



Ruan Lanihorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Ruan Lanihorne Parish Council held at Ruan Reading Room on Tuesday 18th March 2025 which commenced at 8.00pm

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, Helen Nicholson (Community Link Officer) and 19 members of public

22/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

23/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

24/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Helen Nicholson the Community Link Officer for Cornwall Council introduced herself and explained her role for the Roseland and Truro Community Area Partnership which also encouraged parishes to work together. A current focus was being undertaken with local social prescribers and to consider youth engagement. It was hoped that some small highway funding within the network might be available in 2026.

With regards to the Ruan Riverside Community Project, both the Cornwall Nature Fund and CORMAC's trailer full of tools for volunteers could be beneficial.

25/25 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr German CC hoped that the waste collection service was going well and mentioned a speed watch meeting with the police was scheduled in May.

Cllr German CC reported that he has met with the Chair to look at highway issues but one repaired pothole had already reappeared.

Agenda items 31/25 and 32/25 were brought forward but for the purposes of the minutes are recorded in sequential order.

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26/25 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Cairns proposed, Cllr Robinson seconded and the Council **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

27/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Per 9/25, Cllr Paull had been in contact with the landowner and Cormac concerning the steps and action was being taken.

28/25 CORRESPONDENCE

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

An email from Helen Hastings had been received inviting a Councillor to join the Community Land Trust.

29/25 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Cairns thought that Councillors should walk the public rights of way again.

Cllr Cairns proposed, Cllr Farr seconded and the Council **resolved** for the Council to use the community bus for an inspection.

The Chair noted her recent site visit with Cllr German CC to look at highway matters within the parish.

30/25 DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr Paull stated that the two older defibrillators were still operational and being checked on a monthly basis.

Councillors felt that the matter could be reviewed in a years' time unless the matter becomes more urgent.

31/25 RUAN SALTINGS

Cllr Cairns and Cllr Paull had examined the reeds and undertook an experiment. It was hoped to meet the surveyor of the recent ecological report to advise further. The aim was to stop the expansion of the reeds.

Cllr Cairns stated that there were still a number of trees to cut down on the saltings between the pond and the quay. Identification during the summer would ensure the removal of the dead and dying trees.

Cllr Farr proposed, Cllr Adams seconded and the Council **resolved** for Cllr Cairns and Cllr Paull to undertake work to the reeds and trees.

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32/25 RUAN RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PROJECT

The initial feedback from the Annual Parish Meeting was to do something with the public open space and to liaise with the surveyor of the recent ecological report to seek advice as to when to remove the non-native species.

It was considered that following further advice, an informal meeting could be held with interested parties.

It was hoped that volunteers would come forward.

The Clerk recommended contact with the Fal and Helford Estuary Officer.

Cllr Dundon proposed, Cllr Adams seconded and the Council **resolved** for Cllr Cairns to contact the Fal and Helford Estuary Officer.

33/25 WEBSITE

Cllr Robinson had signed herself up for an online information session about moving the council to a '.gov.uk' domain.

34/25 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk had circulated the draft financial regulations prior to the meeting highlighting various areas for discussion.

The Council diligently reviewed the financial regulations with the Clerk updating the draft throughout the review.

Cllr Adams proposed, Cllr Robinson seconded and the Council **resolved** to adopt the draft financial regulations as completed at the meeting.

35/25 FINANCE

The Clerk presented a budget monitoring report dated the 18th March 2025 which was duly noted.

Cllr Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr Dundon and the Council **resolved** to sign payments per the March budget monitoring report inset box entitled 'payments for authorisation' to the total sum of £403.67.

The Clerk noted that the EDF contract had come to an end on the 7th March 2025.

Cllr Adams proposed, seconded by Cllr Dundon and the Council **resolved** to delegate to the Clerk to enter into a new contract subject to it being 100% renewable energy, ideally on a 2 year contract and best overall value.

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36/25 INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Council considered the reappointment of the internal auditor.

Cllr Farr proposed, Cllr Cairns seconded and the Council **resolved** to reappoint Melissa Kelly.

37/25 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cairns attended the last Police Liaison Meeting but felt that the relevance to the parish was quite small. The Police encouraged members of the public to record members of the public to film any dog fouling or graffiti.

The police website was now up to date for crime in any local area.

It was reported that farm watch has been very successful.

The Chair attended a Roseland and Truro Area Partnership meeting which discussed the mapping of flood risk areas and there was a special course on climate change. Various chairs and vice-chairs gave an update as to their Council's activities. The annual housing target had been increased.

Cllr Adams had attended a virtual planning meeting relating to changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

38/25 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Website
Ruan Saltings
Riverside Project
Booking hire for parishioners

The Annual Council Meeting was scheduled for Thursday 8th May 2025 at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 21.41.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair