff and R.L.B. Spencer will be attending the inaugural CAP (Community Area Partnership) meeting tomorrow and will report back to the next meeting. Cllr. A. Percy has written to the Portfolio Holder regarding the levelling up grants awarded to large organisations when other schemes were overlooked that better met the criteria. He has yet to receive a reply.

Cllr. A. Percy advised that he will organise the emptying of the beach skip in the Clerk's absence.

Cllr. S. Bell reported on the recent vandalism to the public toilets.

Cllr. T. Hulbert advised that he has tightened the bolts on the swing in the toddler play area as they were a bit loose. The swings outside the toddler area may look like they are leaning but they have been inspected and there is no issue. The bearing on the spinning bowl is well worn and may need replacing soon.

There is no news on the future of the newsletter.

CLOSING, DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The meeting was closed 8.34pm.

The next regular meeting to be held on 16th August 2023 at 7.00pm.

FOOTPATHS

Everything is growing at a furious rate now. ALL the footpaths in the Parish are maintained by a wonderful group of volunteers. The PARISH needs more volunteers to keep the footpaths open.

If footpaths become overgrown and fall out of use by the public we could lose them!

If you can spare some time to help with cutting back a footpath please volunteer.

Equipment can be supplied and any necessary training given.

Contact David Hawken on 01637 830947 or email cubertpc@btinternet.com