



**Minutes of the Meeting of Stoke Climsland Parish Council held in
the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Monday, 20th January 2025**

Minute		Action
Present	S Ross Chairman, R Davies, B Lightfoot, S Cazaly, D Crawley, M Howlett, J Forbes Also present 6 members of the public	
101/25 Apologies	T Selwood CC Adrian Parsons	
102/25 Declarations	a Disclosable pecuniary interests – None b Non-registerable interests –None c Declaration of gifts - None d Applications for dispensation – None	
103/25 Minutes	Council Meeting of 16th December RD proposed BL seconded that they were a correct record Agreed 6-0 1 abstention	
104/25 Neighbourhood Development Plan	Mr S Besford Foster presented a report to the council explaining the hard work over the last 12 years to bring the plan to its current position. He explained that the Government had just issued new National Planning Policy Framework and that this had required further tweaks. He explained the process going forward that would see the plan “made”. He then took questions from each councillor in turn. SR proposed that the Council endorse the plan for public consultation. JF seconded Agreed unanimously	
105/25 Planning	<p>1. Applications for Comment</p> <p>a. PA24/09299 Saffron Lodge, Hr Downgate, Steel frame building for personal training business use. MH proposed SUPPORT, RD seconded Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>b. PA24/09432 Manderley, Kingston Outbuilding to serve as home golfing simulator BL proposed SUPPORT, seconded by MH Agreed unan.</p> <p>2. Decisions to be noted</p> <p>PA24/08795 Pellow Lodge Decision not to make a TPO</p> <p>3. For information</p> <p>None</p>	Clerk
106/25 Cornwall Council report	Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons having sent apologies provided a written report covering Refuse, Adult Education, Council car parks, Newquay Airport and devolution. The full report is appended to these minutes.	
107/25 Finance	<p>a. The Payments schedule for January (as appended) proposed by SC, seconded by RD and Agreed unanimously</p> <p>b. Cashflow for year to date was noted</p> <p>c. BL volunteered for Finance Scrutiny for February</p> <p>d. RD proposed and BL seconded that the Council pay Duchy Defibrillators £40 pa each to service the Bleed Kits which have been install FOC in the cabinets in Stoke Climsland and Downgate. Agreed 5-2</p>	BL Clerk
108/25 Community Resilience	RD spoke about the risks to Community Safety of the cessation of the copper wire telephony service as digital (internet) communications will not work in a power cut.	

Appendix 2 Written report from Cllr A Parsons CC Launceston Refuse Transfer Station Update

The redevelopment works at the Launceston Refuse Transfer Station (RTS) have been completed and the site has now returned to full service. They have reintroducing DIY waste, paper, and cans and mixed plastics waste streams to the site. In addition, Launceston will be one of the 9 HWRC sites across Cornwall that will be able to accept upholstered furniture items, following a change to regulations set by the Environment Agency.

To support the site in returning to full service, we have now been told they are moving to a booking system. Residents will be asked to book a slot before attending, from 2nd January 2025 they will be asking all visitors to make a booking before attending site. Booking a 30-minute slot can be done on the Cornwall Council website. If residents have a question or can't get online they can call 0300 1234 141. Bookings can be made for the same day, if there are spaces available, or up to a week in advance. I doubt this will be popular and have to admit I'm a bit surprised by the decision, as I don't think there has ever been an issue with queuing at this site in the past, so we will wait and see how things play out! Cllr Paynter and myself have held talks with officers to express our dissatisfaction.

A consultation is underway into the potential closure of seven adult education centres across Cornwall, with the ones at risk being Camelford, Callington, Torpoint, Saltash, Launceston, Penzance and St Austell. Centres in Bude, Newquay, Liskeard, St Dennis, Bodmin, Helston, Truro, Camborne, Hayle and Falmouth will remain open. As can be seen the East of the Duchy will be hit the hardest if these closures happen, Cornwall Councillors in the affected areas are working together to try and prevent this from happening.

If the consultation results in any closures, anyone enrolled at any affected centre will be supported to continue their course, possibly through the transfer to a nearby alternative centre, to an online alternative, or to another provider, such as a college, including Truro and Penwith College and Cornwall College.

Cornwall Council have also just held a consultation regarding leasing out a number of car parks, in Launceston this would affect the Pannier Market, Castle Street, and Walk House car parks in Launceston, once not under Cornwall Council control they could potentially be leased out and operated by third-party organisations such as Cormac. These assets are not being devolved or sold, they are being leased for up to 5 years and will continue to be owned by Cornwall Council. Although the management of the car park/land will be the responsibility of Cormac, the concern is this could see the introduction of surveillance cameras and 24 hour charging. It should also be noted the town council have expressed an interest so should be given an opportunity to tender. Along with Cllr Conway and Paynter we are against these car parks being privately being leased out, the provision should offer affordable parking, which is crucial for attracting people to our town and maintaining its viability and attractiveness for public use.

It looks like the Councils plans to hive off Newquay airport are falling apart. As agreed at the June Cabinet meeting, Cornwall Council has been working with the preferred partner on the future of the Newquay Airport Estate. Whilst negotiations had progressed, and the principal terms of a transaction are agreed, we're now told, it hasn't been possible to bring these all together in a way that addresses some of the technical issues of the deal. Papers regarding the deal were due to be published ahead of both Cabinet (17th January) and Overview and Scrutiny Committee (16th January), but those meetings will no longer be discussing those items as we talks continue! Phil Mason Strategic Director for Sustainable Growth and Development at Cornwall Council said: "We remain completely committed to the development of Cornwall Airport Newquay and the surrounding Estate and continue to engage and work with our preferred partner under the terms of our Exclusivity Agreement in order to bring the proposed deal to fruition.

The recently proposed devolution deal merging Devon and Cornwall has reignited discussions about the introduction of a mayor. In its English Devolution White Paper, the Labour Government has indicated a preference for combined authorities led by a mayor. A devolution deal that crosses the Tamar and encompasses both Devon and Cornwall would cover a significant demographic expanse, including both rural and urban landscapes. The implementation of such a deal raises several questions about its functionality and effectiveness. One major concern is the potential allocation of funds, my fear is that money might be disproportionately funnelled into larger towns and cities, leaving rural areas as the poor relation. This concern highlights the need for a balanced approach to ensure equitable distribution of resources. While the idea of a combined authority for Devon and Cornwall presents interesting possibilities, it is crucial to address the concerns of rural communities. Sometimes, bigger is not always better, and careful consideration must be given to ensure that all areas would benefit from any potential deal. As we know, only last year the people rejected the opportunity for a Mayor for Cornwall and I don't see any enthusiasm growing for a combined Devon and Cornwall devolution deal!

