

CARDINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Cardinham Parish Hall on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr J Best (Chair), Cllr A Bonker, Cllr L Sutton, Cllr R Farley, Cllr P Claridge, Cllr K Morris, Cllr G Rogers, Cllr R Dyer, Cllr T Irwin. County Cllr J Cruse. Clerk/RFO: J Wilson.
There was one member of the public present.

141/23 Apologies Cllr G Tucker.

142/23 Declaration of Interests None.

143/23 Public Session Parishioner did not wish to speak.

144/23 County Councillors Report

Cllr Cruse updated the Parish Council on the following issues:

- Budget – 4.99% increase on council tax: 2.99% increase for general expenditure, with the additional 2% increase to cover adult social care costs.
- Lack of enforcement is a huge issue, yet this is the only issue that gives planners validity.
- Information on salt bins has been circulated – request to add this to the October agenda.

145/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 15th August 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th August 2023 had been circulated. There were two amendments, raised by Cllr P Claridge – 131/23 line 9 should read” voicing our concerns” and 140/23 date should read 19th September. The amended minutes for the meeting held on 15th August 2023 were proposed by Cllr P Claridge, seconded by Cllr K Morris and agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

146/23 Matters Arising

- Regarding the email to Cornwall Council about Cormac’s substandard work, we have had an acknowledgement that it will be looked into.
- Top of Lidcutt Road – the broken fencing has had tape put on it now.
- Gypsy Lane Signage – we have received a reply from Cornwall Council to say it will be done but is not a priority. Cllrs suggested that perhaps we could obtain the sign from Cornwall Council and put it up ourselves. Clerk to contact CC and ask.

147/23 Planning Decisions None.

148/23 Planning Applications for Information only

[PA23/01024/PREAPP](#) Land North Of Praze Farm Millpool Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4HZ. Pre application advice for proposed construction of 2 dwellings. (Case officer: G Old)

It was felt that it is inappropriate to change the Q class permission into two separate new dwellings that are not on the same footprint as the original barn.

Also, the 2 massive houses would not themselves be given planning permission without the Q class fallback, and would be considered development in the countryside under Policy 7. It was proposed and agreed to send the following comment to the planning officer regarding this Preapp:

'Class Q barn conversions have done nothing to ease Cornwall's housing problem.

The suggestion that one such barn could be replaced by multiple large houses in the open countryside seems nothing more than an excuse to evade the provisions of Policy 7 of the Cornwall Local Plan, and it will do nothing to provide the much-needed affordable housing.

If a Class Q barn is unfit for conversion, it should be demolished. It is not, after all, a historic traditional building, it is a dilapidated modern eyesore.'

149/23 Planning Applications

[PA23/06228](#) Colesloggett Barn Fletchersbridge Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4AT. Conversion of existing stone building to a dwelling.

The information contained in the planning documentation was inconsistent. The Parish Council was therefore unable to reach a decision and instead it was proposed by Cllr A Bonker, seconded by Cllr G Rogers and agreed by all to send in the following comment regarding this application: The Cardinham Parish Council would welcome the planning officer's view as to whether this is a traditional stone barn. Both the submitted plan and the structural engineer's report describe the visible perimeter of the Barn as being largely a mixture of rendered single skin concrete block walls and timber frame walls with cladding.

Due to the inconsistency between the proposal and the description contained in the application, the Parish Council was unable to come to a decision regarding this application.

[PA23/07356](#) Great Challenor Barn Shop Lane Cardinham Bodmin Cornwall PL30 4BN. Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use for an outbuilding ancillary to existing dwelling.

The Parish Council agreed the following comment, proposed by Cllr G Rogers, seconded by Cllr R Dyer, agreed by all: Great Challenor Barn was formerly a holiday dwelling, in the curtilage of the adjacent dwelling known as The Smithy, Cardinham. Over 10 years ago, as a result of an appeal, Great Challenor Barn achieved the status of an independent dwelling. Great Challenor Barn was then sold, after its curtilage had been defined to include the outbuilding. Various owners have used the outbuilding to store domestic possessions for over 10 years. The Parish Council knows of no reason why the owners should not continue to exercise this existing use of the outbuilding, and in fact the Certificate of Lawfulness may not be necessary for this purpose.

150/23 Finance reports and payment of accounts

The receipts and payments report for September showed:

Receipts of £Nil for August & Payments for September of £1604.82 made up of:

HMRC – Tax on clerk's wages - £83.60

J Wilson – Clerk's wages (£345.36) and expenses (£28.20) - £373.56

Lanhydrock Garden Services Ltd– Grass cutting - £377.66

Lanhydrock Garden Services Ltd- Remove wasp nest - £42.00

R Rowe – Funeral fee - £35.00

The following cheque was accidentally omitted from the payment list but was paid to the contractor as agreed: C&G Tucker – Burial fee - £465.

Cllr T Irwin proposed and Cllr K Morris seconded to sign this month's cheques. All in favour. A Payments List, Budget to Actual comparison and a bank reconciliation had been prepared for the

current period. These were forwarded to all the Councillors and added to the website. The Chair and Vice-Chair signed the cheques.

Forms received from Barclays asking for confirmation of signatories on the account. To be signed at the end of the meeting and Cllr G Tucker will sign tomorrow then forms will be taken into the bank in Wadebridge.

151/23 Correspondence

Correspondence received during the month has been forwarded via email to Councillors.

152/23 Highways

Clerk to report the following issues

- Cattle Grid in Millpool – Gate won't open properly as hinges are stuck.
- Cattle Grid at Treslea – Metal slats are broken
- New gate put up at Airfield Road but too high – Wire has been put across the bottom to prevent lambs escaping, but needs reporting.
- Gate at end of Lidcutt road is also too high and needs reporting, and gates are too flimsy.
- Phone box in Cardinham – Door is hard to move.
- Letter to go to householder re overgrown hedge.
- To report the overhanging bushes at Poundstock Close to the relevant Housing Association.
- To try and use land registry to find out details on who is responsible for the overhanging vegetation on the section of Bunnys Hill
- Include the usual hedge trimming article in the next issue of the parish magazine.
- Signage at Littledowns – This has been reported already.
- Clerk to check with Cornwall Council if the Parish Council could buy its own finger signs.
- It was noted that part of a hedge has been taken down by the development in Littledowns.

153/23 Footpaths.

Footpath issues:

- Circular footpath – Le Hays to Praze – gates either side of woods are both hard to pull back and left at same time. The Chair will ask Cllr Tucker to look into this.
- Bridleway at other side of Airfield, due to be done. Chair will check with Cllr Tucker.

154/23 Parish Matters

- Holywell – trailer has been parked on the road outside the house and has no reflectors making it difficult to see at night as there is no street lighting. To be reported to the Community Police officer.

155/23 Items for the next agenda

Salt Bins

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 17th October 2023.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.08pm.

Chairman:

Date: 17/10/2023