



# Wadebridge Town Council

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## Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 7pm in the Main Hall, Wadebridge Town Hall

**Present** : Cllrs; A Batchelor, H Cooper-Waite, J Leach, L Mitchell, P Mitchell, I Welch (Deputy Mayor).

**Apologies** : Cllr A Pennington.

**Public Present** : Cornwall Councillor Robin Moorcroft (Wadebridge West & St. Mabyn) and 10 members of the public.

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

**Housekeeping** – The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of evacuation routes in case of an emergency (there were no hazards to note) and reminded all those present of the following:

- That the meeting may be filmed or recorded.
- That the meeting is being recorded by Wadebridge Town Council.
- Members and members of the public to turn mobile phones to silent.
- Should a Member or member of the public wish to film or photograph the meeting please sit in the 'Film/Photograph Area'.
- Members of the public, children or vulnerable persons who do not wish to be filmed or photographed please sit in the 'No Film/Photograph Area'.

**1508/21 Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllr A Pennington.

- It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Amanda Pennington due to illness.

**1509/21 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 Louise Mitchell declared an interest in agenda item 10, Allotments.
- Cllr Philip Mitchell declared an interest in agenda item 10, Allotments.

c) **Dispensations** – None.

**1510/21 Minutes of last Full Council Meeting** – *The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 15 September 2021 were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Deputy Mayor.*

**1511/21 Public Participation**

- A member of the public queried why his request made at the meeting held 15 September 2021 for an apology from the town council was not on the agenda when he believes that the Mayor said it would be.

The Deputy Mayor advised that the Minutes of 15 September 2021 state that the Clerk will be approached as to whether an apology would be on the agenda. It is not an agenda item and therefore cannot be discussed.

The Clerk confirmed that the recording had shown that there was nothing to say the apology would definitely be on the next agenda however the comments raised can be taken back to the Mayor and can be considered for a future meeting.

It was noted that the member of the public advised he finds this unacceptable.

**7.07pm, member of the public left the meeting.**

- A member of the public addressed the meeting on planning application PA21/06596, St Marys Church development. He explained the current situation with the development including details of changes to the roof pitch and confirmed that the development has not started without planning consent. A section 73 amendment is currently being applied for in respect of the roof proposal.
- A member of the public, as a user of the leisure centre, addressed the meeting and asked that the town council do everything they can to fight against the closure of the Wadebridge leisure centre. Points highlighted included the importance of keeping the facility for the community and what is being done by local people to protest against the closure.
- Reports from Cornwall Councillors –
  - **Cllr Mould (Wadebridge East & St. Minver)** – apologies received.
  - **Cllr Moorcroft (Wadebridge West & St. Mabyn)** – points raised included :
    - Resurfacing on the old bridge has been completed and is in a much better condition.
    - Resurfacing works to the Queens Park lower car park has unfortunately had to be rescheduled due to urgent work elsewhere. The resurfacing will now commence on 18 October 2021.
    - Monies from the Community Chest fund have been donated to the Under 14s at the Camel Rugby Club for new kit. Cllr Mould has also contributed to this. Funding is still available to support other groups that might benefit from the fund and anyone interested in applying should contact the councillors directly.
    - Cycle sign at the corner of Molesworth Street – the sign is now erected but there are issues with where it is directing cyclists. This will be corrected in the next few days.
    - Bars installed opposite Bridge Bike Hire are also wrongly located and this will be corrected.
    - Heavy rainfall on Goldsworthy Way and issues with drain locations will be addressed and corrected.
    - Will be meeting with an officer of Cornwall Council on 25 October 2021 to discuss works on the steps at Westerlands Road / rear of fire station. Hoping for a specification of what is needed and with a view for Cornwall Council to adopt the steps once works are completed.
    - Confirmed that he will be accepting the invitation to the Remembrance Parade/Service.

**7.15pm, Cllr Moorcroft left the meeting.**

- Report from the Police – Report from 15 September to 10 October 2021 was tabled. Members noted a lack of Police representation at town council meetings.

CCTV was briefly discussed and the Clerk advised that the Police have said that whilst they cannot comment on ongoing investigations CCTV has played a huge part with recent issues. However, given the monies spent by the town council on CCTV it is important that further information on its use is provided.

The history of the debate around installing CCTV was referred to and Members noted their disappointment that feedback is not received. Members felt that whilst they are in favour of the use of CCTV the town council does expect to see results of the investment made.

- 1512/21 Committee Meetings – Finance & General Purposes Committee (Minutes tabled) –**
- i. *It was **RESOLVED** to receive the Minutes of the meeting held Monday 13 September 2021.*
- 1513/21 Finance – payment of accounts (tabled) :**
- **September 2021 accounts for payment –** *It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of £62,923.61 as presented.*
- 1514/21 Correspondence (information circulated with agenda for Members) -**
- a. The following correspondence for information was **received** –
    - i. **Cornwall Streetworks Team - Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic; Road from Trevanion Road to Primrose Cottage, Wadebridge; 25 to 29 October 2021 (24 hours);** <https://one.network/?tm=123403263>
    - ii. **Cornwall Streetworks Team - Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic; Tower Hill, Egloshayle; 25 October 2021 (09:30 to 15:30 hours);** <https://one.network/?tm=123404021>
    - iii. **Cornwall Council – Town & Parish Council Newsletter (10 September 2021)**
    - iv. **Cornwall Streetworks Team - Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic; Gonvena Hill, Wadebridge; 25 to 29 October 2021 (09:00 to 16:00 hours daily).**
    - v. **Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Team – Newsletter (September 2021).**
    - vi. **Cornwall Council – Town & Parish Council Newsletter (24 September 2021).**
    - vii. **Cornwall Streetworks Team - Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic; Westpark, Egloshayle, Wadebridge; 11 to 12 November 2021 (24 hours).**
    - viii. **Cornwall Council – Wadebridge & Padstow Community Network Panel Meeting notes – 16 September 2021 (papers already issued).**
  - b. Correspondence for response – Members discussed the requests received and made the following decisions :
    - i. **Bodmin Town Council – Letter to Town & Parish Councils re Planning.**
      - Members discussed the correspondence and their concerns with the current situation in respect of housing needs.
      - *It was **RESOLVED** to respond to Bodmin Town Council advising that Wadebridge Town Council concur with their thoughts and show support but await further developments from Government on central planning matters.*
    - ii. **Cornwall Council – Questions for residents, stakeholders, organisations and anyone interested in housing. The answers to these questions will assist in preparing draft strategy that will be formally consulted on this winter. Please see below for survey link.**  
[Let's Talk Homes | Let's Talk Cornwall](#)
      - *It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the submission of a response to the Lets Talk questionnaire to the Chair of the Planning Committee.*
  - c. The following Minutes and Agendas from Outside Committees were **received** for information –
    - i. **Camel Trail Partnership – Minutes of meeting held 30 September 2021.**

Cllr Batchelor, who attended the meeting on behalf of the town council, provided a brief precis of items raised at the meeting.

## 1515/21 Planning –

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

- i. **PA21/08132** : Land South of Old Manor House, Reserved Matters application following Outline approval PA18/01777 dated 25th May 2018 for a single dwelling (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) with variation of condition of decision PA21/02228 dated 12.05.2021. **SUPPORTED.**
- ii. **PA21/06596** : Chase Projects, St Marys Church, New Park, Construction of new vicarage (including office) with parking and construction of 4 semi-detached houses with garages with landscaping works associated with the above (amendment to previous approval PA15/02220) with non compliance with condition 2 in relation to decision notice PA18/03840. **SUPPORTED.**

**7.34pm, two members of the public left the meeting.**

- iii. **PA21/08536** : Junction 25 Ltd, Trevanion House, Trevanion Road, Change of Use and Conversion of Vacant Hotel into 4no. dwelling houses. **SUPPORTED.**
- iv. **PA21/08537** : Junction 25 Ltd, Trevanion House, Trevanion Road, Listed Building Consent for Change of Use and Conversion of Vacant Hotel into 4no. dwelling houses. **SUPPORTED – subject to the Cornwall Council experts ensuring that the materials used allow the Grade 2 listing to remain in keeping and that windows are maintained accordingly to Grade 2 listing and Wadebridge Town Council would request that a TPO is placed on the magnolia tree.**
- v. **PA21/06273** : Land to the rear of 91 Egloshayle Road, Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of Application No PA20/03864 dated 2nd December 2020 (Proposed new dwelling). **SUPPORTED.**

b. **Decisions** – the following decision from Cornwall Council were *received* :

- i. **PA21/06456** : Camneves, Tower Hill, Egloshayle, Wadebridge, Proposed Conservatory to the rear of the property. **APPROVED**
- ii. **PA21/07017** : Wadebridge Tennis Club, Egloshayle Road, Additional lighting of tennis courts. **APPROVED**
- iii. **PA21/05552** : New Pridham House, Molesworth Street, Demolish and reconstruct a structurally unstable garden wall. **APPROVED**
- iv. **PA21/05553** : New Pridham House, Molesworth Street, Listed building consent to demolish and reconstruct a structurally unstable garden wall. **APPROVED**

c. **For Information – No Action Required** – The following information received from Cornwall Council was *received* :

- i. **PA21/09207** : 109 Egloshayle Road, Work to a tree in a conservation area – Black poplar reduce crown by 3 meters. To be decided under delegated authority (Cornwall Council).
- ii. **PA19/10376 - AMENDED PLANS** : The Workshops, Brook Road, Demolition of existing commercial buildings and construction of six new dwellings with associated landscaping and parking - (Resubmission of PA18/10458). **WITHDRAWN**
- iii. **PA21/08380** : Herons Mill, Egloshayle Road, Works to trees in a Conservation Area namely to fell nine Ash trees and one Eucalyptus tree. **Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)**

- iv. **PA20/02956/PREAPP** : Coffee Corner, Trevanion Road, Pre application advice for remodelling existing building to restore it to full use as a place of worship and flexible community uses. **Closed – advice given**

## 1516/21 Cornwall Council's Leisure Centre Consultation

- i. Consultation and the impact for Wadebridge Leisure Centre – [Leisure Centre Consultation | Let's Talk Cornwall –](#)

Cllr Batchelor spoke in respect of the public meeting held on Friday 8 October 2021 advising that the town council had not met prior to the meeting to discuss the matter and therefore no-one at the public meeting would have been able to advise the town council's position on the proposal.

The Minutes of that meeting state that the town council could take over the leisure centre. Cllr Batchelor advised that the town council is no position to even consider doing that at this time. The town council will need to consider the consultation document before it is able to think about moving forwards and is therefore not able to make a comment as yet. The Clerk confirmed that this is the case.

Members voiced their concerns with Cornwall Council's proposal to close the leisure centre. Some of the points noted included :

- The negative impact that closure would have to the community including on physical and mental health.
- Access to similar facilities will require further travel when we are in a time of environmental crisis with the use of fuels.
- Concerns with Cornwall Council's behaviour on this matter and lack of information.
- Members feel it is wrong that Cornwall Council continue to transfer services that they have a duty to fulfil and that this puts the town council in an impossible position.
- The consultation process appears flawed.
- The educational benefits of the leisure centre would be lost, including children learning to swim locally.
- Members would like to know Cllr Mould's position on the proposed closure.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Cllr Pennington for setting up the public meeting and noted that Cllrs Moorcroft and Rushworth and Scott Mann MP are against the closure. He advised that, at a recent consultation meeting with Cornwall Council, it proved very difficult to raise questions and much of the information is wrong. The meeting was poorly managed overall. There are many aspects of the process that could be open to challenge including the financial aspect.

Cornwall Council should be questioned on the financial mis-management of the leisure centre by GLL as they appear to have been negligent in monitoring this.

- ii. Town Council's response to the consultation and position with regard to Wadebridge Leisure Centre –

The Deputy Mayor summarised that the town council is agreed on the following points:

- To oppose the closure of leisure centres.
- To engage and respond to Cornwall Council.
- To challenge Cornwall Council on their proposal and statements made so far.

There was further discussion around the need to understand Cllr Mould's position on the proposals, that the consultation is flawed and loaded and therefore requires fact checking and the timeframe of the consultation.

- It was **RESOLVED** to hold a Full Council meeting as soon as possible to formulate a response to Cornwall Council which will challenge and object to the closure of the leisure centre.

Members discussed the consultation document.

- It was **RESOLVED** to write to Cornwall Council to advise that Wadebridge Town Council will challenge the consultation process as Members do believe it is flawed and loaded and that Wadebridge Town Council will also challenge Cornwall Council for mis-management of public funds.

The Clerk confirmed that she is in contact with Clerks in other areas affected by the potential closure of leisure centres.

**8.13pm, Cllrs Louise and Philip Mitchell left the meeting.  
Four members of the public left the meeting.**

**1517/21 Wadebridge Allotments** – The Clerk provided an update including :

- The town council has now served notice to end the original lease agreement.
- The Parks Department have cleared and divided vacant plots and these are being allocated to the waiting list.
- Looking to arrange a meeting with the working group and all allotment holders by the end of the year.
- There have been questions asked by allotment holders and the response to these has been posted on the notice board at the site. They include queries on the monies held by the committee, equipment and machinery and water supply.
- Information and a partial quote for a separate water supply will be discussed in the confidential orders section of the meeting.
- Will be looking to obtain quotes from contractors to clear the site however, this is for information purposes only so that the town council and allotment holders have an idea of the potential costs involved.
- Clarified that the town council has not received any monies so far and all works undertaken have come from town council funds. There is a legal process with regards to the transfer of monies held by the previous committee – the town council is not in possession of these monies.
- New tenancy agreements will be issued in the near future.
- Reminder that the town council operates in an open and transparent way and moving forwards would hope to work together and positively with allotment holders.

**8.17pm, Cllrs Louise and Philip Mitchell returned to the meeting.**

**1518/21 Wadebridge Library (information circulated with Agenda)** – Members discussed the information received.

The Clerk provided details of the financial difficulties with taking on a devolved service.

There was discussion around the principles of the fines process. Information from the Library Manager was noted. It was also noted that should evidence show that fines will stop customers using the library then this should be considered.

- It was proposed and seconded to abolish library fines.  
2 in favour 4 against.  
Proposal fell.

**8.29pm, member of the public arrived.**

**1519/21 Working Groups** –  
New Members to working groups – None.

- Queens's Green Canopy (papers circulated with agenda)** – It was **RESOLVED** to receive the notes of meeting held 4 October 2021.

**Recommendations to Full Council –**

- *It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft Terms of Reference as presented.*
- *It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Trevor Wiltshire to the working group.*

**8.32pm, members of the public left the meeting.**

**1520/21 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 provided details where necessary. Members considered the agenda items and made the following responses:

**a. Water Meters & Supply (Egloshayle Playing Field) –** *It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation received at a cost of £1,809 (trench costs are contestable).*

Quotation for further necessary works is awaited.

**b. Insurance Renewal –** *It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation received at a cost of £18,700.60 to include flood cover.*

**c. Purchase of tables for Egloshayle Pavilion –** *It was **RESOLVED** to accept quotation 3 at £92.86 per table.*

**d. Purchase of automatic winding mechanism for Town Hall Clock –** *it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation received at a cost of £6,705.*

**e. Library Bollards –** Deferred.

**f. Water Supply at the Allotments –** It was **agreed** for the working group to arrange a meeting with all allotment tenants to discuss this matter due to the financial impact that water usage may have on allotment rents.

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

**1521/21 Dates of Next Wadebridge Town Council meetings**

- **Finance & General Purposes Committee** – Monday 15 November 2021, 7pm
- **Full Council** – Wednesday 17 November 2021, 7pm, Town Hall

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

**Signed as a True and Accurate Account :**

..... **Chair :**

..... **Date :**