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Draft Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting, held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at the Community Centre.

1.	To note attendance: Cllrs. J Hobb (Chair) J Phipps (Vice-Chair) K Boundy, G Worden, N Steer, C Myers, J Payne, K Jones, R Savage & S Tilbey.
2.	To receive apologies for absence: None – all present.
3.	Public Participation: No-one present.
4.	Disclosures: Cllr. Hobbs declared in interest in an item of correspondence re Woodford Chapel.
5.	Dispensations: None received.
6.	The previously circulated minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 17 th January 2024 were approved and signed.
7.	Matters arising from the minutes and updates – for information only. None.
8.	To receive a report from our Cornwall Councillor: Shorne Tilbey. A lot of work has been happening out of Parish recently, there was a meeting at County Hall yesterday regarding the Budget and Tamar Crossing Tolls. It was disrupted by a demonstration. Attempts are being made for Highways England to take on management of the Tamar Bridge – as is the case in all other areas of the Country. The crossing toll is going up by £2 per crossing. The budget went up by the maximum of 4.9% again – 95% of Councils in the UK have had to do this to avoid future bankruptcy. The Call for Sites notification has gone out – publicity is requested. CC are hoping to provide 600+ houses per year for social housing in cooperation with 3 developers. The Planning Committee meeting was attended on Monday – there was an application in this division in Flexbury. Scott Mann has relayed information that there are additional funds for South West roads now. Figures will be provided. C.Cllr. Tilbey requested any items that were to be brought forward during a meeting with Scott Mann, that will take place on Friday.
9.	<p>Parish Maintenance and Matters for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parish maintenance; <i>Oliver Jones responded to the Clerks email last month. Flailing's being checked – not usually removed, but will be if excessive. A39 border sign due to be replaced in next financial year – attempts have been made to clean it; missing sign could be reported to the police (it was felt to be too old an incident for this route of action). Drainage work is to be carried out with a problematic drain outside of Villa Rosa. Parishioners are encouraged to report things direct at 'Go Report Me'. An issue had been reported by a Parishioner of washed-out debris in Gooseham – had been addressed, and reoccurred with the next downpour. Link to be added to website and in the Hamlets.</i> b) To note completed tree log; checked and signed by the Clerk – nothing to report. c) To note completed playpark log; checked and signed by the Clerk. RoSPA are booked – have Clerks mobile to liaise meeting. d) To note completed overall grounds log; checked and signed by the Clerk. Gate latch has been removed but the repair is not yet complete. MFC notification of funday Saturday 18th May, checks to be carried out at start of May. Cllr. Payne noted the amount of litter found over the site that he removed. e) To note completed outdoor fitness equipment log; checked, signed and retained by the Clerk. f) LMP/SWCP – paperwork received – Ken has this. Amounts offered: LMP £2745 (increase of £121.26) SWCP £1537.45 (increase of £135.39) Resolved to accept the offer from Cornwall Council. g) Noticeboards; <i>Letting in water, Parishioner notification – repairs where necessary are in process as noted in the previous minutes. Cllr. Steer had checked all noticeboards on 17/02/2024, ink is running on some colour posters – suggestion to encourage people to put their posters in plastic wallets for protection, or to perhaps provide a few. It was deemed to be something that we have to live with in these extreme weather conditions.</i> h) Public Toilets & Duckpool Toilets; Date for Painting the toilets/play equipment set as Wednesday 27th March at 6:30pm. Quote received from Citron for hygiene bins x 2 and a nappy bin – cost of £25 per month – Resolved to accept the quotation, Clerk to facilitate. i) Invasive species survey request – <i>documents forwarded to Cllr. Jones – not the right time at present. Notification of intention to complete this, sent by the Clerk. Cllr. Jones has created a document for sharing in the Hamlets and online to encourage Parishioners to get involved with this survey.</i> j) Flag pole – <i>repairs have been carried out, pole still to be reinstated. Cllr. Boundy queried the approach, he will speak directly with Paul Heard before the pole is reinstated. 2024 Flag flying dates given to Cllr. Jones.</i> k) Tender requests – <i>Expressions of interest were received last year as requested for the usual Parish Maintenance. Full tenders to be requested from the interested parties now.</i>
10.	Health & Well Being Project Update: Planning has now been granted with conditions. Due to a Parishioner objection, the steering group had to make the disappointing decision to forego the skatepark element of the plan at this stage. The Skatepark

	<i>element can be re-visited in the future. In the meantime, the surfacing of the pump track can be secured by condition to the original tarmac surface so that skaters/skateboarders will be accommodated. There are conditions to discharge with the permission. If these are discharged in one go – the cost will be £145. The Expression of Interest form for funding from the Community Levelling Up fund has been completed, it will be submitted imminently. Funding to be obtained, costs are now anticipated around £120,000.00. Will need to look again at a Public Works Loan as previously agreed. This would be deferred to the next financial year.</i>
11.	Emergency Plan Update: <i>Cllr. Steer updated that work has progressed, this should be available for the March meeting.</i>
12.	Civility & Respect Pledge : Certificate received – signed and dated by the Chair.
13.	Community Housing: <i>Update from North Kernow Housing shown on screen. Plans are still progressing but more centralised to Bude. Possibility of a steering group for Morwenstow and Kilkhampton combined if enough interest is shown. Discussion took place around the possibility of a Parish Council lead program. No decision was taken but interest shown if the conditions are right. No further action at present.</i>
14.	Community Centre Defibrillator: <i>Update of conversations with Steve Mathews of SWAST. Current contract ends on 8th March 2024. It is not confirmed in writing yet but the intention at this point is for the machine to be gifted to the Parish. SWAST are no longer taking on new contracts - No further action required at this point.</i>
15.	D-Day celebration 6th June 2024: <i>Beacon update – the Chair had contacted the management at Middlefields Farm, permission given to light a beacon at Beacon Down again. Cllr. Savage agreed to be involved as in the past. Further arrangements to be made nearer the date. The Council received an offer of a free framed portrait of His Majesty The King – resolved to accept the offer.</i>
16.	Speakers for the Parish Meeting on 22 nd May 2024: <i>Enquiries had already been made for a speaker from the Tamara Project. Other requests for a speaker from RNLI Bude, Cornwall Air Ambulance and Devon Wildlife Trust. Enquiries to be made regarding availability for a 10-minute talk.</i>
17	Training available: <i>Number of opportunities within the Training Bulletin – available to all Councillors – see Calendar. The Vice Chair recently attended a course, the Clerk also attended a different course. No further opportunities were taken up. All Councillors are encouraged to attend the online training mentioned below for a new local plan. Clerk to re-send link.</i>
18.	Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cornwall Council: Town & Parish Council Newsletter; Supplier newsletter; CAPS action notes; positive planning newsletter x2; planning consultations x 2; road closure; strategic planning agenda and update; east area sub planning committee agenda; CIOS Good Growth Fund Update; consultation views request – travelling community; monumental improvement team; measles info; Oliver Jones; LMP/SWCP documentation. * Cornwall ALC: Training opportunities; strategic review of membership services; Martyn’s law consultation; preparing for a new local plan – 28/02/24 4-5:30pm; smaller councils meeting. * NALC – Events; Newsletters; CEO Bulletin; job listings. * MFC – Funday notice: Saturday 18th May 2024 * Various Emails re Health & Wellbeing Project * Duckpool beach closure * Peninsula Transport Consultation * Newsletters and updates from Information Commissioners Office; HMRC; Volunteer Cornwall; South West Coast Path; Rural Service Network; Funding digest; ,Clean Cornwall, South West Coast Path, NACO; * Clear Councils insurance; * Cornwall AONB * Alan Percy – devolution expectations * NHS Cornwall together * Thank you’s from recent grant aid donations: Cornwall Air Ambulance, MCC Committee, Woodford & Morwenstow Methodist Church’s & Morwenstow * Member of Public & Parishioner emails re pre-app advice noted below * Parishioner emails: Noticeboard damage/AED/Wi-Fi Use request/Road maintenance enquiry. * Fly tipping * Request for letter of support for funding at Woodford Methodist Church – The Chair left the meeting. The Clerk explained the request for support (by way of letter, not financially) for the provision of facilities that are being sought at WMC. Plans are to provide a kitchen, warm space, provision for young people to learn skills, while adding spirituality to the Community. The Women of Woodford are already based here along with the Community Garden, provision would also include a Man’s Shed. Resolved to write a letter of support to the Western Benefact Trust. * Holsworthy Motor Club – Sunday 25th February coming through the Parish – approx. 50 cars/40 motorcycles. * Holsworthy Rural Transport – letter of thanks * North Kernow Housing Update * Civility & Respect Certificate * Streetworks: 7th - 8th March – 7.30am – 6pm CRIMP to SHOP Section * Cornwall Council Planning decision notice PA23/08585 * Cormac Spring Workshops

* Call for sites

19. Finances: The accounting spreadsheet had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. All payments were agreed as per the schedule. The invoices were checked and initialled by Cllr. Hobbs, the cheques were signed and initialled by Cllrs. Boundy & Phipps. Cllrs. Myers & Jones checked and signed the bank statements.

Invoices paid were as follows: Aquiss – Broadband: £32.00; Parish Magazine Printing – Hamlets for Feb: £47.88; Cornwall ALC Ltd – Training: £36.00; Cornwall Council – Training Hub: £42.00; Richard Savage – Repayment of Christmas tree 2022&2023 with new lights: £301.98 & PSJ Garden Services – Aunt Amy’s Garden Maintenance for 2023: £200.00.

Bank reconciliation at 31st January 2024

Balance as at 31/12/2023	- £12,820.81
Plus income (National Trust re Duckpool)	- £ 1000.00
Less expenditure	- £ 6,633.81
Balance as at 31/01/2024	- £10,187.00
Bank statement as at 31/01/2024	- £10,187.00
Less outstanding payments	- £ 625.00
Business reserve balance as at 31/12/2023	- £10,186.22
Total funds held as at 31/01/2024	- £19,748.22

20. Planning:

Applications received for consultation by members to agree a consultee response to be submitted to Cornwall Council:

P1 [PA23/10091](#) | Erection of an agricultural building. | Land North East of Woolley Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9PW

MPC Comments: *The Parish Council would like to be able to support any application for a new business venture. However; we have concerns over the siting location, and the suitability of the proposed building to keep livestock.*

Access from the highway to the proposed building can only be afforded by the construction of a purpose-built track, which is not mentioned within this application.

The lack of ventilation of this building would make it inappropriate for its indicated intended purpose.

The Parish Council would not feel comfortable with the approval of this application without reassurance from the Planning Officer that they have had sight of all appropriate licensing documents. Such as: a CPH Holding number; Flock & Herd numbers etc, along with having seen the details of any appointed veterinary professionals. A farm assurance scheme visit would also be well received.

The Parish Council would welcome site visits from the Officers involved, including Highways.

Thank you.

P2 [PA24/00304](#) | Erection of a new barn, sized 6 meters by 12 meters on a concrete base. | South Woolley Orchard Woolley Bude Cornwall EX23 9PP

MPC Comments: *The Parish Council feel unable to make any comment on this application, due to the lack of information provided. We would request further details from the applicant to understand the need for this new barn, along with a re-consultation please. Thank you.*

P3 [PA24/00899](#) | The erection of an agricultural storage shed. | Land at Shop Bude EX23 9SQ

MPC Comments: *The Parish Council do not feel that a great deal has changed from application PA23/05202. Whilst the shed size has been reduced, with some signs having been put up on the road hedge bank - nothing is very different.*

We would like to request that the County Land Agent be consulted. We seek information on the field grading for this particular piece of land. We are uncertain that the soil here is suited to the intended purpose, of which is more commonly found in the Mediterranean climate.

We again request site visits from the Planning Officer and Highways. Thank you.

No further applications were discussed.

For information only:

• **Awaiting decision:**

[PA23/06926](#) | Two Storey Side Extension with Solar Panels and a 2m natural stone garden wall to side and rear. | Higher Cross Crosstown Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9SR

[PA23/09990](#) | Sand School and Stables without compliance of condition 3 in relation to decision notice PA20/11529 dated 16.02.2021 without compliance with condition 1 decision PA23/02237 dated 21.06.2023. | Land East Of Valley View Woolley Morwenstow Bude EX23 9PW EX23 9PW

• **Cornwall Council Decision Approved/Withdrawn/Refused:**

[PA23/08906](#) | Demolition of existing lean-to greenhouse and existing dilapidated outbuilding and construction of new garage | Sunnyside Gooseham Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9PG - **APPROVED**

[PA23/08435](#) | Listed building consent is sought for converting two first floor rooms into bathrooms, creating a ground floor shower room/WC within the existing utility room, reinstating previous door openings and installing a water-filled central heating system with oil-fired boiler located in the lean-to store to the west. | Marsland Manor Morwenstow Bude Cornwall EX23 9ST – **APPROVED**

[PA23/08585](#) | Installation of an all-weather multi-use court surface with fencing and adjoining installation of a pump track with stone surface including a dedicated disabled parking space and skate area. | Community Centre Shop Morwenstow Bude

	<p>Cornwall EX23 9SL – APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-Application Advice given: <i>None</i>• Appeal to Secretary of State: (ON-GOING) <p>23/00160/REF Construction of five detached dwellings. Land East of West Beckon Close Shop Morwenstow Cornwall</p>
21.	Date of next monthly meeting – Wednesday 20 th March 2024.

With there being no further business – the Chair closed the meeting at 2122 hours.