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**Minutes of the Full Council meeting held at Treloweth Community Hall, Moorfield Road, Pool, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3QB on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7:00 pm.**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Councillors R. Drew (Chairman), S. Dale (Vice Chairman), M. Davis, P. Deakin, E. Glanville, J. Paton, J. Poxon, M. Rainbird, B. Watkins and A. Woodrow.

**Also Present:** Andrew Moyle-Browning (Clerk) and Sarah-Jane Noakes (Assistant Clerk).

**25/02/01 Chairman's welcome and safety procedures.**

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all attendees and gave an overview of the safety procedures. A special mention was made of Councillor Jane Poxon, who was attending her first Full Council Meeting.

**25/02/02 To receive apologies for non-attendance.**

Councillors D. Cooper, P. Holmes, M. Moyle and J. Pollock.  
 Cornwall Councillors D. Crabtree and S. Weedon.

**25/02/03 Members to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests (including the details thereof) in respect of any items on this agenda.**

There were no declarations of interests received.

**25/02/04 To consider written request(s) for dispensations.**

There were no written requests for dispensations.

**25/02/05 Public Participation on items on the agenda. (Maximum of 20 minutes – every speaker has a limit of 3 minutes under Council Standing Orders).**

There were 7 members of the public present.

Cllr. Drew advised the meeting of the rules in relation to public participation. 5 members of the public and 2 Councillors spoke. The following points were raised:

- Concerns about the reduction in use of the field since the request to keep dogs on leads.
- Concerns about the negative effect on residents mental health/wellbeing if unable to exercise their dogs off leads.
- A request for a more pragmatic approach.

- A concern that the requirement to keep dogs on leads is different to other open spaces in the Council's control.
- Monitoring and picking up dog mess by residents.
- The amount of fouling found in the last 8 weeks is minimal and the lack of use of the field by dog owners may have a bearing on the lack of dog mess.
- When walking dogs off leads at Guinness Trust open space, noted children's play equipment had been replaced. With the provision of children's play equipment in the local area a query was raised as to the need of play equipment on Moorfield Road Open Space given the low number of children in the area.
- A request to improve the drainage on the field to encourage more users.
- A request to improve access to bins due to the muddy field in wet weather.
- Residents care about dogs, keep an eye on them and acknowledged that sometimes accidents happen.
- Frequent use of the field with the exception of when it is wet and muddy.
- Request for CCTV especially if putting equipment on the park as this may attract unwanted visits at night and houses back on to the park.
- A request for better consultation, especially on the possibility of a children's play park as the area has more elderly residents than young people.
- Concerns raised that some Councillors seemed to have made up their minds without consulting the public and a negative experience of one Councillor who had made their mind up which led to a resident feeling railroaded.
- An understanding that some people do not like dogs.
- A request for Councillors to step outside the park more frequently to assess the situation.
- An experience of a dog jumping up which led to clothes getting muddy. This could have been a difficult experience for someone who had a fear of dogs.
- The Council need to be mindful of the diverse preferences of the public.
- A lack of attendance at meetings, events and consultation. Only 12 responses were collated from the last consultation.
- The Council values public feedback when it directly affects the community.
- The positive impact of the decision to put dogs on leads was that it had encouraged people to tell the Council what they want. It should not be about what Councillors want, and without input from the public how do the Council know what they public want.
- Problems with dogs off leads and dog mess is an ongoing concern, thought with some improvement recently.
- The goal should be to make the park accessible to everyone.
- Some residents using their cars to take their dogs to areas where they walk them off lead but there were concerns that there are elderly and disabled people who do not have the ability to go to another area.

The Chairman reassured attendees that the Council listens to feedback and that decisions could change based on public input. The meeting was informed that the Council were responsible for only two open spaces and no complaints had been raised regarding Wheal Fortune. The Chairman explained the reasons behind the restriction on dogs off leads, citing concerns about dogs not being under control and the need to balance park usage for everyone. The Chairman also mentioned that some people who are not comfortable with dogs had expressed concerns. Observations that parents with children were now using the park were made.



- 25/02/06 To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16th January 2025 were circulated prior to the meeting.

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 are approved.

**Proposed:** Cllr. A. Woodrow      **Seconded:** Cllr. M. Rainbird

- 25/02/07 To consider the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and receive any reports on matters referred.**

The Clerk confirmed that there were no reports on matters referred. Councillors were invited to ask questions but no questions were raised.

- 25/02/08 a) To receive financial statements for the month of January 2025.**

The Financial statements for January 2025 were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman informed the meeting that financial checks had been completed by Cllr. P. Deakin on Tuesday. Cllr. Deakin confirmed that the finances were in order.

**Resolved:** that the financial statements for the month of January 2025 are noted.

**Proposed:** Cllr. P. Deakin      **Seconded:** Cllr. B. Watkins

- b) To receive and approve the payment schedule for the month of February 2025.**

The payment schedule for the month of February 2025 was tabled at the meeting.

**Resolved:** that the payment schedule for the month of February 2025 is approved.

**Proposed:** Cllr. P. Deakin      **Seconded:** Cllr. M. Rainbird

- c) To nominate a member to check the invoices, cheques and RBS for the month of March 2025.**

**Resolved:** that Cllr. S. Dale completes the financial cheques for the month of March 2025.

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew      **Seconded:** Cllr. M. Rainbird





- d) To receive and approve the bank reconciliations for the month of January 2025.

The Bank reconciliations for the month of January 2025 were circulated ahead of the meeting.

**Resolved:** that the bank reconciliations for the month of January 2025 are approved.

**Proposed:** Cllr. E. Glanville                      **Seconded:** Cllr. A. Woodrow

- e) To approve transfers of money within accounts.

**Resolved:** that £23,000 is transferred from Lloyds Premier to Lloyds Treasurer Account and £21,000 from Lloyds Treasurer Account to Unity Current Account.

**Proposed:** Cllr. M. Davis                      **Seconded:** Cllr. J. Paton

- f) To consider movements to and from Earmarked Reserves.

The Clerk confirmed that there were no movements to or from Earmarked for consideration.

**25/02/09 To consider correspondence received.**

**25/013 Red Choughs Update**

**25/014 Cornwall Council Highways Scheme Update**

**25/015 Local Resident Moorfield Road Open Space**

**25/016 Local Resident Flooding at East of Lurley, Penhallick,**

Cllr. M. Rainbird expressed satisfaction with the proposed action. Cllr. S. Dale stated that he would be satisfied if the action is taken. Both Councillors Rainbird and Dale agreed to monitor the situation.


**25/017 Ron Baily (Assistant to Lord Foster and the Parliamentary Advisor to The charity Electrical Safety First (ESF). Safety of lithium batteries campaign**

**25/018 Redruth Town Council Tax base figures for the new second home council tax**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the tax-based figures are set by law and cannot be changed. A letter was received from the Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder confirming that these figures are legally established. The letter from Redruth Town Council suggested a potential idea, but it was deemed not feasible.

**25/019 Plumb Pictures Use of Carn Brea Picture**

The Chairman advised he had discussed the matter with the Clerk and confirmed that there is no known copyright on the photograph. It was agreed to write to the relevant party, granting permission to use the photograph as it appears in the Council's records, while clarifying that the Council holds no copyright.





**25/020 Local Resident****Dogs on leads**

The Chairman advised the meeting that they had received a view contrary to those expressed at agenda item 5. The view was that the field is safer with dogs on leads and they are entitled to that view.

**Resolved:** that February's Correspondence is noted.

**Proposed:** Cllr. S. Dale

**Seconded:** Cllr. B. Watkins

**25/02/10** To receive and note the minutes of the following committee meetings and to consider and make decisions on any recommendations and proposals to Full Council contained therein.

**a) Amenities & Projects Committee Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.**

The minutes of the Amenities & Projects Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 were circulated ahead of the meeting.

**Resolved:** that the following recommendation from the Amenities & Projects Committee Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 is approved:

- That the Social Media Policy as amended be approved.

**Proposed:** Cllr. S. Dale

**Seconded:** Cllr. R. Drew

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Amenities & Projects Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 are noted.

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew

**Seconded:** Cllr. M. Davis

**b) Planning Committee Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were circulated ahead of the meeting. There were no recommendations for consideration.

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 are noted.

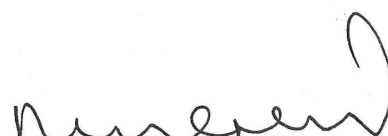
**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew

**Seconded:** Cllr. B. Watkins

**c) Staffing Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

The minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were circulated ahead of the meeting.

The meeting was informed of additional suggested changes from Cllr. S. Dale. The changes were considered and put to a vote before the recommendations made by the Committee were voted on.



**Resolved:** that the following further amendments to the Employee Handbook are approved:

- Employee Handbook, Page 2 last paragraph: change the word you to employees.
- Employee Handbook, Page 10 – 2.2 Uniform: Change Polo shirts and fleeces to 'Corporate wear is'.
- Employee Handbook 2.6 Title to include Vaping.
- Employee Handbook, Page 12 – 2.7: remove the words 'for any lengthy period'.
- Employee Handbook, Page 17 – Driving License – 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph: Add 'or if your license is revoked' before you must inform the Council of this immediately.
- Pg 15 – Social Media. You must not - point 3 amend to read 'Not to include the Council logo in an official capacity in any social media posting or in your profile on any social media'.

**Proposed:** Cllr. S. Dale

**Seconded:** Cllr. E. Glanville

**Resolved:** that the following recommendations from the Staffing Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 are approved:

- That paragraph 5 of section 3.4 on page 23 of the Employee Handbook 2025 be removed.
- that section 4.1 – Flexible Working, on page 30 of the Employee Handbook 2025 is removed and replaced with the wording: 'To follow'. Delegation to the Clerk, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Staffing Committee to review the process for flexible working requests including appeals, and provide a draft process proposal at a future meeting of the Staffing Committee for approval. Following approval by the Staffing Committee, the Employee Handbook 2025 to be updated and circulated to all Council employees.
- that the Employee Handbook 2025 as amended be approved.
- that the Equality and Diversity Policy as amended be approved.
- that the Menopause Policy as amended be approved.
- that the Annual Leave Policy as amended be approved.


**Proposed:** Cllr. E. Glanville

**Seconded:** Cllr. M. Davis

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 are noted.

**Proposed:** Cllr. E. Glanville

**Seconded:** Cllr. M. Davis



**d) Open Spaces Improvement Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

The Minutes of the Open Spaces Improvement Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were circulated ahead of the meeting.

**Resolved:** that the following recommendations from the Open Spaces Improvements Committee are approved:

- that the Moorfield Road Specification Document is amended as follows:-  
Equipment: amend play equipment to Children's Play Park.  
Equipment: add relocation of the football goal posts.
- that Carn Brea Parish Council approve the Moorfield Road Open Space Improvement Specification Document and agree in principle to make an application to the Cornwall Council Community Capacity Fund for the purposes of engaging with professional support to develop a concept design plan for the complete project to the approved specification in preparation for a public consultation on the proposed improvements for Moorfield Road Open Space. Delegation to the Clerk to research level of funding required and report back to Full Council.
- that CBPC put on hold the circular path project on Moorfield Road open space to allow for a full Moorfield Road Improvement Project design proposal to be researched and evaluated which would incorporate the whole improvement specification.

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew

**Seconded:** Cllr. A. Woodrow

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Open Spaces Improvement Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be noted.

**Proposed:** Cllr. B. Watkins

**Seconded:** Cllr. S. Dale

**25/02/11 To receive reports**

**(i) Chairman of the Council**

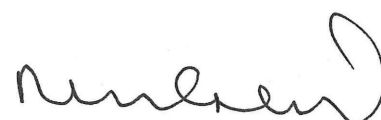
A Chairmans written report was circulated ahead of the meeting detailing relevant events attended. Cllr. R. Drew highlighted the attendance at Chris Jordan's funeral on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**(ii) Police Report**

Cllr. M. Rainbird advised the meeting that there was nothing to report at this time.

**(iii) Finance Member**

Cllr. P. Deakin reported that following completion of the monthly financial checks he found that everything was in order.





**(iv) Clerk**

The Clerk reported on the following:-

- Expenditure approvals under Financial Regulation 5.15 (excl. VAT).
  - ❖ Carn Brea Parish Council header board for the Parish Board at Co-Op on Higher Broad Lane, £161.00.
  - ❖ Grounds Person safety boots, £109.95.
  - ❖ New toolbox for the Grounds Persons tools, £32.30.
- The application to the Suez Community Fund for the Moorfield Road Path Project was successful.
- The defibrillator takeover at Premier Stores, Pool, was completed on 5<sup>th</sup> February with bleed kits installed in defibrillator cabinets around the Parish.
- The Health and Safety Audit on 11<sup>th</sup> February scored 96% with no immediate actions required. The full report and action plan will be presented to Full Council in March.
- The Clerk attended CALC Larger Council's meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> January), Rialtas Finance System training, and webinars on recent legislative changes on dealing with Sexual Harassment and Cornwall Council grant funding and interim planning policy.
- The Clerk also attended the 'Meet your Councillor' events on 18<sup>th</sup> January and 18<sup>th</sup> February.

**(v) To receive any written reports on any meetings attended.**

There were no written reports received.

**(vi) To receive verbal reports on any representation made on behalf of Carn Brea Parish Council.**

Cllr. S. Dale reported attending Heartlands with Cllr. J. Poxon. The event was well attended, with the police present. Cllr. S. Dale raised concerns about speeding and antisocial behavior in certain areas of the parish, which have been followed up by the police.

**25/02/12 To receive Cornwall Councillor reports.**

There were no Cornwall Councillors present at the meeting.

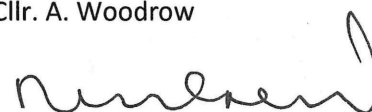
**25/02/13 To receive a verbal report and consider the planting of an Oak Tree in Wheal Fortune Park in memory of Cllr Christopher Jordan and make appropriate resolutions.**

The meeting considered a request from the family of Chris Jordan to plant an oak tree in Wheal Fortune Park. The Chairman offered to provide the tree. It was also suggested to consider placing a plaque on a seat at Moorfield Road.

**Resolved:** that Carn Brea Parish Council plant an oak tree at Wheal Fortune Park in memory of Cllr Christopher Jordan. Delegation to the Clerk in liaising with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to agree the location and make arrangements for the planting of the Oak Tree and an appropriate plaque with a budget of a maximum of £100, and to liaise with Cllr Jordan's family when completed.

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew

**Seconded:** Cllr. A. Woodrow



The meeting agreed to consider a plaque on a seat at Moorfield Road. The Clerk confirmed this could be handled under Chairman approvals, as there was consensus for the plaque.

**25/02/14 To discuss and consider options to supplement the dog-fouling Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) on Moorfield Road Open Space to enable following the Review, all community users of the park access in an unfettered way.**

The Clerk reported that the item had been requested by Cllr. S. Dale at the January Full Council meeting and it was to consider options that could supplement the existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog fouling to allow improved access.

Cllr. S. Dale advised the meeting that the request had been made due to noting that while there are differing views, the matter should be considered in light of previous resolutions and the existing PSPO. The key consideration is that the park should be accessible to all members of the community, without disadvantaging any particular group.

The Clerk suggested that further research into additional PSPOs could be conducted and brought back to Full Council for consideration.

The Chairman outlined the three levels of Public Space Protection Orders and that he felt there was no need to increase the PSPO's at this stage.

A discussion ensued with the following points raised:

- PSPO approval is granted every two years.
- Current situation is not ideal, as signs instructing owners to keep dogs on leads are not being followed.
- Concern that current measures are not effectively addressing the dog fouling issue and that dog walkers may feel discouraged as there is no enforcement.
- Previous arguments for dogs to be kept on leads are flawed.
- The request to put dogs on leads is putting some people off walking dogs on the open space.
- Dog fouling and uncontrolled dogs are two separate issues.
- Suggestion that the Council consider removing the signs, as they have already garnered attention and people are picking up dog mess. If dog fouling continues to be an issue, the matter could be revisited later to determine the best course of action.
- Request to remove the signs.
- Period of self-policing has taken place and if a problem continued to not improve then an option to involve the dog warden could be looked at.
- Dog control is down to owners and is a different issue altogether.
- The open space is for everyone not just those to walk dogs. Dogs should be kept on leads so that those who are put off using the park because of dogs off leads can utilise the open space. The space should be accessible to all.
- Support of increasing the PSPO to enforce dogs on leads.
- Support of keeping the situation as it is.
- Currently the Council cannot enforce dogs to be kept on leads.



- Advice that previous resolution cannot be reversed within 6 months except with a special motion, written notice by 5 Councillors given to the Clerk 9 clear days before the next Full Council meeting.
- Concerns raised that the signs distributed are not in line with the decision of the Council.

A proposal from Cllr. B. Watkins that the Council look into the potential of getting the next grade up PSPO for all dogs to be kept on leads was properly proposed but there was no seconder.

The Chairman summed up that the Council do not want to increase the current PSPO and there was no intention to contact the dog warden. The Chairman advised the meeting that the matter could be revisited if Councillors followed the advice previously given regarding 5 Councillors and 9 clear days. In the meantime, notices will be checked and amended by the Clerk if necessary.

It was acknowledged that the members of the public may not have got the result that they wanted but they were halfway there.

***6 members of the public left the meeting.***

**25/02/15 To receive and consider the 'Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England' Consultation and the CALC commentary on the proposals and consider appropriate responses, making appropriate resolutions.**

A report from the Clerk, outlining the background of the 'Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England' consultation, was distributed prior to the meeting.

The Council was asked to review the commentary provided by CALC on the proposals and consider drafting a response to the consultation.

It was noted that there has been significant discussion in government regarding standards, ethics, and conduct in local authorities. The options available are to do nothing, respond individually, or respond corporately.

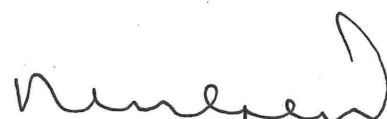
No objection to the draft proposal were raised and it was felt that submitting a response on behalf of the Council would carry more weight than individual responses.

Clarification was sought regarding question 5 which asks whether the local authority maintains a standards committee. If individuals respond they could respond yes and add Cornwall Council.

**Resolved:** that: Carn Brea Parish Council agree with the commentary and CALC draft responses to the Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England Consultation and agree to submit a response. Delegation to the Clerk to submit the response to the consultation on behalf of CBPC in line with the CALC document.

**Proposed:** Cllr. S. Dale

**Seconded:** Cllr. M. Davis





**25/02/16 To receive an update on the Extinguished Footpath 205/26/5 and consider appropriate next steps making appropriate resolutions.**

A report from the Clerk was circulated ahead of the meeting detailing:-

- Letters sent to the CEO of Cornwall Council and Cllr. S. Weedon.
- Previous resolutions of the Council.
- Correspondence received from a Senior Enforcement Officer (included in the pack).

The Council was asked to consider the correspondence and make appropriate resolutions.

The meeting were advised that Cormac had agreed to undertake a survey in the first week in January but had failed to do so and that there had been a lack of engagement with the Ward Member.

**The meeting agreed that the Clerk progress the matter and report back to March Full Council.**

**25/02/17 To receive an update and recommendations from the Committee and Meeting Structure Working Party and consider setting additional Terms of Reference for the final stage of the project to review the Scheme of Delegation, making appropriate resolutions.**

Minutes of the Committee and Meeting Structure Working Party held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were circulated ahead of the meeting along with a report from the Clerk and draft Terms of Reference for Committees.

Councillors were asked to consider the recommendations from the working party and make arrangements for the review of the Scheme of Delegation.

Clarification was sought regarding the quorum of committees and the meeting were advised that a Committees quorum does not need to be a third but the Committee could set their own quorum, but it should not be less than 3.

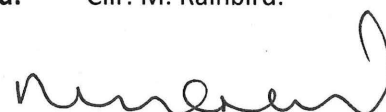
A discussion took place regarding the options to assign Councillors to the Planning Committee on a Ward base as opposed to the recommendation that the Ward system be removed. The meeting considered that although the allocation of members is based on wards a ward system has not been used. Differing views were expressed regarding the pros and cons of a Ward system, these include the possibility of having a heavily weighted committee with one particular ward if losing the ward system, the restriction of committed knowledgeable members if using the ward system and the need to have the best people for the job. It was acknowledged that if there were no volunteers for a particular ward the vacancy could be filled by someone outside that Ward.

Cllr. S. Dale proposed that the quorum of the Planning Committee be amended to 4 but there was no seconder.

**Resolved: that under membership of the Planning Committee the allocation of Committee members by Ward be kept and vacancies on the Committee can be filled by another ward member.**

**Proposed:** Cllr. S. Dale

**Seconded:** Cllr. M. Rainbird.



**Resolved:** that the recommendations for the following committee's terms of reference are approved and they are submitted at the Annual Meeting to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for adoption in the new 2025/2026 council year. Staffing Committee, Planning Committee, Amenities and Projects Committee , Open Spaces Improvement Committee and Health & Safety and Finance Committee.

**Proposed:** Cllr. S. Dale **Seconded:** Cllr. M. Rainbird

**Resolved:** that the following additional Terms of Reference are set for the Committees and Meeting Structure Working Party: that the working party reconvene with a provisional date of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 to review the Council's Scheme of Delegation and make recommendations on amendments and additions for Full Council consideration. The Working Party is open to all Councillors to attend.

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew **Seconded:** Cllr. J Poxon

**25/02/18** To receive the Cornwall Interim Policy Position Statement (Planning) Public Consultation and make appropriate resolutions to formulate a response.

Cornwall Interim Policy Position Statement DRAFT for consultation was circulated ahead of the meeting and proposed response written by Cllr. Drew

**Resolved:** that Carn Brea Parish Council submit the proposed response to the Cornwall Interim Policy Position Statement (Planning) Public Consultation and that delegation is granted to the Clerk to submit the response.

**Proposed:** Cllr. B. Watkins **Seconded:** Cllr. E. Glanville

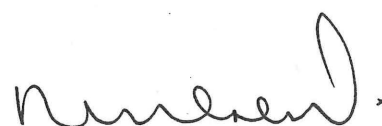
**25/02/19** To appoint a Councillor as a signatory on the Council's Lloyds Bank Account and make appropriate resolutions.

**Resolved:** that Cllr. E. Glanville is appointed as a signatory on the Council's Lloyds Bank Account .

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew **Seconded:** Cllr. M. Rainbird

**25/02/20** To appoint a Councillor as a signatory on the Council's Unity Trust Bank Account and make appropriate resolutions.

There were no volunteers to be signatories on the Council's Unity Trust Bank Account.



**25/02/21 To fill vacancies on the following Committees:**

- a) **2 vacancies on the Planning Committee for the Barncoose Ward.**

**Resolved:** that Cllr. A. Woodrow be appointed to the Planning Committee.

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew                      **Seconded:** Cllr. J Paton

- b) **5 vacancies on the Health & Safety and Finance Committee.**

**Resolved:** that Cllr. J. Poxon be appointed to the Health & Safety and Finance Committee.

**Proposed:** Cllr. A. Woodrow                      **Seconded:** Cllr. M. Rainbird

- c) **2 vacancies on the Staffing Committee.**

There were no volunteers to be members of the Staffing Committee.

- d) **3 vacancies on the Open Spaces Improvement Committee.**

There were no volunteers to be members of the Open Spaces Improvements Committee.

**Cllr. S. Dale expressed disappointment and requested that the meeting note that the Council despite recommendations from the working party for changes to committees, deemed that the current committee structure worked well and now it is unable to fill all the vacancies on committees.**

**25/02/22 To consider and make arrangements for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Carn Brea Parish Council and make appropriate resolutions.**

A report from the Clerk was circulated prior to the meeting, advising that the Council had previously agreed in principle to mark the 40th Anniversary of Carn Brea Parish Council, with a budget of £1,000 approved for Council events. The Clerk advised the first election took place on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1985 and the first meeting of Carn Brea Parish Council was on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1985 held at Pool Ambulance Hall. A potential outcome could be to mark the occasion at the Annual Parish Meeting being held on 14<sup>th</sup> April and provide an anniversary cake, with a possible budget of £250.00

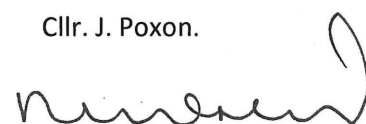
The meeting was asked to consider options for commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Carn Brea Parish Council and make the necessary resolutions, including any related expenditure.

A suggestion to hold a competition for the cake was made but due to time constraints it was felt that this would not be possible.

**Resolved:** that CBPC mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CBPC with an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and that a budget of £250 be set for the provision of a cake at the event.  
**Delegation to the Clerk to make the arrangements for the purchase of a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake.**

**Proposed:** Cllr. B. Watkins

**Seconded:** Cllr. J. Poxon.





**25/02/23 To receive an update and quotation to provide the Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) contract for 2025.**

A report from the Clerk, along with the cutting schedule and costings from the current contractor, was distributed prior to the meeting. The Council was reminded that it had previously agreed to renew the Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) for 2025 and that the quotation from the current contractor now needed to be reviewed and approved.

A query was raised regarding the Council's satisfaction with the current contract. The meeting was advised that Councillors visit the site to inspect the work completed. The schedule included an extinguished footpath (206/26/5), and a question was raised about how this footpath had been managed in the past. The Clerk was instructed to investigate how this path had been maintained. The Clerk confirmed that the path was last cut in August 2024 and the meeting agreed that the Clerk would follow up to clarify how the path is being cut, considering it is a closed footpath.

**Resolved:** that Carn Brea Parish Council approve the quotation of £2,828.51 to provide the Local maintenance Partnership contract for 2025 at the agreed locations. Delegation to the Clerk to make arrangements to issue the Contract for 2025.

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew

**Seconded:** Cllr. M. Rainbird

**25/02/24 To receive a quotation for the Pool in Bloom 5-year Contract and make appropriate resolutions.**

A report from the Clerk, along with a list of lampposts where baskets are to be erected and the quotation from the current contractor, was circulated prior to the meeting.

The meeting was reminded that the Council had previously agreed to renew the contract with the current contractor for a further five-year period, running until March 2030, with annual renewals.

The Council was asked to consider the received quotation and was informed of a budget shortfall of £1,812.75. The Clerk explained the rationale for the price increase which included the previous 5-year contract being a fixed contract, several increases in the national minimum wage over the last 5 years, the absence of charges for putting up and taking down baskets in the past, as well as increased haulage, water charges, labour costs and higher plant and disposal charges.

A query was raised regarding whether additional quotations had been sought and it was noted that historically only one contractor had quoted. A concern regarding the costs for the supply of baskets was raised as the recurring costs was for the same baskets. It was confirmed that the baskets are reused and the cost was for the labour, earth and plants.

The Council considered the possibility of reducing the number of baskets erected and were advised that the list of lampposts on which baskets are erected can be reviewed annual.

The meeting were reminded that there were a number of areas for example Four Lanes, Carn Brea Village and Carnkie in which it was not possible to put up baskets due to there not being the appropriate posts to put them on.



**Resolved:** that subject to approval from Cornwall Council on the submitted proposed locations for hanging baskets, that CBPC approve the quotation to provide hanging baskets at the agreed locations within the parish on a 5-year contract, to be reviewed annually, at a total cost of £44,542.95 excluding VAT. Delegation to the Clerk to make arrangements for a contract to be issued for 2025.

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew

**Seconded:** Cllr. B. Watkins

**Resolved:** that an additional budget of up to £1,820.00 for the 2025 contract to provide hanging baskets at the agreed locations within the parish be made available from the 2025/2026 contingency budget.

**Proposed:** Cllr. B. Watkins

**Seconded:** Cllr. M. Rainbird

**25/02/25** To receive a report and consider correspondence received regarding the proposed weed treatment area and consider quotations to provide Weed Treatment for the agreed areas in 2025 and make appropriate resolutions.

A report from the Clerk, along with correspondence from a local resident and a quotation from the current contractor, was circulated prior to the meeting.

The meeting was reminded that the Council had agreed to renew the current Weed Treatment contract for 2025, with the option to extend for a further two years, subject to annual review.

The following comments were received: -

- Concerns about the safety of Glyphosate.
- Part of the Climate Action Plan, short term actions is to stop the use of weed killer, however the Council continue to treat weeds within the Parish.
- The current contract had been asked for alternative products but the committee had not been provided with the response.
- There are currently no case actions in the UK in relation to the use of Glyphosate.
- Glyphosate is safe, as once sprayed it becomes inert and it is the only affective option on the market as vinegar is less effective.
- Glyphosate approved for usage in Europe for another 10 years.
- Unless a safer option is available, stop spraying weeds in the parish.
- Only one letter of complaint has been received and it is an opinion only.
- Opinions on the safety of glyphosate will vary, however it is up to the Council to make a final decision on whether they wish to continue treating weeds in the Parish with Glyphosate.
- In all the years the Council has conducted weed control there have been no reports to the Council of ill effects on pets or children.
- Residents have the right to be concerned but do the Council accept the concerns.
- A request to consider the option not to continue with the Weed Contract was made but the meeting were advised that the contract had already been agreed.
- A query as to the impact if the quotation was not accepted was made and the meeting was advised that if not approved the item would need to be rediscussed.

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**Resolved:** that Carn Brea Parish Council approve the quotation to provide weed treatment services for 2025 at the agreed locations at a total cost of £2,920.00 excluding VAT.

**Proposed:** Cllr. S. Dale                      **Seconded:** Cllr. B. Watkins

The meeting agreed that the Clerk provide a report on other options available for consideration for future contracts.

**Resolved:** that in accordance with Standing Order 3, the meeting is extended.

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew                      **Seconded:** Cllr. S. Dale

**25/02/26** To receive an update on Councillor Vacancies and consider not to Co-opt for the Barncoose Ward vacancies due to the Council Elections in May and make appropriate resolutions.

The meeting was advised that there are two vacancies on the Council.

The meeting considered the closeness of the May elections.

**Resolved:** that Carn Brea Parish Council do not seek to co-opt the two vacancies in the Barncoose Ward due to the proximity of the elections in May 2025.

**Proposed:** Cllr. M. Davis                      **Seconded:** Cllr. B. Watkins

**25/02/27** To resolve that under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act that the press and public be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

The remaining member of the public left the meeting.

**Resolved:** that under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act that the press and public be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew                      **Seconded:** Cllr. S. Dale





**25/02/28 To receive quotations to provide ad-hoc Visual Inspections of the Play Park Equipment at Wheal Fortune Park in the long-term absence of the Grounds Person and make appropriate resolutions.**

Quotation for ad-hoc Visual Inspections of the Play Park Equipment at Wheal Fortune Park in the long-term absence of the Grounds Person were circulated ahead of the meeting and the Clerk advised that it would be delegated authority through them in liaising with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council to trigger an agreement between the contractor.

A query as to the need for DBS checked was made.

The meeting debated what constitutes a competent person and the options to train a Councillor to complete the checks. The Clerk advised that a Councillor could complete the checks if trained to do so.

**Resolved:** that agenda item 28 on February 2025 agenda be deferred to explore the possibility of Cllr. J. Paton completing weekly visual play park inspections once training has been completed and report back to Full Council.

**Proposed:** Cllr. R. Drew

**Seconded:** Cllr. M. Rainbird

**Meeting closed at 9:38 pm**

