



## Minutes of the meeting of Stoke Climsland Parish Council held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Minute		Action
<b>Present</b>	B Lightfoot: Chair, N Cooper, S Cazaly, C Roper, J Forbes, R Davies, D Crawley S Ross. Also present 6 members of the public.	
<b>118/23 Apologies</b>	M Howlett. (Double booked), Cllr Parsons - Health. Late arrival J Forbes	
<b>119/23 Cllr Declarations</b>	a Disclosable pecuniary interests – None b Non-registerable interests – SR Item 2b Venterdon Allotments c Declaration of gifts - None d Applications for dispensation – None	
<b>120/23 Minutes</b>	<b>The minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> were proposed as a correct record by NC seconded by RD and <b>Agreed</b> 6-0 with 2 abstentions	
<b>121/23 Public Session</b>	A Trustee of the Old School spoke in support of their grant application	
<b>122/23 Planning</b>	<p><b>1. Applications for comment</b></p> <p>a. PA22/09442 Construction of residential annexe to main house. The Paddock PL17 8HL. DC <b>recommended refusal</b> as it had all facilities required for a separate dwelling and was in front of the current building line. Seconded by SR. <b>Agreed</b> 7-0. 1 Abstention</p> <p>b. PA22/11056 Conversion of redundant stables to form dwelling - Land West Of Two Chimneys PL17 8HL. SR Proposed <b>Support</b>. Seconded by NC. <b>Agreed</b> 7-0 1 Abstention</p> <p>c. PA22/10022   Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension.   Grove Cottage Road From Grove Villa To Micawber Lower Downgate Callington Cornwall PL17 8LA <b>No Comment</b></p> <p><b>2. Decisions</b> - noted</p>	Clerk
<b>123/23 Report from Cllr Parsons</b>	Cllr Parsons had submitted a written report (appended) concerning winter gritting, Launceston Leisure Centre, the Spaceport and the future governance of Cornwall. See Appendix 2	
<b>124/23 Correspondence</b>	<b>Noted</b>	
<b>125/23 Finance</b>	<p>a. Approval of the <b>Payments Schedule</b> for January was proposed by SR, seconded by NC and <b>Agreed</b> unanimously. Payments made in December were <b>Noted</b> See appendix 1</p> <p>b. <b>Endorsement</b> of the bid for funding for an outdoor Gym was proposed by CR Seconded by BL and <b>Agreed</b> unanimously</p> <p>c. <b>Approval</b> of a S137 grant to the Old School in support of energy costs for the Warm Hub on Wednesday and Friday afternoons was proposed by SR seconded by SC and <b>Agreed</b> unanimously SR left the room for the next item</p> <p>d. RD proposed and SC seconded <b>Approval</b> of a request from Venterdon Allotments for the provision of materials to rabbit proof the rear fence. <b>Agreed</b> unanimit</p> <p>f. RD proposed and CR seconded <b>Approval</b> of HMRC payments by variable direct debit. <b>Agreed</b> 7-0 1 abstention</p>	Clerk  Clerk  Clerk

<b>126/23 Governance</b>	<p>1. Co-option of a Councillor to fill the current vacancy at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February proposed by SR seconded by NC and <b>Agreed</b> unanimously</p> <p>2. <b>Agreement</b> of the Terms of Reference for the Carbon Net Zero Committee was proposed by CR, seconded by SC and <b>Agreed</b> unanimously</p> <p>3. <b>Approval</b> of the General Risk Assessment was proposed by NC seconded by CR and <b>Agreed</b> unanimously</p> <p>4. The <b>Meeting Calendar for 2024</b> was <b>Agreed</b> unanimously</p>	
<b>127/23 Work Plan</b>	<p>There was nothing to report on items a, b or c</p> <p>d, RD updated on the progress of the Carbon Zero Homes Project</p> <p>e. RD updated on his meeting with Charg-y and other options for EV charging</p> <p>f. SR volunteered for Finance Scrutiny at the February meeting</p> <p>g. The date for the awayday was set as 22<sup>nd</sup> March</p>	SR
<b>128/23 Community Engagement</b>	<p><b>Surgeries</b> The Clerk reported the lack of clients at the last two sessions. It was generally that these should continue for the immediate future. RD volunteered to attend with the Clerk</p> <p><b>Landmark Tree.</b> The planting ceremony at 2pm to be followed by refreshments was <b>Agreed</b></p> <p>CR proposed and SR seconded that the Parish Council lead on the <b>Celebrations of the Coronation.</b> Meetings to be arranged with Village Organisations.</p> <p><b>Remembrance day</b> safety referred to next agenda</p>	Clerk  Clerk  Clerk
<b>129/ 23 Highways</b>	It was <b>Agreed</b> to leaflet Lockett in a similar manner to Lowertown where it appears parking issues have improved	
<b>130/23 Items for future agendas</b>	Dog bins, Grit bins Remembrance Day safety	
<b>131/23</b>	<p><b>Motion to restrict meeting and exclusion of the press and public for a closed session as in the 1960 Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) act s1 (2).</b></p> <p>Proposed by NC seconded by SR and <b>Agreed</b> unanimously</p>	
<b>132/23</b>	<p>a. NC reported a satisfactory outcome to a Housing matter in the Parish</p> <p>The Clerk left the room for the next item</p> <p>b. The Report from the HR Committee was endorsed wholeheartedly by the Council</p>	
<b>133/23 Date of next meeting</b>	The next meeting will be held at <b>7.30 on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> in the Parish Hall	
	Meeting closed at 9.22	

## Appendix 1

### Stoke Climsland Parish Council Payment Schedule Current Account

<b>DATE</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>2022</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>	Downgate Defib	R Hernandez	<b>£20.90</b>	Recd Nov
	LMP payments	Cornwall Council	<b>£828.00</b>	Recd Dec

### Expenditure **Payments already made in December** Invoice

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Invoice #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Viking	23/11/2022	9619517	Cupboard	<b>£164.35</b>	SCARPER
Neil Holding	22/11/2022	1989	Footpaths	<b>£828.00</b>	

Duchy of Cornwall	21/11/2022	161269	Rent	<b>£120.00</b>	Downgate
Mrs D R Watson			Salary	<b>£595.50</b>	
HMRC			PAYE	<b>£131.61</b>	
Mrs D R Watson	15/11/2022	reimbursemt	Hi Vis	<b>£35.83</b>	SCARPER

### Payments for January

National Grid				<b>£231.42</b>	Defib Downgate
Mrs D R Watson			Salary	<b>£595.30</b>	
The Old School	19/12/2022	5475	Room Hire	<b>£55.00</b>	
Parish Hall			Room Hire	<b>£130.00</b>	Meetings 2022
Parish Hall			Room Hire	<b>£116.00</b>	Jubilee
Mrs D R Watson			Reimbursemt	<b>£50.00</b>	CiLCA

### Payments by Direct Debit

<b>HMRC</b>	Month 8			<b>£264.08</b>	
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**TOTAL** **£3,317.09**

### Appendix 2 Cllr Parsons Report

The council gritters were kept busy treating the salting routes in mid-December during the bitter cold snap which swept in. This road network covers around 1420km of the Duchy's network-roads that carry around 80% of daily traffic as well as routes to key sites including hospitals, minor injury units, ambulance and fire stations, bus and railway stations and secondary schools. Crews have also been to town centres and some rural villages, whilst also topping up many of our rural salt bins. Unfortunately not all rural roads can be covered, which led to some remaining rather treacherous to travel on. As the Christmas period arrived things quietened down a little on the Cornwall Council front, much of the contact I had with residents would have been regarding pot holes and blocked drains as the road conditions appear to have deteriorated rapidly with the now continuous deluges of heavy rain.

At last we have some welcome good news regarding Launceston Leisure Centre. I would just like to say well done to all those involved with the Coronation Park Trust who have persevered with finding a new provider to take on the Leisure Centre and special thanks to Michael Davey and his team for stepping in to give it a go! Whilst of course there must be a viable financial solution in place for the centre to remain open, there also exists a determination and passion amongst local people for the centre to survive and ultimately flourish. It's now vitally important that we do all we can to ensure Cornwall Council honour their commitment to hand the facility back in the same condition as when they took it on all those years ago, as we know in recent times the building has been somewhat neglected, so some real investment will be needed to fit the place up to a modern standard, that's fit for purpose. I would also expect to see support put in place similar to that at Wadebridge Leisure Centre, where the Council have given a three year package of funding to help offer some financial stability to get the facility back up and running, offering a service that the community requires.

Many within Cornwall Council welcomed what was seen as a historic day for Cornwall, as the launch of the first satellite from UK soil took place from Newquay airport. Finally last week after much anticipation Virgin Orbit's 'Cosmic Girl', a repurposed jumbo jet, after much anticipation finally took off last week, in the hope it would have released 'Launcher One' over the Atlantic Ocean, which should have delivered seven satellites into low earth orbit, aimed at helping reduce the environmental impact of production, preventing illegal trafficking, smuggling, terrorism and a host of national security functions. Unfortunately things didn't go to plan and it appears. Once

launched the rocket ignited its engines successfully reaching space. The flight then continued through successful stage separation and ignition of the second stage. However at some point during the firing of the second rocket's second stage engine and with the rocket travelling at speeds of more than 11000 miles per hour the system experienced an anomaly, ending the mission prematurely! There now remains much uncertainty as to when a second attempt to launch from Cornwall will take place.

Finally if it is of interest, please find below my thoughts on the devolution deal being offered to Cornwall!

One would have thought the opportunity of greater powers for Cornwall through a new Devolution Deal between Cornwall Council and the Government, with an extra £360m investment fund over 30 years to deliver on the regions priorities, would be what most would want to enable us to take greater control of our own destiny. As often appears to be the case with these deals, things are not always as straight forward as they first appear and often the devil is in the detail.

For far too long Cornwall has been one of the poorest regions in Northern Europe, which is why historically we received more economic aid than any other part of the UK. It has been stated that over a quarter of children in Cornwall live in poverty and that more still needs to be done to improve both wages and the productivity of the local economy. Housing issues have only escalated dramatically over the last 18 months with not just house prices but also rental values being out of reach for many due to the rise in second home ownership and the increase in properties being let for holidays. Access to NHS and Adult Social Care services have reached breaking point and the inequality gap between rich and poor has only widened further, creating a two tier Cornwall and further resentment amongst many who feel they are being left behind. The system isn't working for them, so change at local level is desperately needed to reverse this decline.

So is now the time to grasp the nettle and take advantage of the new powers on offer? I wish I could say yes it was, but at this moment in time it again feels like Cornwall is being short changed. I don't think the additional £12m a year goes anywhere near far enough to help deliver what's required and make up for what has been lost. For the Duchy to really prosper we need real investment not just to generate more wealth but to also keep it here, for too long much of the money made in the Duchy is sucked out and spent elsewhere. We need to create worthwhile jobs that pay people a decent all year round income. We have so many opportunities, whether that be improving our ports and harbours to driving growth in our clean energy sectors, which has so much untapped potential with the ability to provide job creation. With the addition of spaceport Cornwall this helps to draw other tech firms creating better paid jobs to complement our more traditional agriculture, mining, fishing and tourism sectors, all of which need support not just to survive but to thrive and encourage new entrants to bring in new ideas. Along with providing improved education provision and skills training we will be able to offer hope and opportunity so our young people don't have to move away to find employment. To date I have seen nothing to convince me that this is a good deal for Cornwall and that real change can be made. What makes it all the more unpalatable is that to go with this we have to accept the position of a Mayor For Cornwall, if we don't the deal falls through. It concerns me handing one person in the form of a Mayor such power, it would have a major impact not just on how decisions are made but also on our democracy. I fear this will further add to much of the spend and investment within the Duchy again being centralised in Truro and the towns further down west, with east Cornwall continuing to be forgotten about. At this moment in time the negatives far outweigh the positives for all of Cornwall to really prosper. I think such is the enormity of the impact this will have on us all, it's only correct to hold a referendum and let the people of Cornwall decide!