

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ruan Lanihorne Parish Council held at Ruan Reading
Room on Tuesday 21st December 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present Councillors: J Adams, P Farr, C Martin, G Pring (Chairman) & T Robinson

In Attendance: Tomas Hill (Clerk) & 1 member of public

141/21 APOLOGIES – to receive, note and accept apologies

Cllr Dundon submitted her apologies due to a family commitment.

Cllr Pring proposed, seconded by Cllr Farr and the Council **resolved** to note her apologies.

142/21 DISPENSATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI) AND DECLARATION OF OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS (OSI) – to receive and note (if any)

None.

143/21 OPEN FORUM – for members of the Parish to make representations to the Council

None.

144/21 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR - to receive Cornwall Councillor report (if present)

Cllr German submitted a written report stating that the next round of Community Network Panel highways funding might be opening early and that the Council may wish to consider submitting an expression of interest for the works at Ruan High Lanes.

Cllr German asked for Ruan Hill to be swept which has now been done.

145/21 MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING (Tuesday 2nd November 2021) – to confirm accuracy and approve

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

146/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not on the agenda & for report only)

Following an apology from Unity Trust Bank, the application now appears to be completed.

147/21 CORRESPONDENCE (not on the agenda & for report only)

The Clerk reported the following Planning Application has been received:

PA21/12351 - Construction of a swimming pool - Trethella Ruan High Lanes TR2 5PA

148/21 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – to report issues and note updates

The Clerk had circulated correspondence concerning the footbridge on the unclassified highway from Trelonk to Trenestrall U6096 which will be inspected.

Councillors reported that the edge of the road has eroded between the former Ruan Chapel and Ruan High Lanes and the road to Tregony to Trethewey Barns. The Clerk would report the issues.

149/21 READING ROOM – to consider and approve revised quotation

The Council has now received a revised quotation from Steve Cawrse due the increase of materials. The new quotation is £28,090.00 including VAT being a 12.4% increase.

Cllr Pring proposed, seconded by Cllr Adams and the Council **resolved** the new quotation.

The resolution from September to authorise additional works up to £2,000.00 will remain.

A 15% deposit has been requested to enable the ordering of some of the materials such as the stairs. It is hoped that works will commence on either the 2nd or 3rd week of January 2022.

Councillors and the Clerk thanked Cllr Pring for his work.

150/21 ASSETS CHECK – to receive assets check reports

The smashed pane of glass in the telephone box has not been replaced but is in hand. The notice boards will hopefully be erected in the next few weeks by a volunteer working party.

151/21 FIXED ASSET REGISTER – to consider writing off obsolete items

The Clerk sought to write off the following items:

- Lock
- Hydrok
- Salt Spreader
- Commemorative Plaques x3 (to be replaced)
- Ruan Laniorne Notice Board (to be replaced)
- Ruan High Lanes Notice Board (to be replaced)
- Treworga Notice Board (to be replaced)

Cllr Adams proposed, seconded by Cllr Robinson and the Council **resolved** to amend the fixed asset register.

152/21 TREE PLANTING – to receive updates

Cllr Pring attended a meeting at Gulval organised jointly by 'Forest for Cornwall' and The Forestry Commission and has spoken to a neighbouring landowner who wishes to plant up to 20 acres.

153/21 ANCIENT COFFIN - to discuss ancient coffin opposite St Rumon's Church

Cllr Martin introduced the subject and invited David Hughes to speak.

It is believed that St Rumon's stone coffin circa 800AD has been rediscovered. Per Rev Whitaker's Parish History, St Rumon's bones were moved to Tavistock Abbey sometime around the Norman Conquest and the tomb was then empty until the 1600's when the stone coffin was removed to leave enough space for Trestain. The coffin lay on the side of the road upturned apparently with a blacksmith driving a stake through it. At some stage it was

moved further off the highway and ended up buried in soil on the waste ground between the top road and Dawes Hill where it currently lies.

Councillors discussed where it could be relocated and the consensus appears to be that it should return to the Church and is a Parochial Church Council matter. Andrew Langdon – consultant to Cornwall Archaeology Unit has been involved.



Photo courtesy of David Hughes

154/21 FINANCE – to include finance report and cheques for signing

The Clerk presented the monthly budget monitoring report dated to the 21st of December 2021.

Cllr Farr proposed, seconded by Cllr Martin and the Council **resolved** to sign cheques per the December budget monitoring report inset box entitled 'payments for authorisation' to the total sum of £5,668.43.

155/21 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS – to note reports

None.

156/21 NEXT PARISH MEETING – to agree date (subject to change)

Councillors had pushed forward the next planned meeting on the 4th of January 2022 to December but considered March was too long a period to wait for the next meeting.

Councillors agreed Tuesday 15th of February 2022 at St Rumon's Church at 7:30pm subject to change noting that the Reading Room would be unavailable due to the scheduled works.

157/21 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - matters to be included as an agenda item at the next meeting

Grant request – Ruan Social Group – Platinum Jubilee

Wi-fi in the Reading Room

Website

The meeting closed at 20:31pm.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7.30pm (subject to change).

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman