

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ruan Lanihorne Parish Council held in The Reading Room
on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 7.00pm**

Present Councillors: P Farr, D Giles (Chairman), C Martin & G Pring

In Attendance: Tomas Hill (Clerk)

19/19 APOLOGIES

Cllr Adams submitted her apologies due to lambing and Cllr Dingle submitted his apologies due to illness.

Cllr Farr proposed, seconded by Cllr Martin and the Council **resolved** to accept their apologies.

20/19 DISPENSATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI),
DECLARATION OF OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS (OSI) & DECLARATION OF
ANY GIFTS OVER £25

None.

21/19 OPEN FORUM – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

22/19 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr German submitted his apologies.

23/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF 2nd January 2019

Cllr Pring proposed, seconded by Cllr Martin and the Council **resolved** that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

24/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

25/19 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had contacted the Council in relating to implementing 'Area Team Planning' and read out the following:

"It has been recognised that the increase in neighbourhood planning necessitates a more localised approach to decision-making. A trial has been running in the Liskeard/Looe Community Network Area (recently expanded to include Cornwall Gateway) exploring different ways of working. The trial operated an area-based approach to all types of planning and enforcement related matters and consisted of a small multi-disciplinary team of officers who reviewed the processes from receipt through to decision to explore opportunities for efficiencies. The aim of this Area Team Trial was to improve the quality of development within a supportive community and with positive and engaged staff.

The Area Team Trial has demonstrated a number of benefits in respect of helping to develop positive working relationships with Local Councils. The team have met with most Local Councils within the Community Network Area and have given a short talk on the work of the Area Team Trial, whilst obtaining feedback on ways that we can work better together. This

has helped Local Councils put faces to names in order to build relationships and improve trust in the decision-making process. This has also opened up channels of communication so that Local Councils have the ability to contact and discuss planning related issues with the officers working within their area. It has also enabled us to develop bespoke ways of working with Local Councils including (for example) the provision of a short summary of the relevant considerations for particular applications before they are discussed at Local Council Meetings.

Several of the Local Councils taking part in the Trial have expressed how helpful this has been in setting out the relevant material planning considerations. Indeed, within the Area Team Trial area, over 97% of recommendations in respect of planning applications have been in accordance with the Local Council consultation response, demonstrating that this approach to working has the potential to result in more aligned decision making. This closer working relationship means that Local Councils will get to know the officers individually in their area and at that point, the area team network of officers will replace the current arrangement for friendly link officers in Development Management.

The area-based approach to working has also enabled officers to develop deeper knowledge and understanding of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) to ensure decisions are made in accordance with the relevant NDPs. Furthermore, working in a more concentrated geographical area has enabled officers to improve their knowledge of the local area and local issues whilst strengthening their emotional connection with the area. All of these factors have the potential to improve the quality of planning decisions.

As a result of this successful trial it is intended to roll out this area-based approach to ensure that the benefits are achieved across Cornwall:

- Eight multi-disciplinary planning teams based on a group of community network areas dealing with all types of planning applications and enforcement matters from receipt through to decision;
- a Cornwall-wide team of specialist functions, including a dedicated development management function for the Council's Investment and Housing Development Programmes and a pro-active enforcement service; and
- a central flexible and responsive function of support services.

The principle of the Area Team approach has received endorsement from The Cornwall Planning Partnership and positive feedback was received at the first of the Local Council's Planning Conferences in Penzance and St Austell. Further updates on the area team structures and also the Development Management and Planning Enforcement process changes are being given at the remaining Local Council Planning conference on 28.02.19 in Liskeard.

The preparations to launch the eight new area teams and Cornwall-wide team for Development Management are well advanced to be ready for the implementation date of 1 April 2019.

There will be an opportunity in March for Local Councils and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Groups to send representatives to events being organised by Planning. This will be a chance for you to meet the planners from the different teams in Planning & Sustainable Development. There will be officers from the new Area Teams in Development Management, Policy, the Neighbourhood Planning team and Delivery who will be giving a short presentation. This will be followed by the opportunity to chat to officers informally".

The relevant presentation date for the Roseland (Area 4) St Agnes and Perranporth, Truro and the Roseland (Area 4) is scheduled for 22nd March 2019 – 4.30-6.00 pm in Threemilestone Community Centre.

The Clerk will send out the invitation to Councillors when received with expressions of interest to attend to be sent to the Clerk as places will be limited to three spaces per local council.

26/19 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The Clerk had written to Penny Hodgson from CORMAC requesting a new footpath sign at Lambourne.

The new sign will be ordered for the new financial year.

The potholes at Praise Hill have been completed on the Philleigh King Harry Road and a pothole on the Ruan side of Barn Farm, however, the drain utility covers are sunk in the road and need realignment on Praise Hill.

The Council understand that the optimum method for repairing potholes has not been adhered to which requires a bitumen sealant which should be evident at the margins at the filled pothole. This is absent in all recent repairs.

Cllr Pring proposed, seconded by Cllr Giles and the Council **resolved** that the Clerk write to CORMAC to report the issue.

27/19 LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP

Cornwall Council have invited the Council to participate again in the Local Maintenance Partnership for public rights of way for 2019/2020

Cllr Farr proposed, seconded by Cllr Giles and the Council **resolved** that the Council enter into the Local Maintenance Partnership for 2019/2020.

28/19 EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Martin and Cllr Pring have advertised a public meeting for Saturday 9th February 2019 in the Reading Room at 11:00pm.

29/19 READING ROOM

Cllr Pring reported that Steve Cawrse is looking to undertake the damp treatment in May.

Cllr Pring has also received a quote for the lighting from R A Prynn amounting to £790.00 + VAT but thinks that if further work is identified, the Council should place a limit.

Cllr Farr proposed, seconded by Cllr Giles and the Council **resolved** that the Council accept the quote of £790.00 + VAT subject to final selection of light fittings at Cllr Pring's discretion together with a contingency of £400.00 for possible unseen works.

The Clerk discussed a communication from Peter Jefferson, Chief Executive of Cornwall Rural Community Charity, inviting the Council to the Community Buildings Conference taking place on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at the Lanivet Parish Community Centre.

Cllr Martin proposed and Cllr Farr seconded and the Council **resolved** that the Clerk attend the course and pay additional hours and mileage associated with the course.

30/19 SALT BINS

Councillors discussed purchasing salt bins. The Clerk has received quotations from CORMAC.

Cllr Pring proposed and Cllr Martin seconded and the Council **resolved** that the Council purchase two 204kg filled salt bins from CORMAC to be placed at either end of Ruan Laniorne village each filled with sand and delivered.

31/19 FINANCE

The Clerk presented the monthly budget monitoring report.

Cllr Farr proposed, seconded by Cllr Giles and the Council **resolved** to sign cheques per the February budget monitoring report inset box entitled 'cheques for signing' to the total sum of £552.00.

32/19 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

None.

33/19 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Definitive Map Modification Order Application - Coronation Terrace

The meeting closed at 20:30 pm.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 6th March 2019 at Reading Room at 7.00pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting.

Chairman