

**MINUTES of A MEETING of PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held on WEDNESDAY 20 January 2021 HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM
AT 7PM.**

Present: Cllrs Mike Ward, George Muskett, Steve Street, Miles Avery, Richard Strawford and Miranda Smith.

In attendance: Cllr James Mustoe CC, Anne Cruickshank (Clerk).

(20/405) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Vicky Cartwright and Derek Yeo.

(20/406) Minutes of a Meeting of Pentewan Valley Parish Council held on 16 December 2021.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council held on 16 December 2021 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

(20/407) Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Cllr Avery and Cllr Strawford declared an interest in agenda item 13g, Pentewan Car Park. Cllr Avery has been granted a dispensation by the parish council to speak and vote on matters relating to the car park until May 2021.

Cllr Strawford Requested a dispensation by the parish council to speak and vote on matters related to the car park. **RESOLVED that Cllr Strawford be granted a dispensation to speak and vote on matters related to the car park until May 2021.**

(20/408) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

(20/409) Public Participation

There was one member of the public wished to speak regarding the car park in Pentewan Village staying open during the lockdown period. There were concerns that leaving the car park open was encouraging members of the public from outside of the village to use the car park and they were not abiding by the social distancing rules. Therefore, increasing the risk of Covid-19 to the residents of the village. The Chair thanked the resident and said that the issue would be discussed at item 10 of the agenda if he wished to stay for the whole meeting or we could send the details on to him. The resident left the meeting at 7:15pm.

(20/410) Cornwall Councillors Report

Cllr Mustoe thanked everyone for helping in the community during the 3rd lockdown and advised that St Austell Healthcare vaccination programme was going well. He announced that Cornwall Council were taking applications for its Additional Restrictions Grant to support businesses. Before lockdown he had reported a number of issues to Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency around the roads to Polgooth that fall in Pentewan Valley

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Parish Council. They are taking action in these areas and I will report back further as they continue with their work.

(20/411) Crime and Disorder

There was nothing to report.

(20/412) Planning Applications and Related Matters

a) To respond to the following planning applications:

(i) PA20/10951 – Mulvra Farm, London Apprentice, Replacement Porch with additions of a car port. **RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that Pentewan Valley Parish Council support this application.**

(ii) PA20/11504 Tregorrick Farm Tregorrick Road, Ground mounted solar farm with battery storage and associated infrastructure. **RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that Pentewan Valley Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:**

- 1. The development is situated on a south and west facing slope rather than on flat land as per guidance for such development. As a consequence, there is a significant visual impact affecting the adjacent AONB.**
- 2. The development means that agricultural land will be lost. There are alternative brownfield sites in the area that would be better suited to this type of construction.**
- 3. The proposed development represents industrial creep into a rural setting.**

If despite objections if the planning authority is minded to approve the application conditions should be attached that -

**1) require the maintenance and reinforcement of the existing hedgerows both inside and around the site, in particular the south-west boundary hedge along Roseweek Lane and secures the applicant's proposed mitigation to allow the hedges to grow another 2 metres and to be maintained at that height.
Reason: to provide for adequate mitigation for the development.**

**2) require the existing field entrances along Roseweek Lane to be built up with Cornish Hedges on top of which additional planting is undertaken. The reason for this is that these field entrances are the most susceptible areas to visual impact giving a direct line of sight into the development. This is important in respect of both visual impact and glint and glare.
Reason: to ensure that adequate mitigation is provided at the earliest moment in the development.**

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3) ensure that access and egress by works traffic is to the east towards Porthpean Road and the A390 and that signage is used to prohibit access by works traffic along and off the Pentewan Road and Sawles Road . Ensure the provision of adequate visibility to the west, by setting back the existing Cornish hedge.

Reason: to ensure the safe use of the existing road network.

4) require the security gate to the site to be positioned at the point the internal access road meets the main site.

Reason: to maintain the rural nature of the boundaries to the site.

Notes

The Parish Council is concerned that EIA has not be required and would ask that the planning authority reconsider.

The Parish Council is disappointed the neither the applicant nor their agent has attempted to consult with the Parish Council in relation to this proposal.

(iii) PA20/11200 Cornwall Hotel Spar & Estate Tregorrick Road St Austell, Proposed extension to existing hotel to provide a function room/conference facility together with an extension to the brasserie restaurant and Pa20/11205 Listed Building Consent of the same. **RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that Pentewan Valley Parish Council has no objections to the proposal but request that non-vehicular access to the hotel site is included in the application.**

(iv) PA20/11211 Cornwall Hotel Spar & Estate Tregorrick Road St Austell, Erection of extension to the existing hotel to provide 17 additional bedrooms **RESOLVED that the clerk should respond to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council) stating that Pentewan Valley Parish Council has no objections to the proposal but request that sufficient parking is also provided for the additional guests.**

(20/413) The General Power of Competence

It was determined that the Council meets the criteria for eligibility for the General Power of Competence and it was **RESOLVED to adopt the power.**

(20/414) COVID Lockdown 3

- a) Parish Council continues to offer volunteer services to elderly and vulnerable residents as in previous lockdown even though requests for assistance had reduced and continued promotion of the services was needed. The clerk will circulate flyers.
- b) No decision was taken to change the current service offered as both the car park and the toilets were considered to be needed during the lockdown the clerk will continue to monitor the

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situation and keep both services under review.

(20/415) Climate Change Action Working Group

Cllr Smith gave an update on working group progress. The group met on 10 January 2021 and discussed a few short-term projects and longer-term aspirations for the action plan. The Chair requested that the group provide the council with a timeline for when the action plan will be ready for the council to adopt.

(20/416) Winter Maintenance

There are 5 salt bins in the parish all contain salt and are ready to be used, Cllr Strawford offered to check the salt bins and advise when they needed filling in the future.

(20/417) Pentewan Flood Defences

(i) There was nothing to report.

(20/418) Riverbanks

Cllr Strawford requested a copy of the last EA survey of the riverbank. The Clerk will chase this request.

(20/419) Menagwins Water Treatment Works/Levalsa Pumping Station

There was nothing to report.

(20/420) Menagwins Car Park

There was nothing to report.

(20/421) Tregorrick Road Safety Improvements

There was nothing to report.

(20/422) Highways matters.

The gully on opposite the entrance to Pentewan Village was blocked and causing a large puddle across the main road, Cllr Mustoe will report this issue.

(20/423) Pentewan Car Park

The tree stump has now been removed and resurfacing works will start on 8 February 2021. The clerk send notification to resident and business permit holders and circulate to the website.

(20/424) Pentewan Toilets

There was nothing to report.

(20/425) Financial Matters

(a) Current balances were noted, and the following payments were authorised.

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