



Ruan Lanihorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Ruan Lanihorne Parish Council held at Ruan Reading Room on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: J Adams (Vice-Chairman), G. Cairns, A Dundon, P Farr & S Paul

In Attendance: Tomas Hill (Clerk) and 9 members of public

21/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Martin submitted her apologies due to family commitments and Cllr Robinson submitted her apologies due to work commitments.

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

22/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

23/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public spoke concerning the emergency road closure between Ruan Lanihorne village and Tregony which has been put in place until at least June 2024. This was due to bank instability adjacent to the River Fal on the Tregony side of Porters.

One member of the public wondered whether the delay in repairing the road would increase the overall cost to Cornwall Council due to the impact of the narrow lanes being used as a diversionary route.

One member of the public stated that it would cost local businesses approximately £100,000.00 in additional vehicle movements.

One member of the public was concerned about access for emergency vehicles and the dangers to members of the public utilising alternative highways.

One member of the public stated that the Environment Agency was unlikely to move away from a reportedly entrenched position where repairs could only be undertaken after June due to spawning fish. It was highlighted that the leat was part of the water course.

One member of the public stated that emergency vehicles would exceed their call out time and suggested traffic lights are put in place.

One member of the public was concerned about the cost of fuel for their farming enterprise, the lack of notice and information about the road closure

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and that there was a simple engineering solution which would not disturb the fish.

One member sought a record of common issues to be recorded.

On another subject, a member of the public spoke concerning the Roseland Carols Project which seeks to record the local carols from the Roseland.

24/24 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Not present.

25/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Paull proposed, Cllr Dundon seconded and the Council **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

26/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Per 133/22 and 95/23, additional trees from REACT have been planted.

Per 148/23, PA23/09132 Proposed single storey ground floor extension, first floor extension and replacement native scrub planting to single detached dwelling - Brickworks Trelock Farm Ruan High Lanes TR2 5PA – approved with conditions.

27/24 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk received the following planning application which would require an extraordinary meeting:

PA24/01434 Change of use from agricultural yard area to use for the siting of self storage containers as extension to existing storage business - Trethewey Barns Tregony.

A communication from Natural England regarding the rushes has been circulated to Councillors. In summary the rushes are not located within the SSSI.

The Clerk had also circulated an update from REACT.

28/24 EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE

Unfortunately, an arranged TEAMS meeting with Viv Bidgood was cancelled at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances.

An emergency road closure had been put in place between Ruan Lanihorne and Tregony due to a partial collapse of a bank adjacent to the Rivel Fal below Porters.

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The Chairman stated that there was a communications issue, the potential difficult relationship between Cornwall Council as highways authority and the Environment Agency, noted the concerns about emergency services and sought a meeting to bring stakeholders together.

The Clerk reminded the Council that he had corresponded with CORMAC in January 2023 either on the same matter or a near identical issue in the same locality.

Cllr Cairns proposed, Cllr Paull seconded and the Council **resolved** to request a site meeting with Cornwall Highways and the Environment Agency and to gain the support from the MP.

29/24 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Paull sought to meet with Penny Hodgson, Countryside Access Officer from CORMAC concerning a number of issues that have been highlighted from the Council's review of the public rights of way.

Cllr Dundon proposed, Cllr Dundon seconded and the Council **resolved** for Cllr Paull to liaise with CORMAC.

30/24 SALT BINS

Councillors considered the purchase of an additional salt bin in Ruan Lanihorne village.

Cllr Cairns proposed, Cllr Farr seconded and the Council **resolved** to purchase a salt bin up to £300.00 at the previously approved location.

31/24 ROSELAND CAROLS PROJECT

Councillors considered a grant request from St Gerrans & Porthscatho Old Cornwall Society.

Cllr Dundon proposed, Cllr Cairns seconded and the Council **resolved** to issue a grant of £100.00 from the 2024/2025 budget.

32/24 DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr Martin reported to the Clerk that Ruan Social Group are next meeting in April which would include fund raising discussions for replacement defibrillators.

33/24 ASSET CHECKS

Cllr Paull reported that there were no issues concerning the assets in the Treworga and Ruan High Lanes and Cllr Cairns reported likewise for the assets in Ruan Lanihorne village.

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34/24 LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP

Councillors considered 2024/2025 participation of the Local Maintenance Partnership concerning public rights of way, the length of tender and associated advertisement.

Cllr Cairns proposed, Cllr Farr seconded and the Council **resolved** to formally participate and to advertise a tender for a 1 year and 3 years respectively in the first instance.

35/24 RUAN READING ROOM

The Clerk had received an update from Steve Cawrse concerning the disabled access project who stated that *"I have been chasing and chasing the local railings company for quite some time, unfortunately they keep moving the completion date back but they have assured me it will be very soon. As soon as I know some more I will let you know and complete the works straight away"*.

Councillors were concerned about the delay and would place this on the next agenda.

36/24 COMMUNITY CAPACITY FUND

The Clerk highlighted the successful grant application by the Clerk for energy audits for a collective of six community buildings within the vicinity of the Ruan River and Tresillian River catchments made under St Clement Parish Council including St Rumon's Church and Ruan Reading Room.

Councillors duly noted the successful grant application with pleasure.

37/24 FINANCE

The Clerk presented a monthly budget monitoring report dated the 5th March 2024 which was duly noted.

Cllr Farr proposed, seconded by Cllr Adams and the Council **resolved** to sign payments per the March budget monitoring report inset box entitled 'payments for authorisation' to the total sum of £11.43.

38/24 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cairns attended the Police Liaison Meeting in January which was well attended and summarised the meeting. 'Farm Watch' has been the most successful focus on the Roseland. Volunteers for Neighbourhood Watch were being sought and 'Crime in your area' information will soon be available on the Police website.

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39/24 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following matters are to be included as an agenda item at the next meeting:

Reading Room – disabled access project
Defibrillator update

The meeting closed at 20:52.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair