

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ST AUSTELL INFORMATION CENTRE, PENWINNICK ROAD, ST AUSTELL AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 16 February 2022.

Present: Cllrs Mike Ward, George Muskett, Steve Street, Richard Strawford, Andy Cleverdon and Janice Williams.

In attendance: Cllr Michael Bunney CC, Anne Cruickshank (Clerk).

(21/195) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cartwright, Avery, Dowrick and Cllr James Mustoe CC

(21/196) Minutes of a Meeting of Pentewan Valley Parish Council held on 19 January 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council held on 19 January 2022 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Muskett, seconded by Cllr Street.

(21/197) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Cllrs Strawford declared an interest in agenda item 14e, Pentewan Car Park. Cllr Strawford had been granted a dispensation by the parish council to speak and vote on matters relating to the car park until May 2024.

(21/198) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced that after 15 years as licensee of the Ship Inn, Pentewan. Kim Barker would be leaving the village. Kim had supported the community and local events in the village and participated in fund raising for local charities, The chair requested that the council present Kim with a gift for her service to the community which he would organise.

(21/199) Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

(21/200) Cornwall Councillors Report

Cllr Michael Bunney gave a summary of his report which had been circulated. He highlighted his concerns for the traffic management of the A390 and B3273 Pentewan Road and the pressure on the infrastructure and increase highways impact and mitigations for the new approved developments and applications pending planning approval. Cllr Bunney also offered support for the issues related to the erosion of the riverbank along the White River.

Cllr James Mustoe had send in his report which had been circulated.

(21/201) Crime and Disorder

There was nothing to report.

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(21/202) Planning Applications and Related Matters

(a) To respond to the following planning applications and any planning applications received after publication of this summons

- (i) PA20/00535 Trewiddle Development Street naming and numbering and address confirmation. The Clerk circulated naming suggestions to be forwarded to the developer, Cllrs requested the names also be translated into Cornish.
- (ii) PA21/12707 Hybrid planning application consisting of full planning permission for the erection of 86 dwellings (Use Class C3) and outline planning permission for 2,000 sqm of commercial, business and service space (Use Class E), provision of part of new link road, public open space, drainage, and associated infrastructure on land At Pentewan Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 5BY. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that Pentewan Valley Parish Council **OBJECT** to this proposal on the following grounds:

- 1. *Policy* – this application does not create a continuous highway link from the B3273, Pentewan Road, to the A390 in accordance with the Sites Allocation DPD.

Reasoning: The allocation of STA -M1 was intended to achieve the link road, thus relieving the congestion on the A390/B3273 junction. Whilst there is an indicative scheme for the land not within the application, there is no certainty that this will come forward.

The Policy for STA-M1 states that the "site must deliver an element of a link road, which will provide a continuous route from Pentewan Road through to the A390". This application fails to achieve this. There is no policy support for providing part of a link. In the absence of such a continuous link this application is not delivering on the policy within the Local Plan.

As a result of this all traffic from the development would be adding to the congestion on the Pentewan Road up to its junction with the A390. This is clearly not sustainable.

Should Cornwall Council be minded approving the application, in the fullness of time, a condition should be attached that would prevent the start of development until the remainder of the link road has been completed on the intervening land that does not form part of this application

- 2. *Traffic* - The traffic survey is out of date, inaccurate and fails to reflect the true and immediate impact on the B2373 and its junction with the A390.

Reasoning: The Traffic Survey was carried out in 2014 and has not been 'updated' by modelling traffic growth factors. The congestion issues in recent years at that junction are well known and modelling based on outdated information is completely out of step with current conditions. Table 4.5 shows the inadequacy and unsuitability of this approach by indicating only one

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vehicle in a queue in the morning and three vehicles in the afternoon on the B3273. The conclusion drawn is that the junction operates within capacity on all arms, and this is patently not the case at the present, let alone with the additional traffic that would be generated by this development.

The majority of personal injury collisions noted in the transport assessment are clustered around the junction. The figures also show the escalating incidences up to 2020 when lock-down restrictions significantly reduced road traffic. Even so 5 incidences were recorded, 3 of which at this junction.

The trip calculations also reduce movements based on internal communication between the residential and the commercial elements. However, this will not happen until the commercial element is brought forward. This again underplay the immediate impact on the B3273.

3. *Tree Survey* - The tree survey should include the Queen's Jubilee trees

Reasoning: The Tree Survey Report is incomplete in that it does not address the Queen's Jubilee trees, situated on the land between the road and the river and within the access and sightlines to the development. These trees should be given appropriate consideration, marking as they do a significant milestone our Queen's reign and that if affected, they should be moved and re-sited within the Open Spaces around the access.

4. *Drainage/ Flooding* – The drainage provisions place an unacceptable burden on the B3273 and the river. The attenuation provisions for the development should include the entrance road and any drainage to the highway

Reasoning: whilst SUDS are provided for the development, we do not have any experience of their efficacy and the potential impact on the St Austell River. In addition, it would appear that the road will in part drain to the highway as will the proposed flood exceedances routes and that this will also end up in the river. This should not be the case and attenuation provision should be made in the Open Spaces adjacent to the entrance to take this drainage

5. *Heritage* – The 1829 Mineral Railway should be properly assessed, where it is impacted by the development

Reasoning: the presence of the route of the 1829 Mineral Railway that ran between Pentewan and St Austell and which passes over the entrance to the development has not been adequately addressed.

Propose by Cllr Muskett. Seconded by Cllr Ward.

- (iii) PA22/00867 Proposal Erection of detached garage. Location 1 The Oaks Pentewan St Austell Cornwall

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It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk should respond to the Planning Authority. (Cornwall Council) stating that Pentewan Valley Parish Council had no objections to this application. Proposed by Cllr Muskett, seconded by Cllr Street.

(21/203) Neighbourhood Development Plan

The meeting of 9 February had been cancelled. The clerk gave an update of progress so far.

(21/204) Climate Change Action Group

Cllr Muskett gave an update of the Climate Action Groups meeting held on 7 February 2022 notes of the meeting had been circulated.

(21/205) Community Governance Review

The Council had a discussion regarding the public consultation on the deferred proposals, specifically the Boundary between St Austell and Pentewan Valley – Higher Trehiddle Farm, Cllr Musket offered to review the position and the current proposals made and report back at the next Parish Council meeting in March 2022.

(21/206) Local Maintenance Partnership and SWCP Cutting 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council accept the offer of funding for cutting vegetation growth on the public rights of way. Proposed by Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr Muskett.

(21/207) Pentewan Flood Defences

The Chair gave an update that the Environment Agency confirmed that the funding was in place and awaiting agreement of costs with Cornwall Council for sign off, then planning permission will be submitted

(21/208) Riverbanks

Cllr Strawford had identified more areas of erosion along the riverbank, he will provide a map of the locations to the clerk to forward to the Environment Agency.

(21/209) Menagwins Car Park

Ground maintenance works will begin on 21 February 2022, subject to weather conditions closure notices have been placed around the car park.

(21/210) Highways Matters

Cllr Ward reported that the drain in Glentown Road, Pentewan had collapsed, the clerk would report to the highways department

(21/211) Pentewan Car Park

The clerk advised that there were no issues with the payment machine since the last system update.

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(21/212) Pentewan Toilets

Following inspection by the engineer replacement of the emergency assistance alarm system was required as parts were no longer available, and the system was outdated and needed upgrading to include external indication. The cost to upgrade both units £724. It was **RESOLVED** that the emergency alarm system should be upgraded. Proposed by Cllr Strawford, seconded by Cllr Cleverdon.

(21/213) Financial Matters

- (i) Current balances were noted, and
- (ii) the following payments were authorised.

PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL								
Schedule of Payments 17 January 2022								
Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Reference Number	Supply/ Service	Total Payment	VAT Paid	Net Paid	
Automated Payments								
Invoice Date								
01/01/2022	DD	Cornwall Council	802529493	Menagwins Business Rates	56.00	-	56.00	
04/01/2022	DD	Capita	6004100324	Dec 2021 parking payments	193.08	32.18	160.90	
11/01/2022	DD	Capita	6004101152	VAT exempt parking payments	4.99	-	4.99	
09/11/2021	DD	British Gas	967761033	Pentewan Toilets Electricity Dec 2021	25.63	1.22	24.41	
07/12/2021	DD	British Gas	251202719	Pentewan Toilets Electricity Nov 2022	26.12	1.24	24.88	
Authorised Payments								
Invoice Date								
06/01/2022	BACS	Cornwall Council	8100214921	Car Parking CEO	102.00	-	102.00	
07/01/2022	BACS	GM Computer Systems	SI-113001	New Lap Top for Parish Council	745.00	124.17	620.83	
17/12/2022	BACS	Cormac Solutions	IN128845	Monthly Cleaning Public toilets	370.43	61.74	308.69	
07/01/2022	BACS	Cornwall Council	8100215141	Election May 2021 Charges	510.00	-	510.00	
20/12/2022	BACS	Janice Williams	0140 REFUND	Car Park Permit prorata	16.67	-	16.67	
16/11/2021	BACS	Staff Costs	Period 9	November	519.20	-	519.20	
					2,569.12	220.55	2,348.57	

The Clerk gave an update of the current financial position and advised that month end accounts had been sent to Cllr Cartwright for checking.

(21/214) A390 Grass Verge

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £795 from St Austell Town Council, to cut the verge and maintain the planter using chapter 8 highways traffic management. Proposed by Cllr Street, seconded by Cllr Muskett

(21/215) Meetings and Training Attended

Cllr Street attended the chairmanship training on 1 February 2022. The clerk attended the smaller councils meeting on 15 February 2022.

(21/216) Correspondence Received

There was one additional correspondence, a request for the Parish Council to consider painting the benches in Pentewan Square and the bench in West End before the bridge, the clerk will get quotes for this work.

(21/217) Dates for the Diary

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17 February 2022 White River project meeting, 8 March 2022 CALC AGM and Community Network Panel meeting 23 March 2022.

(21/218) Dates of Meetings

Dates of forthcoming meetings to be held remotely online via Zoom until May 2021 then in the Committee Room, St Austell Information Centre, Penwinnick Road, at 7.00pm, unless stated: 16 March 2022, 20 April 2022, 18 May 2022, 15 June 2022, 20 July 2022, 17 August 2022, 21 September 2022, 19 October 2022, 16 November 2022, 21 December 2022.

The Meeting Closed at 20:16pm

Date

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