

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Church on Monday 12 December 2016 from 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors: J Preston (Chair), N Green (Vice Chair), P Collins, M Fleetwood, J Clifton, J Lee, G Pollard, J Trewin, S Collins, S Stephens; Cornwall Councillor C Rule

1.	<p>Absences and apologies: There were apologies from Cllr P Freeman. Apologies were accepted.</p> <p>Absent: Cllr M Jones.</p> <p>Clarification was sought on frequency of attendance. Cllrs are encouraged to attend as often as possible; though the legal standpoint is that a Cllr must attend any meeting in their capacity as a Councillor at once in any 6-month period. It was noted that the Council benefits from Cllrs that are active between meetings, and full attendance is not a prerequisite of being a good Cllr.</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of interest: None.</p>
3.	<p>Public Time C Coates spoke against PA16/11052 on the following points: poor notification to neighbours, growth from small cottage bungalow to large executive style property, highly visible due to removal of vegetation, garage is highly visible and higher than current building (AONB – landscape & visual impact considerations), horticultural screening should be a condition if approved. Cllr Fleetwood apologised for misplaced invites to the Recreation Pavilion open day.</p>
4.	<p>Police report: None.</p>
5.	<p>Cornwall Councillor's time: Cornwall Councillor Rule reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Growth Strategy – funded from EU, aims to encourage communities to enhance environmental growth • Survey on control of dogs on beaches in Cornwall • Community Network Meeting – STP, joint working between Councils and NHS – consultation open online. • Neighbourhood Development Plan success in St Ives regarding second homes – this may encourage Parish Councils to re-think their approach. • Happy Christmas – Healthy New Year <p>Cllr Green asked if Cornwall Council will raise their precept to increase funding for adult social care. It was felt that a large proportion of their budget goes to adult social care and that encouragement of grassroots lifestyle groups (walking etc.) is part of a strategy to improve health and wellbeing.</p>
6.	<p>Minutes for acceptance: Having been previously circulated, it was proposed by Councillor S Collins and seconded by Councillor Lee that the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 10 October 2016 be accepted. Carried 8 votes in favour. 2 abstained.</p>

<p>7.</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <p><u>Planning Applications for consideration</u></p> <p>PA16/11052; Mr And Mrs Allen, Riverside St Ruan Ruan Minor TR12 7JS; Demolition of workshop and construction of double garage.</p> <p>It was proposed and seconded that the Council objects on the following grounds: The height of the proposed garage will constitute a big visual impact within an AONB. The size and height is not in keeping with the characteristics of the local area, and the proposal would cause damage to a Cornish Hedge. Alternative sites for a smaller garage should be considered, and the condition of adding natural screening should be imposed.</p> <p>An amendment was tabled to support the application. This was proposed and seconded. 2 voted in favour; 7 against, 1 abstained.</p> <p>Following the defeat of the amendment, the original proposal was voted on. 6 voted in favour, 3 against, 1 abstained.</p> <p><u>Planning applications decided by the planning authority since the last meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA16/03615 Sea Acres, amended application: Stationing of 7 No Static Caravans and associated works [Approved] • PA16/09199 – Sea Acres; Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of the field opposite the main entrance to Sea Acres Holiday Park used continuously for the stationing of eleven static caravans identified as pitches 122 – 132 shown positioned on the submitted site plan reference 6941-LP A for holiday use only in excess of 10 years. [GRANTED (CAADs AND LUs ONLY)] <p>The Council felt that the AONB support for the applications had led to their approval despite strong opposition from this Council. It was noted that AONB could come to talk to Council about what it does and what it considers when commenting on planning apps.</p> <p>The Council noted that an enforcement case was in place regarding lighting and light pollution at Sea Acres.</p> <p><u>Pre-applications, consultations and appeals</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Transparency Fund</u> – The Clerk informed the Council that it is eligible to apply for funding for IT equipment. It was resolved that the Clerk will apply for funding. <p>Proposed Cllr Lee, seconded Cllr P Collins. Unanimous.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Financial Report</u> – the bank reconciliation was noted, together with the statement of Income & Expenditure for November 2016. <p>A Question was raised about the Council Tax Support Grant. It was explained that the tax base, which is used to raise the precept, used to be based on every household (those that pay and those which are exempt), and that this changed to encompass only those that pay the tax. When the change was introduced a Council Tax Support Grant was awarded to Local Councils to fill the gap remaining, however the government has been reducing this grant year on year.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Payments Schedule</u> - it was proposed by Cllr Fleetwood and seconded by Cllr Green that the payment schedule for December be approved amounting to £489.16. Unanimous. • <u>Budget 2017-18</u> Discussed budget considerations for the following financial year and resolved to agree a total budgeted expenditure of £25,480, and a precept demand of £17,020. Demands upon the Council by Cornwall Council (in the form of elections) and changes in employment law, mean a potential cost increase to the Council of £3,300 for next year. Due to good financial management, however, the rise in the precept demand has been able to be limited to £975. This represents an increase to a D-band property of £1.53 over the course of the year (2.9 pence per week). Proposed Cllr Preston, seconded Cllr S Collins. Unanimous. • <u>Reserved Funds</u> Resolved to agree earmarked funds totalling £22,800 and general reserves totalling £8,500. Proposed Cllr Fleetwood, seconded Cllr Green. Unanimous. • <u>Recreation Ground Pavilion Finance</u> PWL application has been approved, meaning that the Council can now apply for up to £25,000 (within the next year). Loan agreement between the Recreation Ground Committee and the Parish Council needs to be in place – this will commit the Recreation Ground Committee to making payments. Update to be received at January meeting.
9.	Matters arising from the minutes: None.
10.	Delivery of Meeting Papers: The following Councillors opted to receive summons and documents electronically; Cllrs: S Collins, Pollard, Fleetwood, Green, and Preston.
11.	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Defibrillator checks requirement to be clarified - S Jane regarding Dallas Cup football tournament. Request for grant to assist sending a local young person to a sporting competition. Proposed that the Council pledges full support to the person involved, but feels it cannot grant funds towards this.
12.	Footpaths, Highways Environment and Tree Wardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vision at Long Moor corner has been greatly improved with the cooperation and assistance of the landowner. - St Ruan Bridge repair has been completed. - Drainage at Ducks Alley is causing a hazard - Sewage Works – floodlights - at St Ruan are ultra-bright and causing light pollution.
13.	In Committee. None

The meeting closed at 9:25 pm.

CHAIR 09 January 2017