



Wadebridge Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 28 October 2021 at 7pm in the Main Hall, Wadebridge Town Hall

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

Apologies : Cllr T Leach.

Public Present : Sector Inspector Regie Butler-Card & PC Adam Pickin, Neighbourhood Beat Manager (Police).

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

Housekeeping – The 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'.

1522/21 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr T Leach.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Thomas Leach due to a family commitment.*

1523/21 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 items 7.a.i. Correspondence 10, Allotments.
- Cllr Philip Mitchell declared an interest in agenda items 7.a.i. Correspondence and item 10, Allotments.
- Cllr Amanda Pennington declared an interest in agenda item 9, Cornwall Council's Leisure Centre Consultation.

c) **Dispensations –** *It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Pennington has a dispensation to speak on item 10, Cornwall Council's Leisure Centre Consultation.*

1524/21 Minutes of last Full Council Meeting – *The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 13 October 2021 were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Mayor.*

1525/21 Public Participation

- Reports from Cornwall Councillors –
 - **Cllr Mould (Wadebridge East & St. Minver)** – apologies received.
 - **Cllr Moorcroft (Wadebridge West & St. Mabyn)** – apologies received.
- Report from the Police – Sector Inspector Regie Butler-Card addressed the meeting on the following points :
 - Police presence at meetings – It is force policy to attend the Network meetings only.
 - Reiterated his role and the challenges faced with the limited resources available – maintaining police numbers has been very difficult for various reasons including long term sickness and secondment.
 - Introduced PC Adam Pickin as the Neighbourhood Beat Manger for Wadebridge.
 - It is expected that there will be a slow increase in the number of officers with Beat Officers expected to be increased to 3 per town.
 - Demand has been high through the summer.
 - Provided details of his role as Critical Incident Manager.
 - Reported statistics for the area and praised his team for their work.
 - Wadebridge is a very safe town – example of incidents and relevant data for the past weekend were advised.
 - Crime incident reporting – requested that the town council direct members of the public to the police to report the incidents directly.
 - Social media is proving very difficult to manage – issues with fake reporting and this is raising the fear of crime. Would ask that if the town council can help with this then please do.
 - Concerns with video posting for identification purposes – this is also causing issues and should be dealt with by the Police due to potential links with court appearances.
 - CCTV – understands the town council's position on this and the costs involved but advised that CCTV is of huge value. Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide details of its use but will look to providing feedback in a different structure so that the town council can understand the value of it. It does modify behaviour and this is proven in studies.

PC Adam Pickin introduced himself to the meeting and reiterated the importance of using the correct contact channels. It was also noted that reporting intel information is vital to the Police.

7.15pm, Sector Inspector Butler-Card left the meeting

1526/21 Committee Meetings – None.

1527/21 Finance – None.

1528/21 Correspondence (information circulated with agenda for Members) -

- a. The following correspondence for information was **received** –
 - i. **Cornwall Council** – Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 – Application to Stop up the Highway at Bodmin Magistrates' Court, Launceston Road, Bodmin, PL31 2AI (Tuesday 18 January 2022, 2pm).
 - ii. **Cornwall Council** – Planning Policy Team Update – 21 October 2021 (*forwarded to Councillors*)
 - iii. **Cornwall Council** – Development in the River Camel catchment area – 21 October 2021 (*forwarded to Councillors*)
 - iv. **St Breock Parish Council** – Correspondence received in respect of Wadebridge Leisure Centre (*forwarded to Councillors*)
 - v. **Cornwall Council** – Town & Parish Council Bulletin. Free Parking in Cornwall Council car parks on Saturday 4 December 2021.

- vi. **Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly COP26** – Registration Information for the Regional Roadshow online event (8 November 2021) [*forwarded to Councillors*]
 - vii. **Cornwall Council** – Town & Parish Council Newsletter (22 October 2021)
- b. Correspondence for response – Members discussed the requests received and made the following decisions :
- i. **Cornwall Council** - Consultation on the refresh of *Cornwall's Transport Plan* (closing date for responses 24 December 2021) – please see link for consultation document [Let's Talk Transport | Let's Talk Cornwall](#)
- Cllr Welch advised his concerns that two parts of Cornwall Council are making diametrically opposed statements. He referred to the chapter headed Objectives, Policies and Proposals on page 13 which states :
'*Objective 1: Support communities to live locally to reduce the need to travel*'
- Minute 1530/21 refers.**
- The Clerk advised that Cornwall Council is looking to work with communities to update the transport strategies. A meeting with the relevant officer will be requested so that the town council can move forwards with a response.
- It was **AGREED** to draft a working document for consideration at a future meeting. All Members to submit their initial thoughts and comments via email prior to the November meeting.
- c. The following Minutes and Agendas from Outside Committees were **received** for information – None.

1529/21 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. **PA21/09105:** Henley Fernleigh Road Wadebridge PL27 7BB. Remove front garden boundary wall and excavate to form new two vehicle driveway with dropped kerb and electrical vehicle charging point. **NOT SUPPORTED – Wadebridge Town Council continues to object to such proposals on the grounds that they allow the continued destruction of the conservation area.**
 - ii. **PA21/01939:** 50 Egloshayle Road Wadebridge PL27 6AE. Proposed alterations and extension of existing garage to create an annexe. **SUPPORTED subject to restrictions being placed on the use of the property so that the property is not to be used as a holiday or second home or to be sold as an independent dwelling.**
- b. **Decisions** – the following decision from Cornwall Council were **received** :
- i. **PA21/06922:** 10 Camelside, Egloshayle Road, Replace five white painted timber windows and two timber doors with white grained PVC frames. **APPROVED**
 - ii. **PA21/06960:** 82 Egloshayle Road, Front single storey living and entrance extension (Revised Proposals submitted 2 September 2021). **APPROVED**
- c. **For Information – No Action Required** – The following information received from Cornwall Council was **received** :
- i. **PA21/05125** :, The Annexe, Hooters, Gonvena, Annexe with variation of condition 3 in respect of decision PA11/10156.
11/10/21 – Planning officer requested a 5 day protocol.

15/10/21 – Wadebridge Town Council advised that, under delegated authority, the Chair & Vice-Chair of the planning committee and the Clerk accept Option 1 - to agree with the Officers recommendation to **APPROVE** the application.

1530/21 Cornwall Council's Leisure Centre Consultation – Members discussed the draft response which had been previously circulated.

It was **AGREED** to include reference to the Transport Strategy Consultation drawing attention to the objective to reduce the need to travel which therefore means the closure of the leisure centre would be against that objective (Minute 1528/21.b.i.refers).

- *It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft response subject to inclusion of the additional item referencing the Transport Strategy Consultation.*

7.32pm, Cllrs Louise and Philip Mitchell left the meeting

1531/21 Wadebridge Allotments – The Clerk provided an update including :

- Several new tenancy agreements will be issued in the next week.
- Existing plot holders will be issued with a 1-year Notice to Quit but with the option to retain their plot under the new terms.
- Rent invoices have been issued.
- New fees are due to be considered at the November full council meeting.

7.33pm, Cllrs Louise and Philip Mitchell returned to the meeting

1532/21 Egloshayle Cemetery – The Mayor and Deputy Mayor advised details of a meeting held on Monday 25 October 2021 to discuss the upkeep of the old section of the cemetery which Cornwall Council have now agreed is their responsibility to maintain. Cornwall Council officers and Councillors, representatives of Egloshayle Parish Council and a representative of Egloshayle Church had been present.

Members debated the precis of the meeting which had been circulated by Cornwall Council. Several concerns were highlighted included health and safety issues with volunteer working.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to propose the following offer to Cornwall Council :*
 - *A request is made to Cornwall Council that CORMAC do not carry out the 3 cuts as is the standard approach to cemeteries.*
 - *Instead of the 3 cuts an equivalent amount for this maintenance is paid to the Town Council to allow them to take on the maintenance of that entire area of the cemetery (up to the wall which leads into the very old section). This will be more than 3 cuts a year. The Town Council will bear the cost of the balance of this maintenance.*
 - *As part of this offer headstone maintenance would be retained by Cornwall Council.*

Should Cornwall Council not accept the offer then this matter will be brought back to full council for further consideration.

1533/21 Working Groups – *It was **RESOLVED** to put this item into abeyance.*

7.57pm, members of the public left the meeting.

1534/21 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 of the quotations received.

- a. **Library Bollards** – *It was **RESOLVED** to accept quotation 3 at a cost of £2,301.93.*
- *It was **RESOLVED** to re-instate Standing Order 1.c.*

1535/21 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 8.02pm

Signed as a True and Accurate Account :

..... **Chair :**

..... **Date :**