

CARDINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Cardinham Parish Hall on Tuesday 17th December 2024 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. J Wilson (Clerk/RFO).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that unfortunately Cllr Julie Best is in Derriford hospital. We all send our good wishes to her.

214/24 Apologies

Cllr J Best and County Cllr J Cruse.

215/24 Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensations

None.

216/24 Public Session

No members of the public were present.

Carried over from the November meeting:

- Rob Dyer had sent in a question for Cllr Cruse, and wanted to know how Cornwall Council is going to support the farmers and what Cornwall Council's feedback is on this situation. This issue can be raised with Cllr Cruse at the January meeting, if Cllr Cruse is in attendance.

217/24 County Councillors Report

Cllr J Cruse was unable to attend this evening's meeting but sent a report, circulated to all Councillors, in which she raised the following issues:

- The main concern this month has been the power cut which affected some very vulnerable people in the Millpool area. Cllr Cruse has followed this up with the Leader and Portfolio holder who have both contacted the Emergency Services and filed complaints. The main problem is that the telephones are nearly all VOIP which meant no phone was available. This is a concern since the only way to overcome this would be to get in the car and drive to signal or to have a dual-purpose SIM which automatically finds the nearest working signal. So, if one of the very elderly residents needed to call 999, they simply could not have done this. Cllr Cruse hopes to hear back from the Leader and Martyn to see what can be done to prevent this occurring again. Also, National Power did not prioritise the vulnerable since being left for 4 days was unacceptable. Thankfully family and local people helped out.
- Cllr R Farley noted that we have the Buddy system in place which could assist.
- The latest NPPF is now available to read online at the .gov site. It seemed reasonable and did not stray too far from the previous model with a few interesting updates...particularly the one about not placing fast food outlets near schools and colleges!
- Cllr Cruse also planted a couple of Christmas trees on the roundabouts in Bodmin, hopefully they will flourish and provide some Christmas cheer around the Town. And she wished the Parish Councillors a very Happy Christmas.

218/24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting held 19th November 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2024 had been circulated. The minutes for the meeting held on 19th November 2024 were proposed by Cllr P Claridge, seconded by Cllr D Saunter and agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

219/24 Matters Arising from the meeting held on 19th November 2024

- Information on the Camel Trail had been requested by the Chair and this was provided by the clerk

220/24 Planning Decisions

None

221/24 Planning Applications

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

Cllr G Rogers proposed support, with a condition to leave the trees in situ, Cllr R Farley seconded, majority in favour of support, two abstained.

222/24 Other planning items

Appeal notification [PA21/03580](#) - Higher Hill Farm.

223/24 Duchy Defibrillators – Installation of Bleed Control Kits. Consider whether or not to opt for the Annual Maintenance at £40pa.

Cllr P Claridge proposed not to opt for the subscription for the Bleed Control kits, seconded by Cllr R Farley, all in favour.

Cllr P Claridge had contacted Ana for information on the Bleed Kits and she has kindly offered to provide some more training sessions. Cllr P Claridge will contact Ana again to organise some sessions during the Spring.

Finance reports and payment of accounts:**224/24 Payment of Accounts**

The receipts and payments report for November 2024 showed:

Receipts of £Nil for November - & Payments for December of £1,149.10 made up of:

HMRC – Tax on clerk's wages - £96.60

J Wilson – Clerk's wages - £386.32

J Wilson – Clerk's expenses - £24.30

Lanhydrock Garden Services – grass cutting - £407.88

Cumbria Clock Company – Annual Maintenance - £234.00

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

The cards and card machines have been received for all four signatories on the Lloyds account and the internet account is in place now, ready for use. It was agreed to draft a letter to Barclays to request a transfer of funds to Lloyds. To be added as an agenda item for January.

225/24 25/26 Budget and Precept.

The draft budget for 25/26 has been finalised and agreed with a precept of £12,000. Proposed by Cllr P Claridge, seconded by Cllr T Irwin, all in favour. Clerk to submit the precept information to Cornwall Council before the deadline of 31/12/24.

Pay rate and backdated pay to be agreed at January meeting.

226/24 Correspondence

- Correspondence for this month had been forwarded to Councillors by email.
- Information received from Ben Maguire, the MP for North Cornwall, including contact details for constituents. To be forwarded to Cllr P Claridge to add to the website.
- Trewithen Dairy update
- Request for a donation form Children's Hospice South West – to be included on the March agenda.
- Thank you letter from RBL for the Council's donation of £20 to the Poppy Appeal.

227/24 Consider the Government Consultation on Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting for Parish Council meetings (closes 19/12/24). Resolve on any action. This is the link:

[Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings)

As a group we went through the consultation and completed the questions. Briefly the Council supported Remote Attendance only in exceptional circumstances, and the Council didn't support Proxy voting.

228/24 Footpaths

- The gate where the horse got stuck has been inspected and repairs are all in hand.
- There is a good chance that we will be able to get the gate to replace the stile with a kissing gate at the bottom of New Park in Cardinham. Cllr G Tucker is liaising with Cornwall Council on this although it is likely to take some time to obtain.
- Bridleway behind the airfield is being trimmed, so all is in hand.

229/24 Highways Issues.

The following Highways issues require attention:

- Treslea – blocked gully (leaves)/flooded highway.
- Millpool Hill – gully at top needs attention/blocked – water running down road.
- Overgrown laurel at Millpool.
- Bunny's Hill – land for sale – Chair will try and find out the agent's name, so this can be passed on to Cornwall Council.
- Sign at Littledowns. There may be a spare sign – to check with Cllr Cruse if this is still available.
- Consultation on Cornwall Council car parks – no comment.

230/24 Parish Matters

- Carol service at the Church on Saturday – Chair is not available to do the reading so Cllr L Sutton kindly volunteered to do this.
- Bus /Coach blocking the Millpool road by the school, i.e. blocking the public highway for an indefinite period. Cllr T Irwin, as our rep on the Board of Governors, will raise this with the

school so the bus/coach can be advised to park in a more suitable spot. If teachers parked elsewhere, the bus/coach could park on the wider road by the school gate.

- It is always busy by the school around 9am and 3pm re traffic.

231/24 Items for the next agenda

- Consider the letter form the Mayor of Marazion re planning
- Agree the transfer of funding from Barclays to Lloyds (agree amount and wording of letter)
- Confirm updated pay rate and clerks backpay (staffing committee to agree before the meeting)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.21pm.

Chairman:

Date: 21/01/2025