



Wadebridge Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held remotely via Zoom on Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 7pm

Present : Cllrs; A Batchelor, H Cooper-Waite, E Gill, L Gliddon, M Hollamby, J Leach, L Mitchell, P Mitchell (Mayor), A Pennington, I Welch & T Wiltshire.

Public : Cornwall Councillors Stephen Knightley (Wadebridge East) and Robin Moorcroft (Wadebridge West) and 6 members of the public – these Minutes do not record when members of the public joined or left the meeting.

In Attendance : Anne Minnis (Town Clerk) and Beverley Collins (Minutes).

Housekeeping – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the following:

- That the meeting may be filmed or recorded by members of the public.
- That Wadebridge Town Council is recording the meeting.
- Members and members of the public to turn mobile phones to silent.

1392/21 Apologies – None.

1393/21 Declarations of Interest –

a) **Pecuniary Interests** (*To declare those interests which have been declared on your Register of Interests relevant to the Agenda of the meeting. Whenever the item is being discussed, including public participation, Councillors must leave the room and not take part in the discussion and decision*) – None.

b) **Non-Registerable Interests** (*To declare non-registerable interests at the start of the meeting or whenever the interest becomes apparent. When the item is being discussed, including public participation, Councillors must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or decision*) –

- Cllr Wiltshire declared an interest in agenda item 9.a.i., PA20/09912.
- Cllr Ian Welch declared an interest in agenda item 9.a.i., PA20/09912 as he has submitted a comment to the planning portal as a private individual.
- Cllr Pennington declared an interest in agenda item 9.b.i., as she knows the applicant.

c) **Dispensations** – None.

1394/21 Minutes of Last Meeting – *The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13 January 2021 were RESOLVED to be a true record of the meeting. Signing of the Minutes by the Mayor was deferred.*

1395/21 Public Participation

- Members of the public addressing the meeting were as follows :
 - Tina Robinson, a representative of Our Only Word/Polzeath Marine Conservation Group provided a detailed presentation on agenda item 7.b.iv. Information provided included :
 - Funding available - £4,200 with half being payable to SWW.
 - Remit of the group – the aim is to reduce single use plastic.
 - The units are a recycled local Cornish product.
 - Maintenance required and water costs per annum of approximately £20.

There was brief discussion on the project.

Cllr Pennington asked that, should a neighbouring area decline their offer could a second unit be located in Wadebridge. Ms Robinson advised she will be meeting with SWW at the end of February and will ask if they are able to cover some connection costs free of charge. The units cost £1,500 each.

Cllr Pennington noted that the skatepark area would be a good location for a second unit. Cllr Wiltshire advised that the Rotary Club had paid for a water fountain to be installed at a location near Bridge Cycles. Ms Robinson said she thought this has now been removed but the reason is unknown. Cllr Wiltshire will raise this at the next Rotary Club meeting.

- Reports from Cornwall Councillors :
 - **Cllr Moorcroft (Wadebridge West)** – addressed the meeting on the following items -
 - Recent Covid briefing statement shows that as of last week over 90,000 have received their first vaccination injection. There has been some issues with letters as the Public Health England and the NHS computer systems are not linked.
 - Customer Services and Support Overview Scrutiny Committee – Cllr Moorcroft advised he sits on the small working group which is looking at how contracts are awarded to suppliers. Data relating to the contracts and relevant costs were provided along with details on the recommendations being made to Full Council in March including how to make the application process simpler which will hopefully increase contracts being awarded to Cornish suppliers to better support the local economy.
 - Continuing to volunteer at Concern Wadebridge. Jeremy Rowe is due to join as the new co-ordinator on 1 March 2021. Details of the ongoing work was relayed including; driving residents to Truro and Bodmin for hospital appointments and delivering laptops to Wadebridge primary school where they are cleaned and then made available to children who require them.
 - Daily Cornwall Council work includes looking into the water leak at Trevanion Road / Glen Road. Repairs are due to start next week.
 - Social media posts regarding the PPA – clarified that the boundary dispute between the two councils is now deferred to the next Council meeting after 6 May 2021 when the election has taken place. The time span of the dispute was referred to – not 18 months as the social media post stated.
 - **Cllr Knightley (Wadebridge East)** addressed the meeting on the following items –
 - Concern Wadebridge - confirmed that the interview panel was strongly in favour of appointing Jeremy Rowe. Details of the work ahead was noted including combining the Goods Shed and the Betjeman Centre.
 - The blocked gulley located on the road toward Rock near Bodieve Village is now cleared. Further works to clear the drain of debris including tree roots will be required.
 - Continuing as a volunteer driver for Concern Wadebridge taking residents to medical appointments.
 - Has now received first vaccination injection and can confirm that the process is working very well.

The Mayor referred to the vaccination locations and praised everyone for their efforts with this important work especially in the current cold weather conditions. He thanked everyone involved.

- Reports from the Police : Emailed to Members prior to the meeting.

- 1396/21 Mayor's Report** – The Mayor referred to the comments received regarding the PPA at the Church Park location and confirmed this is not a full planning application and has been advised to gauge public response and for transparency purposes.
- 1397/21 Finance :**
- a. December 2020 accounts for payment – *It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of £60,926.08 as presented.*
- 1398/21 Correspondence**
- a. The following correspondence for information was **received** –
 - i. Wadebridge Police Neighbourhood Team – January 2021 Newsletter.
 - ii. Cornwall Council - Town & Parish Council COVID-19 Update (8 January 2021).
 - iii. CALC - Briefing FAQ 15 COVID in Cornwall & Play Areas.
 - iv. Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service - Wadebridge CCTV Management Report Q3 1/10/20 – 31/12/20.
 - v. CALC - Briefing FAQ 16 Meetings & Gatherings.
 - vi. Cornwall Council - Town & Parish Council COVID-19 Update (15 January 2021).
 - vii. Cornwall Council – CIL Application outcome.
 - viii. Cornwall Council - Town & Parish Council COVID-19 Update – 22 January 2021.
 - ix. Crantock, Cubert & St Newlyn East Parish Councils - Affordable Housing Cascades & Percentages.
 - x. Civic Pride UK - 2021 New Year Newsletter.
 - xi. Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government - Section 137 Expenditure 2021/22.
 - xii. The Camel Trail Partnership – Update 27/01/21.
 - Cllr Leach noted the update is particularly informative and useful.
 - xiii. Pesticide Action Network UK – Letter & Draft letter to the Rt. Hon George Eustice.
 - Cllr Pennington referred to the importance of this matter and asked fellow councillors for their support in this.
 - *It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write a letter of support on behalf of the Town Council.*
 - xiv. CALC – Briefing FAQ 17 Updates and the Future of Local Council Meetings.
 - Cllr Pennington noted this refers to remote meetings. The Clerk confirmed this and explained details of a request for town and parish councils to contact their MP regarding virtual meetings.
 - *It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk has delegated authority to write to Scott Mann MP on behalf of the Town Council to request that the Town Council is permitted to retain the option of virtual meetings after May 2021 due to the rural nature of Cornwall.*
 - xv. Cornwall Council - Town & Parish Council COVID-19 Update (29 January 2021).
 - xvi. Cornwall Council – Community Network Highway Schemes updates – January 2021.
 - Cllr Hollamby referred to three schemes which are still open with Cllr Moorcroft being the local ward member responsible. Details of each scheme were briefly relayed and Cllr Moorcroft was asked if he could please provide an update at a future meeting.
 - xvii. CORMAC – Road Traffic Regulation Act S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic (Gonvena Hill & Tredruston).

- b. Correspondence for response (circulated with agenda) – Members discussed the requests received and made the following decisions :
- i. **Duchy Defibrillators** - proposal for consideration.
 - Members considered the request noting that the cost of the cabinet is not advised.
Cllr Moorcroft advised that the unit being installed at the Bridge on Wool is approximately £2,000 inclusive.
The Clerk clarified that it will be necessary to check details including insurance requirements, costs and to ensure that a suitable location is agreed before the Town Council proceed.
 - *It was **RESOLVED** to support the request in principle and to give the Clerk delegated authority to clarify the requirements for confirmation at next meeting.*
 - ii. **Rural Market Town Group** - membership request for consideration.
 - Members considered the offer of a free trial membership until July 2021.
 - *It was **RESOLVED** to accept the free trial membership offer and re-discuss membership at a later meeting.*
 - iii. **Wadebridge Bowling Club** - request to waive parking charges on 26 May 2021.
 - Members considered the request.
 - *It was **RESOLVED** to permit the request and waive parking charges on 26 May 2021.*
 - iv. **Our Only Word/Polzeath Marine Conservation Group** - to offer Wadebridge a water refill station and agree location.
 - Members considered the information available and discussed location options.
 - *It was **RESOLVED** to move forward with the project with the Clerk having delegated authority to agree a suitable location and the possibility of a second unit.*
- c. The following Minutes and Agendas from Outside Committees were **received** for information –
- i. Padstow Harbour Commissioners – Minutes of meeting held December 2020.

1399/21 Committee Meetings – None.

1400/21 Planning –

- a. **Applications** – Cllr Pennington provided details and relevant information for each application for Members consideration. *It was **RESOLVED** to make the following responses:*

Cllrs Wiltshire and Welch left the meeting.

- i. **PA20/09912** : Land at Bodieve, Wadebridge, Outline application for residential development including access of up to 245 new homes (to include 30% affordable homes), new relief road from Ball Roundabout to B3314, new public open space (including play area and community orchard and cycle path/amenity walkway), extensive new tree planting and new habitat creation (including 1.75 ha. Of new woodland planting and 0.25 ha. Of new wildlife ponds). **NOTE : Members to review the amended location plan and consider submitting a further comment on that point only.**
 - Wadebridge Town Council has no further comment on the amended location plan as a comment on the application has been previously submitted.

Cllrs Wiltshire and Welch re-joined the meeting.

- ii. **PA20/10848** : 8 Camelside, Egloshayle Road, Replace 5 timber windows and 2 double doors with white grained PVC frames with clear glass. **SUPPORTED**.
- iii. **PA21/00609** : Herons Mill, Egloshayle Road, Construction of 2 detached dwellings. **SUPPORTED**.

**Cllr Pennington left the meeting.
Cllr Welch as Deputy Chair of Planning took the following item.**

b. Notification of Appeal (information circulated with agenda) – Notification of the following appeal was **received** and further action and comment was considered :

- i. **PA19/10752** : Land East of 36 Wellington Place, Construction of two dwelling houses and associated Works.

There was discussion around the application. Members **AGREED** there was no additional comment to submit. Views expressed included :

- Previous decision submitted by Wadebridge Town Council had been based on the Neighbourhood Plan. However, the Plan is now looking weaker potentially allowing for a different comment.
- Would like to support as the applicant is local and the proposal is for a family home but, the location is outside of the building line and very close to Wellington Place.
- Several environmental issues had been raised previously along with strong public objection.

Cllr Pennington re-joined the meeting.

c. Decisions – the following decisions from Cornwall Council were **received**

- i. **PA20/09621**: Bodieve House Road From Long Meadow To Fir Tree Cottage Bodieve Wadebridge. Proposed first floor extension over existing garage. **APPROVED**
- ii. **PA2010405** : 10 Two Trees, Wadebridge, Extension with a new front entrance incorporating a new family bathroom over. Extension of front living room into a larger family room. **APPROVED**
- iii. **PA20/10633** : 51 Foxdown, Proposed change of use and extension to form music room and ensuite bedroom. **APPROVED**
- iv. **PA20/11020** : Thornecliffe Property Management Company, 1 Thornecliffe, Fernleigh Road, Application for works to trees subject to a tree preservation order - Crown lift Beech (T1) to 4.5m over road, 3.5m over parking area and to reduce lateral growth on North West side by 1.5m over neighbouring property; crown lift Beech (T2) to 4m over road and 3.5m over communal area. **APPROVED**
- v. **PA20/11026** : Conkers, Gonvena, Application for works to trees subject to a tree preservation order - Felling of a Sycamore (T1) and an Ash (T2). **APPROVED**

d. For Information - (no action required) – the following information from Cornwall Council was **received** :

- i. **PA20/11335** : 124 Egloshayle Road, Works to trees in a Conservation Area namely take down Ash tree and conifers as too big for location, causing excessive shading. **Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)**
- ii. **PA21/00169/PREAPP** : Progress Land Ltd, Land North of Higher Church Park, Egloshayle, Planning Performance agreement for Residential development, retail unit, employment land, medical facility, primary school, local centre, recreation and public open space, and footway/cycleway.

1401/21 Generic Environmental Policy Update (circulated with agenda) – Cllr Pennington provided details of the Town Council's inclusion in the policy which she believes shows high regard for the way in which Wadebridge Town Council has managed environmental matters.

Cllr Pennington advised she would like to move forward to build on the policy and to look at this in more detail in order to narrow down points that are particularly relevant to Wadebridge.

Cllr Pennington proposed to form a working group.
Cllr Philip Mitchell seconded.

Cllr Welch reminded the meeting that there is already a Climate Change Emergency working group with himself and Cllr Hollamby currently being the only members. It was suggested that this working group could merge with the newly formed one.

Cllr Pennington suggested an amendment to her proposal in order to amalgamate the two working groups.

Cllr Philip Mitchell agreed to the amendment.

Cllr Pennington proposed to form a new working group and to amalgamate the existing Climate Change Emergency working group.

Cllr Mitchell seconded.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to form a new working group and to amalgamate the existing Climate Change Emergency working group. (Membership – Cllrs; Amanda Pennington (lead), Philip Mitchell, Ian Welch and Mark Hollamby).*

1402/21 Wadebridge Allotments – The Mayor provided a brief update.

1403/21 Medical and Dental Provision in Wadebridge – Members re-debated issues raised at the January 2021 meeting including the high cost of dental work and the reduction of NHS provision in Wadebridge. It was noted that Government is currently considering reforms to health provision and that Scott Mann MP is aware that this is a very worrying problem for the community.

- *It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Batchelor has delegated authority to undertake a fact-finding exercise with local dental practices to establish how many NHS places have been lost and what provision is available for the future.*

1404/21 Town Council Car Parks – Members considered the arrangements for car parking in the current lockdown period.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to re-instate parking charges from 1 March 2021.*

1405/21 Town Vitality Fund (correspondence previously circulated) – The Clerk advised that further information relating to the application process is awaited. Members will be contacted once this is available with a view to move forward.

Members of the public left the meeting.

1406/21 Confidential matters – *It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 1.c., so that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business because of the confidential personnel nature of the business to be transacted - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 –*

The Clerk presented details for each item for Members consideration.

- a. Social Media** – Members debated the false and misleading information being placed on the Town Council's Facebook page by previous Town Councillors and the difficult position that this puts the Town Council in.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to re-instate Standing Order 1.c.*

1407/21 Dates of Next Wadebridge Town Council meetings –

- Full Council – 7pm, Wednesday 10 March 2021 (remote Zoom meeting)
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – Monday 15 March 2021 (remote Zoom meeting)

Meeting closed at 8.57pm

Signed as a True and Accurate Account:

Chair :

Date :