



Ruan Lanihorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Ruan Lanihorne Parish Council held at Ruan Reading Room on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: J Adams, G. Cairns, A. Dundon, P Farr, C Martin (Chairman), S Paull & T Robinson

In Attendance: Tomas Hill (Clerk), Cllr Julian German CC

1/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

4/25 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr German CC reported that the new bins as part of the new waste collection would be issued shortly. Councillors discussed the new arrangements.

5/25 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Farr proposed, Cllr Adams seconded and the Council **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 22nd November 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

6/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Per 128/24, the Clerk had submitted the precept requirements to Cornwall Council.

7/25 CORRESPONDENCE

As per usual, the Clerk had circulated various correspondence to Councillors between meetings.

The Clerk noted REACT's AGM scheduled for Wednesday 27th January 2025.

The Clerk also highlighted a Local Council briefing from Cornwall Council concerning planning reform, revised NPPF and the Call for Sites scheduled for Wednesday 29th January 2025.

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8/25 MARAZION TOWN COUNCIL

Councillors considered the letter from Marazion Town Council regarding their council's motion of no confidence in Cornwall Council's planning and enforcement department.

Cllr Adams proposed, Cllr Farr seconded and the Council **resolved** to reply expressing sympathy.

9/25 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Martin reported that the highway from the pond to Demain Farm had a poor surface.

Cllr Paull reported that the steps at Trevella had been damaged by a fallen tree.

Cllr Dundon proposed, Cllr Robinson seconded and the Council **resolved** for Cllr Paull to liaise with the landowner and public rights of way officer to identify a solution.

10/25 DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr Paull was still liaising with residents and consequently the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

11/25 COMMUNITY CAPACITY FUND

Mei Loci Landscape Architects had submitted their design concepts for review.

It was envisaged that any works to the public open space would be undertaken as a community project and one option was to do nothing.

Cllr Robinson volunteered to compile the information for a public consultation and Councillors would meet prior to the Annual Parish Meeting (scheduled on the 18th March 2025) to finalise.

Following the public consultation, the Council would further consider the proposals.

12/25 READING ROOM

The Clerk highlighted the imminent 2nd round of Community Levelling Up Funding highlighting the likely reduced available monies and extremely tight deadline.

Participants of the 'Community buildings energy audits in Tresillian and Ruan river catchments' had met with Community Energy Plus at Tregony and a 'wish

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list' of works had subsequently been complied to further improve the community buildings.

Given the highly competitive nature of potential grant applications, the Clerk proposed a collaborative approach with other local councils within the Roseland and Truro Community Area Partnership with a major focus on carbon reduction.

Per Agenda Item 125/24, the Clerk had obtained an initial solar panel quotation which the Clerk stated could be funded subject to 10% match funding.

The Council did not wish to proceed with any grant funding.

13/25 READING ROOM

Councillors reviewed the hire fees for the Reading Room.

Cllr Martin proposed, Cllr Farr seconded and the Council **resolved** to increase the hire fees to £15.00 per session from the start of the 2025/2026 financial year.

14/25 RUAN SALTINGS

Councillors considered land management of the Ruan Saltings and in particular discussed the expanse of non-native reeds.

Councillors would find a volunteer party to cut the edge of the reeds to limit future growth in the first instance.

15/25 ASSET CHECKS

Councillors had undertaken asset checks.

All assets were reported to be in good condition.

16/25 WEBSITE

Cllr Robinson had carried out some research about moving the council to a .gov.uk domain.

Cllr Robinson explained the process and would register the Council's interest with the Government Digital Service.

17/25 TABLE TENNIS TABLE

Councillors considered the removal of the table tennis tables from the Reading Room.

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Councillors were content to store the table tennis tables in the hope that usage would resume and would review the matter in a year's time.

18/25 FINANCE

The Clerk presented a budget monitoring report dated the 21st January 2025 which was duly noted.

Cllr Adams proposed, seconded by Cllr Dundon and the Council **resolved** to sign payments per the January budget monitoring report inset box entitled 'payments for authorisation' to the total sum of £2,193.59.

19/25 UNITY TRUST

The Clerk recommended the delegation of future internal transfers between bank accounts to the Clerk to enable the Council to take advantage of the interest paying savings account and to ensure that all account details were up to date.

Cllr Cairns proposed, Cllr Adams seconded and the Council **resolved** to delegate to the Clerk future internal transfers and update the account details if necessary.

20/25 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Adams had attended a meeting arising from the energy audits with the Clerk.

21/25 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Defibrillators
- Financial Regulations
- Website
- Ruan Saltings
- Public consultation

The meeting closed at 21.05.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair