## **ROCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE ROCHE VICTORY HALL ON MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 AT 6.30PM

Present	Cllr. D. Inch	Mrs. J. Burdon	Cllr. G Rowe
	(Chairman)	(Parish Clerk)	(Vice-Chairman)
	Čllr. M. Taylor	Cllr. Mrs. H. Retallick	Cllr. P. Kent
	Cllr. Mrs. A. King	Cllr. M. Edyvean	Cllr. B. Kretowicz
	Cllr. Mrs. S. Tippett	Cllr. D. Yelland	Cwll. Cllr. P. Guest
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-	2 Members of Public	
300/23	Apologies:- Councillor Mrs. L. Harrison.	
301/23	Public Forum:- There was two members of public in attendance. One local resident raised a possible planning application at his property. He has a large garden and was speaking to the Parish Council first to seek their opinion. This is the first time he has ever put in for planning; the property is in between three parishes, nearby Allens Tyres at Whitemoor. He was proposing a single dwelling and with this on site, it will still leave him with a fair size garden. Chairman advised to go to Cornwall Council for pre-planning advice and then put in an application following this, which would then in turn come to the Parish Council. This would be our recommendation initially. Our Neighbourhood Plan and County Policy do not go along with development on green land and this would not also be suitable for infill. Mr. Rowse left the meeting at 6.35pm.	
302/23	Members Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:- Councillor M. Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in respect of the planning result for PA23/07873.  Councillor P. Kent declared a non registerable interest in respect of the following correspondence received – PA23/06997 – Land Rear of Number 25 Chapel Road.	
303/23	<ul> <li>Monthly Cornwall Councillor Report:- Cornwall Councillor P. Guest reported as follows:-</li> <li>Well, that is another year nearly behind us. My first thought was that we blinked and nearly missed it, but, looking back, we have actually achieved quite a lot.</li> <li>Annual Review – It has been an eventful year, both locally and nationally, but I feel that as a Parish Council you can be proud of the work both you and us collectively have done.</li> <li>On Wednesday, I will be attending and possibly speaking at the extraordinary Cabinet meeting in Truro. The 2 items of interest on the agenda are the Home to school transport policy and the Mid Cornwall Metro Link project.</li> <li>There has been considerable media and resident interest in the consultation of safe walking routes to school. Although none of our parishioners will be affected by this as they live outside the limit for walking to secondary school, some of the proposed safe walking routes fall within the rest of the Division, there has been a lot of smoke and mirrors around this, but I have been involved from the start of the debate and hope to bring some common sense to the table on Wednesday, wish me luck.</li> <li>Regarding the Mid Cornwall Metro Link and specifically the proposed improvements to Roche and Bugle, there is movement. Treasury have not actually signed off on the funds yet, but the business case and all the associated costings are in place.</li> </ul>	

Given that we were let down (although all is not lost) on the complementary measures that came with the link road works, I have made it plain to both Cornwall Council and our MP that I will keep banging on about the importance of the improvements to the village and will raise it at every opportunity, in fact, the Deputy Leader of the administration is convinced that my record is stuck. The latest timetable that is available is for the commit to construct the works on our patch by December 2024 and completion of the works by December 2025. In the summer, Councillor M. Taylor and myself had a constructive meeting with the project team and Councillor Mr. Taylor made some very astute and constructive suggestions. Although Christmas is a season for celebration and festive fun, it is (sadly) also the time of year when crisis and hardship comes to the fore. I will be available all over the festive season should you or any residents have an issue and will be happy to take a phone call and do my best to help. I thought it would be useful to send out the emergency contact list so that you have it to hand, just in case. You will find it as a separate attachment to this report. In closing can I first thank you for all your work and the support you have given me throughout the year. Next year will be busy and I'm looking forward to continuing to work closely and constructively with you. Finally, can I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Parish Councillors are the unsung heroes of Local Government, thank you for all you do, and I hope you enjoy your well-deserved break. Chairman thanked Cornwall Councillor P. Guest for his report. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly and Closed Meetings held on the 304/23 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023:- Resolved the Minutes of the Monthly and Closed Meetings held on the 13th November 2023 as circulated were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman (Proposed: Councillor D. Yelland; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. H. Retallick) Matters Arising from the Monthly Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th 305/23 November 2023:-Page 2 Min.253/23 Parking for Roche Rock:- Clerk reported she had been liaising with the Chairman for clarification of exactly what sign we want to replace Clerk/ and relevant wording to obtain a quotation, since receiving further signage Chair photographs from the area, this will be dealt with sometime in the New Year now Action: Clerk/Chairman. Page 3 Min.31/23 Development on Old Poachers Site: No further information received to date in respect of any contribution, several emails have been sent with no response to any for months now **Action**: Clerk to follow up. Clerk Page 3 Min.91/23 Penstraze Lane Update:- Response received advising they are chasing for more updates themselves. The situation is progressing, it is currently with their Asset Team who are in correspondence with Cellnax and Contractors AXD Special Projects. The update received last month was a breakdown of works that are going to be undertaken: There are 3 stages to this job, to be completed in around 2 weeks: Stage 1: Tree surgeons to attend, trim and dispose of all overgrown vegetation affecting the muddy track. Stage 2: Tarmac repairs, this stage will fill in all potholes along the residential road. The same sub-contractors have completed other works on this road previously and the residents have recommended their services to AXD whilst they were surveying. They have a plan of works that will not affect the residents accessing their homes during the repairs, these will last 1-2 days, and we can let all the residents know

in advance either way. Stage 3: The muddy track.

Scrape material on the mud, shallow dig and lay some geotextile the full width and length. This will be topped with a layer of sub-base of stone. The finish will be hardcore that will be compacted down, allowing access to any cars and 4x4 vehicles. An invoice for the costs of the works has also been generated but they are querying whether Cellnex have agreed they will proceed with the quote and when the works may commence. The current and anticipated weather over Winter is not the most appropriate time to complete these works and it would be our intention to complete these in the early springtime or as soon as the weather allows **Action:** Keep Pending.

Clerk

Page 5 Min.282/23 Donations for Remembrance Day:- Thanks had been received from Roche Brass, saying it is honour to be part of it each year and they are looking forward to next time, wishing the Parish Council a Merry Christmas from all at Roche Brass. Thanks had also been received from Brian Andrews.

Page 5 Min.284/23 Review Waste Situation in Cemetery:- Clerk sent reminders to Chairman and Councillor M. Edyvean that they will be reviewing the waste situation in the Cemetery when looking at the fees and charges in April next year, reminder has been set for March. Clerk reported correspondence had been received from Cornwall Waste Solutions advising they sold its trade and assets to Biffa Waste Services Limited on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The sale included the assignment of waste and recycling collection contracts and services and waste containers.

Page 5 Min.284/23 Tree to be replaced in Cemetery:- Response received from the Contractor advising they will sort when they put in a tree order, most likely in January Action: Keep Pending.

Clerk

306/23

Planning Applications/Results/Correspondence/Any Letters received for or against any Planning Applications:-

**PA23/00029/NDP** – St. Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Council – St. Stephen-in-Brannel Neighbourhood Development Plan – No Comment and thank them for the information

Clerk

## Planning Results Received:-

PA23/08060 – Mr. & Mrs. S. Sugden – Non-material amendment to Decision PA23/01321 dated 28/4/23 for the addition of roof lights to the front elevation, Bungalow Adjacent to 16 Higher Trezaise, Higher Trezaise, Roche – Approved

**PA23/01999 – Mr. Peter Ames** – Retrospective planning for residential caravan as annex to Brookville, Brookville, Cleers Hill, Cleers, Roche – **Approved** 

**PA23/02602 – Mrs. June Blair** – Conversion and change of use from existing garage/outbuilding to annexe to be used as ancillary accommodation to the house known as Raisla. Permission is also sought to locate two static caravans on the established caravan park, Higher Trenoweth Farm, Belowda Road, Belowda, Roche – **Approved** 

**PA23/07348 – Mr. Robert Van Maaren** – Siting of a 500-kw wind turbine with a maximum hub height of 50m and a maximum tip height of 77m, with three blades and a rotor diameter of 54m, along with associated infrastructure and access track without compliance with Condition 2 of Decision Notice PA16/03320 dated 30/6/2016, Trebilcock Farm, Wind Turbine, Roche – **Approved** 

Councillor M. Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in respect of the following planning result:-

**PA23/07873 – Lord Matthew Taylor** – Proposed outbuilding within the grounds of a Listed Building without compliance with Condition 2 of Decision Notice PA23/02653 dated 25/5/2023, The Old Rectory, Fore Street, Roche – **Approved** 

Councillor P. Kent declared a non-registerable interest in respect of the following correspondence received:-

Planning Correspondence Received:- Cornwall Council – PA23/06997 – Land Rear of Number 25 Chapel Road – 5 Day Local Council protocol – response sent advising our comments remain the same and we request this to go to Planning Committee - Object - Over-development of the site, insufficient access, Parish Council would only support 1 single storey bungalow in the garden, taking into consideration neighbouring properties. It would need to be in keeping and needs adequate visibility and access as it appears nothing has changed regarding this; therefore, we would request a Highways Assessment be carried out.

307/23

Monthly Accounts for Approval, including monthly bank reconciliation and budget monitoring:- It was proposed that the Council approve and accept the accounts for payments as circulated on schedules for the month of December 2023, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor B. Kretowicz; Seconded: Councillor D. Yelland)

Salaries, Pensions, National Insurance,		December 2023
Income Tax and Expenses		
Crystal Clear Limited Bus Shelter Cleaning	£68.00	November 2023
Jewson – Hire Harris Fencing	£30.05	6 Days
Complete Weed Control	£699.60	Autumn 2023
Lanhydrock Garden Services – Maintenance	£816.00	Chapel Trees
Duchy Defibrillator Limited	£228.00	Annual Monitor
Corserv Solutions Limited – Repairs	£178.55	Rocking Camel
British Gas – Electricity for Toilets	£54.12	5/10/23-4/11/23
Corserv Solutions Limited – Playing Fields	£115.52	Quarterly Inspect
Hiscox Insurance	£369.37	December 2023
Crystal Clear Limited Waste Bin Emptying	£764.40	November 2023
Roche Brass Band	£200.00	Remembrance
Roche St. Gomonda's Church	£200.00	Remembrance
Roche Pantomime Choir	£50.00	Remembrance
Roche School Choir/Roll of Honour	£50.00	Remembrance
Brian Andrews Organ Playing	£50.00	Remembrance
Cornwall Waste Solutions – Cemetery	£169.02	November 2023
Roche Victory Hall Hire Hall Closed Meeting	£30.00	December 2023
Roche Victory Hall – Hire Hall	£30.00	December 2023
Roche Victory Hall – Post Office Cont.	£86.66	December 2023
DMC-IT – Updating Website/Emails	£25.00	November 2023
Crystal Clear Limited Bus Shelter Cleaning	£68.00	December 2023
AJH Services – Public Conveniences Clean	£484.72	December 2023
Receipt: Drew Memorials	£130.00	Thomas
Receipt: Mr. M. Meaden	£1,405.00	Reservation
Receipt: Larcombes Memorials	£260.00	Schofield
Receipt: Cornwall Council – Interest	£600.88	November 2023
Receipt: HMRC – Reimbursement	£1,200.47	October 2023

Clerk

308/23	Precept for 2024-2025 and Policy for Reserves to be confirmed and adopted:- Resolved to approve the budget and set the precept at £165,000 for 2024-2025 (Proposed: Councillor M. Edyvean; Seconded: Councillor Mrs H. Retallick) Action: Clerk.	Clerk
	Reserves Policy adopted as set out on precept budget sheet as General Reserves at 30% at £100,499.55 and Earmarked Reserves of £116,000.00 (Proposed: Councillor M. Edyvean; Seconded: Councillor Mrs H. Retallick)	
309/23	Cemetery Matters (Including Any applications for memorials or inscriptions):- No Memorial applications received.	
310/23	Minor Repairs/Works in the Parish that may arise:- Councillor M. Edyvean and Chairman reported there is nothing outstanding at present. Councillor M. Taylor reported on the sign for the footpath from the pharmacy which needs replacing Action: Clerk to contact Cornwall Council.	Clerk
	Councillor G. Rowe reported there was an articulated lorry that came into down Tremodrett Road, and he did the detour and did not make it out the other side at all and had to be dragged back out, it needs a sign advising not suitable for large HGV vehicles at the junction before the new bridge tunnel coming off the old A30 <b>Action:</b> Clerk to report to Cornwall Highways, copying in Cornwall Councillor P. Guest.	Clerk/ Cwll. Cllr. P. Guest
	Councillor M. Taylor reported he got the Pharmacy to do the tarmac up to their building but the two pieces at the end on the pavements are very rough and need works, Chairman suggested he reports on the Cornwall Council online system <b>Action:</b> Clerk to send links to Councillor M. Taylor.	Cllr. M. Taylor
	Councillor M. Edyvean is disgusted about the Pharmacy's attitude about the mud, dirt, condition of the area surrounding and paths leading into their premises from either end, which is in a terrible state. It was also noted that rubber gloves and a lot of other bits and pieces of rubbish etc., that appears to be strewn that other people pick up. Resolved to send a letter to the Pharmacy expressing the complaints that have been received <b>Action</b> : Clerk.	Clerk
311/23	<b>Roche Park Recreation Area:-</b> Apologies received from Councillor Mrs. L. Harrison in respect of the meeting from Wicksteed advising <b>Action:</b> Next Agenda.	Cllr. Mrs. L. Harrison
312/23	Roche Public Conveniences/Bus Shelters:- Clerk reported a response had been received from the Toilet Cleaning Contractor advising the drains have now been cleared. The other matter regarding cleaning issues is being dealt with and will be rectified as soon as possible. Further response received advising the Contractor has now spoken to all concerned, the matter is in hand. Progress with a deep clean is underway. There are some issues with the internal décor, tiles off, the inability to open the wallgate units being the main concern. Hopefully the opening and closing times are regular now and to let the Contractor know if it is not the case. Clerk to ask what the problems with the wallgate units are. Clerk to ask Contractor to look at tiling and doors, etc., and explain the situation with photographs, to be reviewed at the January meeting. Thank the Toilet Contractor	
	for her comments but all of this should have been reported when it happened or as ongoing issues as and when noticed <b>Action</b> : Clerk	Clerk
313/23	<b>Footpath Signs/Matters:-</b> Clerk and Chairman to go through the schedule for next year <b>Action</b> : Clerk/Chairman.	Clerk/ Chair

314/23	Duck Pond and surrounding Land & St. Michaels Way:- No update.	
315/23	Village Regeneration Works/Working Party for the Village:- No update.	
316/23	Registration of Land at Roche Football Club owned by the Parish Council:-Clerk reported the application to register the land has now been completed at the Land Registry and we have received a copy of the registered title and title plan CL371568. The application seems to have been completed on 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023. Clerk and Councillors to carefully check the title plan to ensure this correctly shows the entirety of the land which should be registered. A copy of the two conveyance plans that were used for the initial application was also received. The Solicitors will now submit a final account in the sum of £170.00 and £6.00 disbursements plus VAT. Resolved to accept (Proposed: Councillor M. Taylor; Seconded: Councillor D. Yelland) Action: Clerk to confirm and take off the agenda.	Clerk
317/23	Roche By-Pass Scheme and related projects:- All updates are included on the Village and Parish Council Facebook pages as received. Clerk to email Griffiths and request masterplan of road map of time events <b>Action:</b> Clerk.  Councillor M. Edyvean reported on traffic lights at Pentonvale Lane. Agreed to	Clerk
	request an update on when lights will be removed as the road works appear to have been completed <b>Action:</b> Clerk.	Clerk
318/23	Trees suitable for Roche Village, following felling of trees on Park Hedge:- Resolved to hold in abeyance, for park hedge works, once the electric company have removed trees, etc.	
319/23	Community Disaster Plan:- Resolved to accept and update website with new copy (Proposed: Councillor Mrs. A. King; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. S. Tippett) Action: Clerk.	Clerk
320/23	Articles for Parish Council Website/Newsletter:- No report due this month, as last month was joint for two months.	
321/23	Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:  1. King Ramps 2024  2. NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin  3. Great Western Railway – Update on Network Rail re-signalling works  4. CALC – Martyn's Law briefing  5. Great Western Railway – New pay-as-you-go rail scheme  6. Hiscox Insurance – Access to documents, templates, and training  7. NALC – Events  8. CALC – Appraisal Training on Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 6.30-8.00pm  9. Cornwall Council – Community Capacity Fund – Applications by Tregargus Trust CIO for Chapel Mill Restoration Project Development Plan  10. Great Western Railway - Train drivers strike announced for 7th December 2023  11. Great Western Railway – Invitation to Virtual Meeting with MD Mark Hopwood on Tuesday 28th November 2023 from 16.45-1800pm  12. Cornwall Council Pensions – November 2023 Employer Newsletter  13. Cornwall Rural Community Council – Clean Cornwall Newsletter Issue 7  14. Great Western Railway – No services to London Paddington Sunday 26th November or 24th to 27th December 2023 & disruptions  15. Sovereign Play – Playground Brochure  16. Cornwall Council – Have your say on the future of electric vehicle charging in Cornwall  17. CALC – New Steve Parkinson Course Dates for 2024  18. Cornwall National Landscape – Welcome	

	the changes, is there any future plans for rolling out fibre to the house to parts of the village that do not have it, copying in Councillor M. Taylor as he would follow up with the appropriate MP <b>Action:</b> Clerk to follow up and include on the next	Clerk
323/23	Any Urgent Matters the Chairman considers relevant for this meeting:- Broadband issues raised by Councillor M. Taylor and how bad it currently is. Resolved the Clerk contacts Open Reach regarding possible upgrading, noting the changes is there any future plans for rolling out fibre to the house to parts of	
322/23	To arrange any Sub-Committee Meetings required:- None.	
	37. South West Play – Introduction – Play Equipment Supplier in Penzance 38. Cornwall Council Guide to Winter Wellbeing	
	from 1.00-5.00pm in the Roche Victory Hall 36. Steve Double MP – November 2023 E-News	
	34. Cornwall Council – Local Government Finance Policy Statement 2024-2025 35. Cornwall Council – Waste Engagement Road Show – 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	
	32. NALC – Star Council Awards 2023 Winner 33. Mid-Cornwall Climate and Eco Hub - Newsletter 1	
	30. Ocean Housing – Intension to sell 18 Trezaise Road, Roche 31. Gallagher Insurance – Register for Brownfield Environmental Liability Webinar	
	29. Peninsula Transport - Peninsula Transport Rail Strategy: supporting economic growth and protecting the environment	
	28. Cornwall Council - Town & Parish Council Newsletter – 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	
	26. NALC – Newsletter 27. Great Western Railway – Strike Update – 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	
	24. Gallagher Insurance – Latest Edition of Community Matters 25. Cornwall Council – 2024 Off-Street Parking Order	
	22. CALC – Spring 2024 Training Course Dates 23. Seven Concerned Citizens – Notification of Major Threat to the Region	
	21. Imerys – CLG Meeting – Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 at the Imerys British Lithium Plant from 5.00-6.30pm	
	Meeting - Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Treviscoe Community Centre at 7.00pm	
	<ul> <li>19. Cornwall Council – Food Waste, Recycling and Rubbish Collections Changes</li> <li>Poster</li> <li>20. Cornwall Council - China Clay Area &amp; Luxulyan Community Area Partnership</li> </ul>	

Signature:	
	Chairman

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024