

# CARDINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Held in Cardinham Parish Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllr G Tucker (Chair), Cllr G Rogers, Cllr L Sutton, Cllr A Bonker, Cllr P Claridge, Cllr R Farley, Cllr K Morris, Cllr D Saunter, Cllr T Irwin, County Cllr J Cruse. J Wilson (Clerk/RFO).  
Six members of the public were present.

Cllr G Tucker had some very sad news to announce – our Chair, Cllr Julie Best, sadly passed away early on New Year's Day.

Julie had been a Councillor for Cardinham for around 40 years, and had been Chair of the Council for at least 20. Her in-depth knowledge of Council procedures, coupled with her extensive knowledge of the Parish and its residents, were invaluable to the Council in ensuring that the Council always acted in the best interest of the Parish and its parishioners. Her calmness, fairness and diplomacy contributed to the smooth running of the meetings, and she encouraged everyone to participate, believing in the importance of including everyone's thoughts and opinions when trying to arrive at a decision. She was a great Chair, as well as a good friend to many on the Council, both past and present. She will be long remembered and greatly missed by all who knew her.

As a mark of respect, the Council held a minute's silence for remembrance and reflection.

The Chair then moved that the meeting should convene.

### **001/25 Apologies**

None.

### **002/25 Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensations**

Cllr G Tucker declared an interest in item 12 on the agenda - Finance.

### **003/25 Public Session**

Six members of the public were present and several chose to speak as follows.

- Mr Dan Mitchell and Mr Merlin Hanbury-Tenison spoke in support of planning application PA24/09427.
- Mr John Keast and Mr Nick Blanchard spoke in support of planning application PA25/00071.

### **004/25 County Councillors Report**

Cllr J Cruse talked about the following issues:

- Jenny did a short dedication to Julie at the CAP meeting on Monday evening as many people there had known Julie for a long time.
- The proposal for the joint Cornwall and Devon devolution – Cllr Cruse said there was little support for this in Cornwall, most want Cornwall to remain separate.
- The National Trust is proposing to open up more of its properties to let. Cornwall Council is asking all large landowners with properties to open up properties to let rather than

using them for holiday accommodation, as a way of helping to alleviate the lack of local rental properties

- Still no further news on the Kernow Slide application. Cllr Cruse will push for this to be determined as soon as possible. It has been noted that Sustrans has included that particular road, where Kernow Slide is located, in its plans for Active Travel.
- Treslea has now been cleared and this is a good result for Cornwall Council planning dept.
- Cllr G Rogers thanked Cllr Cruse for ensuring that she always sends us a report each month even when she is unable to attend our meetings. This is greatly appreciated by our Councillors.
- The 25/26 budget still has to be agreed, and this will be difficult in view of the amount of funding needed for Adult Social Care, SEND and Housing.
- Rob Dyer had sent in a question, carried over from the November meeting, for Cllr Cruse. He wanted to know how Cornwall Council is going to support the farmers and what Cornwall Council's feedback is on this situation. Cllr Cruse explained that Cornwall Council had written to the Prime Minister regarding policies to support farmers e.g. getting local farms food into schools.

### **005/25 Minutes of the Previous Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on the previous meeting had been circulated. The minutes for the previous meeting were proposed by Cllr K Morris, seconded by Cllr T Irwin and agreed by all as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

### **006/25 Matters Arising from the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

- There is a spare sign post - Cllr Cruse has asked for this duplicate signpost to be placed in Little Downs as the broken one there needs replacing.

### **007/25 Planning Decisions**

[PA24/03333](#) Ross Parc, Little Downs Cardinham Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4EF. Construction of new Stables to replace existing in alternative location. **Approved.**

[PA24/08020](#) Rocky Meadow (Field) Lower Treslea Farm Cardinham Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4DL. Change of use of agricultural field to secure dog walking paddock. **Approved.**

### **008/25 Planning Applications**

[PA24/09427](#) Land North of Cabilla Manor Cardinham Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4DW. Construction of Temperate Rainforest Research Station (including removal of existing mobile homes). (Planning officer Matt Follis.)

Cllr T Irwin proposed support, seconded by Cllr P Claridge, All in favour.

[PA25/00071](#) Land West of Brighton Water Farm Brighton Water Hill Cardinham Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4DL. Construction of Agricultural Storage Building. (Planning officer Gemma Old)

Cllr P Claridge proposed support, seconded by Cllr D Saunter, majority in favour and three Councillors including Cllr A Bonker and Cllr K Morris, abstained.

Five members of the public left the meeting.

### **009/25 Other planning items**

Cllr G Rogers raised the issue of enforcement and whether the enforcement for Kernow Slide that was issued in May last year had lapsed. Cllr Cruse explained that the enforcement was for the requirement to put in a planning application, which the applicant had complied with. However, it

was noted that the planning application has not yet been decided. Cllr Cruse said she will be contacting planning on why the decision is still outstanding for this application.

**010/25 Consider the letter from the Mayor of Marazion re vote of no confidence in planning, and resolve on any action.**

Cllr D Saunter proposed not to support this, seconded by Cllr R Farley, all agreed. It was proposed instead to write to Cornwall Council (Louise Woods and Ollie Monk) if and when the Parish Council has specific concerns to raise. Clerk to write to the Mayor of Marazion out of courtesy to inform him of our decision.

**011/25 Consider and agree an amount of funds to transfer from the Barclays account to the new Lloyds account. Complete, sign and date the letter to Barclays to confirm this. (Keep a copy of the letter.)**

It was proposed to write a cheque to transfer funds of £10K from the Barclays account to the newly opened Lloyds bank account. Proposed by Cllr K Morris, seconded by Cllr L Sutton, all in favour.

**Finance reports and payment of accounts:**

**012/25 Payment of Accounts**

The receipts and payments report for December 2024/January 2025 showed:

Receipts of £Nil for December - & Payments for January of £1,887.74 made up of:

HMRC – Tax on clerk’s wages - £96.60

J Wilson – Clerk’s wages - £386.32

J Wilson – Clerk’s expenses - £45.54

J Wilson – Reimburse for Biffa costs re Cemetery Bin Waste collection - £45.00

Duchy Defibrillators – Annual Monitoring Little Downs & Cardinham - £492.00

Cardinham Parish Hall – Hire of Hall June to Dec incl. - £105.00

J Wilson – Pay increase/backpay from April to January – 160.03

HMRC – Tax on backpay – 40.00

C&G Tucker Burial £465 and Footpaths maintenance £48.00 – Total £513.00

Transfer of £10k from Barclays to Lloyds

The Staffing committee had agreed the pay rise and backpay for the clerk at their subcommittee meeting. Cllr TI Irwin proposed acceptance of the committee’s decision on the clerk’s backpay and pay rise, seconded by Cllr G Rogers, all in favour.

Cllr G Rogers proposed and Cllr R Farley seconded to authorise the payments list. All in favour. Cllr G Tucker and Cllr P Claridge signed the cheques. A Payments List, Budget to Actual comparison and a bank reconciliation for the current period had been prepared and circulated to all Councillors.

**013/25 Correspondence**

Correspondence for this month had been forwarded to Councillors by email. The following items were noted at the meeting:

- Motorcycles have been seen on the commons and this has been flagged with the police.
- Changes to the NPPF were brought in by the Government on 12/12/24, resulting in the CLP becoming out of dates with regard to some of the policies and those relating to the housing allocation figures for Cornwall. Cornwall Council has prepared a briefing note on this to assist Town and Parish Councils navigate the changes. More information will be made available going forward.

- There is currently a campaign running on the safety of lithium-ion batteries re e-bikes.
- Information received on the Royal British Legion 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- CC Planning meeting will be held on 29/01/25.
- Scrap Store appeal for support – to be added to March Agenda.
- Cemetery Bin – last date for emptying will be 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Collections will restart from 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Camel Vale Motor Club notified the Parish Council of their event date for January.

#### **014/25 Footpaths**

- A discussion took place regarding the recently tarmacked track by the church. Cllr Cruse will check with the conservation officer in case any information is required.

#### **015/25 Highways Issues were noted:**

- Averys Green – the highways issue has been dealt with.
- Treslea up to crossroads – on LH side – overgrown vegetation to be reported (from [///remote.heartless.laugh](#) to [///gravitate.cemented.foundry](#)).
- Galgeth to Sina junction water running down the highway and not going down the pipework (from [///embellish.space.example](#) to [///grownup.firebird.salt](#)).
- Cllr L Sutton will report the issues on Millpool Hill again.

#### **016/25 Cemetery**

The hedges need tidying up, one tree needs looking at as it is falling. Cllr Tucker will contact the contractor – if it is below £200 Cllr Tucker will confirm they can carry out the works. Proposed by Cllr G Rogers, seconded by Cllr T Irwin, all agreed.

#### **017/25 Parish Matters**

- It was noted that there is less than 6 months before the elections will be held in May 2025. Therefore, it was agreed that there would be no need to co-opt a Councillor to fill the current vacancy. Clerk will notify Cornwall Council of the Parish Council's decision.
- It was further agreed that Cllr Tucker will stay as the Chair until the May Elections. Cllr Tucker kindly agreed to this.
- Mr Steve Best had reported fly-tipping on the Airfield Road – he has kindly cleared this away.
- Shots were heard on Treslea Downs. It has been reported to the owner, the police and the commons management as shooting at this time had not been authorised by anyone.

#### **018/25 Items for the next agenda**

- VE commemoration purchases.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman:

Date: 18/02/2025