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Minutes of the Meeting of Chacewater Parish Council, held on Wednesday
31st July 2024 at 6pm, WI Hall

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AGENDA

In attendance: Cllr R Knill (Chairman), Cllr P Bearham (Vice-chairman), Cllr A Beckham, Cllr J Carley, Cllr A Crocker, Cllr K Ford, Cllr S Gribble, Cllr K Surgenor, Cllr P Chesworth, Cllr S Foster

1. Apologies

Cllr E Carlyon, Cllr S Grady and Ward Cllr Tudor

2. To received declarations of interest

Cllr Foster declared that he is a neighbour of 25 Kerley Vale.

3. Public Question Time

Cornish Lithium gave a pre-planning update for the Cross Lanes Geothermal Lithium Facility.

The building has been moved slightly to preserve woodland. This change is inconspicuous from the road and is slightly smaller than the original plan. There will be no roof lighting and noise levels will be kept to a minimum. Ecological Lighting Solution has designed lighting around the bats.

The proposed timescale is as follows:

- 31.07.24 – Pre-submission at the meeting today
- 19.08.24 – Pre-submission event in Chacewater Village Hall for the public
- 21.08.24 – Application submission
- Autumn/Winter 2024 – Application determination
- Winter 2024/Spring 2025 – Discharge conditions and start of Phase One

4. Cornwall Councillors Report

Ward Cllr Tudor sent a WhatsApp as she is on holiday – reported that the recent flash mob was appreciated by the residents and it is important to keep on looking after Brookside.

5. Clerk's report – Matters Arising

- Clerk to contact EDF regarding the Pavillion site to inform them that there is no supply as it has been disconnected by National Grid and the contract needs to be cancelled. Cllr J Carley proposed that we stop paying EDF while this matter is being sorted, seconded by Cllr P Chesworth.
- EDF have sent a disconnection certificate with reference to the streetlighting poles.
- It was said that anyone can attend the Brookside meeting.
- The Chair asked for any agenda items to be sent prior to the meeting with Tregothnan on 8th August and suggested that the following would be discussed:
 - Wheal Busy
 - Brittainia
 - Fly tipping – slates dumped on Tregothnan land had been picked up by someone but it would be good to ascertain what Tregothnan's policy is regarding this
 - Hedging along Church Hill
 - A reminder that down by the river (Riverside) is very overgrown

6. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th June 2024

It was **RESOLVED** that these be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

7. Planning Applications

To consider the following applications and any applications that arrive after publication of the agenda

PA24/04632

Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order TPO - to trim back the 3 trees to our boundary line.

25 Kerley Vale Chacewater Truro Cornwall

Applicant Mr Tim Greaves

Grid Ref 175194 / 44351

Chacewater Parish Council (CPC) supports this application unanimously.

PA24/04912

Notification of works to a tree in a Conservation Area namely heavy reduction to large bay tree

6 Chacewater Hill, Chacewater, Truro, TR4 8QA

No comment necessary.

Other Planning Matters

Land At Grid Ref 174146 043681

Creegbrowse

Chacewater

Cornwall

The council have taken a view that the access is not expedient to pursue further, and closed the file accordingly.

Planning Decision Notices

PA24/03575 - APPROVED

Mr David Hamilton-Brown

Cornish Tent Company Ltd Unit 8 Redruth Enterprise Park Cornwall Business Park West Scorrier Redruth

Cornwall TR16 5EZ

Proposed change of use of existing unit from B1 to B8 for motor vehicle parts distribution

CPC supported this application.

PA24/01570 – APPROVED

Westfield Transport Ltd
Workshop Kerley Paddock Kerley Chacewater Truro Cornwall TR4 8JY
Retention of replacement heavy vehicle workshop/repair building

CPC supported this application

PA24/00354 – REFUSED

Mr and Mrs A Matthews
Land Adjacent St Mounts Creegbrowse Chacewater Truro Cornwall TR4 8NF
Proposed secondary vehicular access and car parking area

PA24/03203 – WITHDRAWN

Ms Emma Hillson
6 Chacewater Hill Chacewater Truro Cornwall TR4 8QA
Notification of works to a Tree in a Conservation Area to one Bay Tree

PA24/04658 - Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)

Mrs Gill Instance
St Jays Lodge Off Sergeants Hill Chacewater TR14 8NG
Notification of works to Trees in a Conservation Area namely T1 - Crown reduce Cherry tree by 2m

8. Agenda Items

08.01/04.24 – Recreation Centre

The build is progressing well and the fortnightly meetings are useful with all pertinent questions being answered. Mr Crossley's email has been received and the comments have been discussed. **Action:** Clerk to reply to Mr Crossley to inform him that all matters have been discussed at Council.

A question was raised regarding the ongoing costs of the Recreation Centre after the build. A business plan was written and circulated six to eight months ago which addressed this. The building will be self sufficient as the income that the building generates will pay for staff's wages. There have been several enquiries about renting space in the building, including from Cornwall Council. The Chair has contacted Active Cornwall to offer them the opportunity to book space and there are smaller rural schools that are also interested.

Sports England are introducing a bigger fund which CPC will be applying for. This could fund a three-year programme for a member of staff.

The application for the grant for exercise equipment is due on 1st of August. Cllr P Bearham proposed an agreement in principle that using the Cornwall Council process this could be put out for tender. This was seconded by Cllr Crocker.

SPR have visited the site to inspect however there is a slight delay as Cornwall Council have not yet told them what is being monitored.

08.02/04.24 – HSBC Debit Card

Council approved the application of a debit card for Clerk – Mrs C Powell. Proposed by Cllr R Knill (Chair). Seconded by Cllr P Chesworth

08.03/04.24 - Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters

Circulated to all Councillors via email.

It was decided that there was no response needed as there have been no cases in Cornwall and the latest recommendation is to keep the batteries outside of buildings.

08.04/04.24 – Twelveheads Play Park

Cllr P Bearham reported that the concrete went in today. The delay was due to a broken pole being sent and having to wait for a replacement. Work should be completed by the weekend. There is the possibility that we will receive a free seesaw as an apology. A grand opening will be planned for September and Cllr P Bearham will circulate dates.

08.05/04.24 – The quote for the jubilee bench was £190 + VAT. This will be placed at the back of the church, looking down over the valley and replacing the old bench. The Council were in unanimous agreement that this should be purchased and allocated to the street furniture budget. Proposed by Cllr P Bearham. Seconded by Cllr A Beckham.

08.06/04.24 – WI Consultation

The three proposals have been published in the latest edition of Whats On.

The general opinion was that people liked the idea of the corner location; feedback will be sent out to everyone. A decision needs to be made regarding the outdoor cladding. The next step is to put the planning application in and Cllr P Bearham will get everything ready to submit. **Action:** Clerk to add this to September's meeting agenda.

Cllr S Foster reported that the Quadient Parcel Lockers can be installed in the car park before the new building is in situ. If the Council are interested then Quadient can send a surveyor to investigate a suitable location. The Council will be paid £1000 + VAT per year as a fixed fee, or £700-£800 + VAT per year plus 5p per parcel. All the Council has to provide is the location and a WIFI supply.

This was unanimously agreed. Cllr S Foster to lead on this matter.

9. Road Matters

09.01/06.24 - Highway Works - A3047 Scorrier

Information circulated to councillors re closure from Sunday 28th July to Friday 2nd August , and placed on social media

09.02/06.24 – Quarterly meeting with Viv Bidgood

Tarmac needs to be released to enable access to fire hydrants.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Location: Buckingham Nip, Chacewater

Timing: 12th August 2024 to 30th August 2024 (24 hours)

Contact: Rebecca Matthews at Total Repair Service Ltd on 01752 347806

10. PRoW

It was agreed that the Council will match the Poldice Valley Trust's (PVT) £100.00 to enable posts and associated signs to be placed at either end of the Poldice Valley. This should come out of the street furniture budget. Proposed by Cllr R Knill (Chair). Seconded by Cllr J Carley.

Tyler Woodward has been working on the PROW that are most used and will then move on to the lesser used ones.

11. Outside Bodies Reports

Chacewater Bowling Club – to organise and host defibrillator training. This is free.

Chacewater Football Club - pitch inspectors are sorting grants for a six-year programme to improve pitch.

Chacewater Projects – next meeting is in November.

Chacewater School – the PTA fete was a huge success, raising over £1500.

Chacewater Village Hall – closed for the next two weeks for maintenance.

Mining Villages Regeneration Group – there was a meeting at the Observatory last Thursday. £1000 donation from Kier for solar panels and battery storage.

Parish Emergency Plan – CPC has been invited to brief Cornwall Community Flood Forum on the 8th of November as we are ahead of the game.

Hallenbeagle community liaison group – the next meeting is on the 4th of September, onsite. Anyone can attend.

Chacewater Community Energy Group – the next event is the Great Cornwall Green Energy Summit to which everyone is invited.

Roseland & Truro Community Area Partnerships – the next meeting is on the 17th of September preceded by the Chair and Vice- Chair meeting on the 12th of September. The focus is on affordable housing.

Community Garden – some more volunteer gardeners would be welcome.

12. Monthly Inspection report – Cllr K Ford and Cllr S Foster

- At the play park the grass is growing and due to the expansion of the rubber, gaps tend to increase in the summer. There was a 10-year guarantee for the accessible roundabout so grass should not have come up. It needs cutting back around the edges. The safety matting under the accessible swing goes hard in the summer. Should the mats be lifted and reset?
- The sycamore trees around the hedging along the wall next to the school railings have self-seeded and grown quickly – should these be pulled out?
- At the toilet block there has been an intermittent electrical fault. Kev Bath has tested and found no faults so the toilets will be open tomorrow. The loose stones behind the toilet block can be dealt with by Malcolm.
- There is overgrown Montbretia. **Action:** Cllr S Foster to show the location and Cllr R Knill (Chair) will deal with this.
- The dead trees have been taken down at the bridge.
- The hinge on the case for the defibrillator is broken. It is expensive to replace but there is funding available. **Action:** All defibrillators across the Parish to be looked at as part of the Emergency Plan.

13. Correspondence Received

13.01/04.24 - Draft Housing Decarbonisation Strategy - Public Consultation – circulated to all Councillors via email

Cllr Carley attended this meeting and reported that there were good intentions to decarbonise.

13.02/04.24 - Information regarding Jake's Lane, received via Facebook – circulated to all Councillors via email

This was a picture of a lady struggling to get to her house due to a car being parked in the way. This car is owned by a disabled man and is usually parked on the road so this was probably an isolated incident. As this is a neighbourly dispute it is not within the Council's remit.

13.03/04.24 - Complaint written to Wales and West Utilities regarding excessive lighting – circulated to all Councillors via email

This was regarding excessive lighting on the building which is lit up all night. CPC agree with this complaint and would invite Wales and West Utilities to do a full environmental review of their lighting, perhaps asking them to reduce to one light on each stand as opposed to two. Photos have been taken and the area considered and no other building has this lighting. It is bad for the wildlife and energy usage.

13.04/04.24 – Email received asking for advice with reference to setting up a catering van

CPC do not own any land apart from the car park and this would not be suitable.

13.05/04.24 – Email received from St Agnes Parish Council regarding Citizens Advice Cornwall joint funding

At this moment in time our precept does not cover this sort of need and CPC are unsure of how relevant this is to Chacewater.

14. Finances

14.01/04.24 Payments / Transfers / Income

To approve the following payments:

Employee Salaries	CA1	£1588.10	BACS
TH Douce & Sons – Mini digger hire	CA1	£504.00	BACS
TH Douce & Sons – MOT's	CA1	£1056.00	BACS
Scribe – Accounts renewal	CA1	£400.90	BACS
Tregothnan – Comm Garden Rent	CA1	£300.00	BACS
WI Hall Cleaning – July	CA1	£78.00	BACS
South West Water – WI Hall	CA1	£63.67	BACS
Clinton Sealey – Truro Nourish Hub	CA1	£100.00	BACS
Tyler Woodward	CA1	£720.00	BACS

Direct Debit Payments

Vodafone	CA1	£35.20	DD
Suez	CA1	£59.05	DD

Payments Received

Bank Balances: as at 30/06/2024

CA1	£ 19,424.87
BMM	£ 346,161.29
Total:	£ 365,586.16

Bank reconciliations for May and June approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Carley. Seconded by Cllr Chesworth.

Matters for future consideration:

Cllr S Foster to lead a working group for the website consisting of Cllr P Chesworth, Cllr A Beckham, Cllr R Knill.

Meeting closed: 20:39pm