



Minutes of the meeting of Stoke Climsland Parish Council held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Monday, 19th February 2024

Minute		Action
Present	B Lightfoot: Chair, R Davies, C Roper T Selwood, D Crawley Also CC A Parsons and 5 members of the public	
136/24 Apologies	Received from M Howlett and S Cazaly, S Ross and J Forbes	
137/24 Cllr Declarations	a Disclosable pecuniary interests – None b Non-registerable interests – None c Applications for dispensation – None d. Declaration of gifts - None	
138/24 Minutes	The Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting on 8 th February were proposed by BL seconded by RD and Agreed 2-0 with 3 abstentions.	
139/24 Public Session	No-one present wished to speak	
140/24 Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applications for Comment None 2. Decisions to be noted PA23/10108 APPROVED Conversion of barn to dwelling Higher Kingston bungalow PL17 8PQ a. PA24/00313 Certificate of lawfulness for proposed installation of a Built In Photovoltaic system - Treovis Mill Lockett Callington Cornwall PL17 8LG <u>Approved</u> 3. For information/action Old Mill ongoing breach of enforcement -reported Lockett felling of trees without planning permission- reported 	
141/24 CC Report	CC Adrian Parsons reported on the cabinet decision to present a balanced budget to full council on 20 th which they felt would protect services to residents, particularly around housing and childrens services. They will propose a 4.99% increase in Council Tax and he stated that the Government had allocated an extra £6M to Cornwall. There will be a further attempt to progress a by-pass for Camelford now forecast to cost £147M	
142/24 Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Payments schedule There was none as all payments were dealt with at the meeting on 8th February b. DC proposed and CR seconded that the Old School be awarded a grant of £780 in support of the Old School News Agreed unanimously c. CR volunteered for Finance Scrutiny in March 	Clerk CR
143/24 Reports from Clerk	The clerk presented a paper (appended to these minutes) regarding the issues around “Lockett Swings” She requested firm guidance as to whether the council wished to own this land as a play area with equipment CR proposed and RD seconded that a new play area be provided by the council in the area adjacent to Lockett car park and that the council did not take ownership of “Lockett Swings” Agreed unanimously The clerk spoke of the meeting of the NDP group and requested a councillor be appointed to sit on the reconstituted Steering Group. RD was willing to serve and Agreed unanimously	Clerk Clerk

The land has not been registered to the Parish Council. It appears part of the reason is the absence of a certificate from Fields in Trust agreeing to the transfer.

The draft agreement to keep the land as a field in trust contains conditions so onerous that I would advise against the Council making any similar agreement.

The only way the Council should ever agree to take such land should be as a green open space to be maintained as such following the removal of all play equipment.

For those reasons the best course of action might be to give the residents of Lockett a choice:

To keep the play area and maintain it in the way they see fit, understanding that the Parish Council will have no involvement in the piece of land.

Or

To agree that the play equipment be dismantled and removed, with the agreement of Fields in Trust, whereafter the Parish Council will accept the land and pay for its future maintenance as a green open space without any equipment or furniture.

Appendix 2 Report from R Davies regarding EV Charging

EV Charging in the parish – Update.

Char.gy

Last year I had discussions with **Char.gy** and they visited the parish. At the time they were inundated with work and said that they could not do anything for a year. Specifically, this was a site survey. I followed up with Char.gy this week. Personnel have changed and the company has modified its strategy which basically means that they are no longer looking at rural communities but are focusing on getting their product into street furniture. They were very helpful and advised me of the Levi funding from HMG which is going to county councils to support EV in Rural Communities. Cornwall will apparently receive £5 Million in tranche 2 which is either financial year 24/25 or 25/26.

I need to find out more about the Levi scheme but £5M will only fund about 500 EV chargers.

Rural EV Charging

We have been contacted by an organisation called 'Rural EV Charging'. This was a cold call. I followed up with them. The service they provide is to try to match rural communities with a need to EV Charging companies looking to work in rural communities.

I conducted a high-level review of the Parish (Lockett and Stoke Climsland) with them. I included the Old School, but I suspect commercially they will have to be treated as a separate entity and I have not discussed EV with the Old School at this time.

'Rural EV Charging' is now doing some background research with EV ChargePoint Operators and hopefully will provide an update for our meeting on Feb. 19th.

ISSUES/Considerations

- ChargePoint's can only go on land that we own so we are restricted to Lockett and Stoke car park.

- ChargePoint Operators are commercial companies, and we are a small parish we could be talking about only 4 charge points in the first instance. 6 If we include the Old School so we may not be economically attractive.
- The preferred business model seems to be we lease the parking bays to the ChargePoint Operator for 10-15 years. They carry all the cost for installation, ongoing support and maintenance over that time. They take the revenue from the ChargePoint usage with a small amount coming back to the Parish Council.
- It is likely that the Charge Points would be 7KW (3-4hrs to charge a car). Faster machines may not be supported by the local electricity supply.
- Cost to use the machines would be 2-3 times more expensive than home charging but still much cheaper than current petrol or diesel costs.
- Payment methods- given the age profile of the community card payment may be preferable to mobile phone apps but all payment methods will require mobile phone signal.
- Alternative funding models? Levi, do it ourselves, ORCS with match funding. These and others will need investigation.

Cornwall Council

- Currently developing EV charging strategy
- Consultation completed 14/01/24
- The current strategy
 - looks to expand the network of public EV chargepoints
 - Support residents without access to off street parking
 - Support rural areas to have access to EV charging
 - Support tourists to be able to charge
 - Raise awareness and grow confidence in EV's

Cornwall Council EV Project Office

- Plan to apply for LEVI funding later this year (£5.5M)
- Recognise that Levi funding will probably not be adequate to meet rural needs across the whole of Cornwall
- the ORCS funding programme due to close in April will probably be extended for another year
- Suggest that as a Parish Council we examine all options as there are no guarantees regarding LEVI funding. They have provided an EOI form for completion
- Suggest also investigating Community EV with companies like CoCharger (this is not a substitute for the provision of EV chargers in Car Parks but may complement)

Why Act Now?

This is a complex infrastructure project with several moving parts. (It took 3 years to get FTTP into Lockett. A simpler project).

Despite the government relaxing some of the carbon Zero deadlines motor manufacturers are committed to increasing EV production by 15% per annum which means that by 2030 80% of all new cars will be EV's. The cost of maintaining Petrol and Diesel cars will increase as the transition to EV occurs.

In 2030 Cornwall Council estimates there will be 27% EV uptake in Cornwall The national average is estimated to be 41%

Almost half our visitors will be driving EV's

Funds are available now and we don't want to back of the queue.

We already have the on-street charging problem in Lockett.

