ROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE ROCHE VICTORY HALL

ON MONDAY, 8TH APRIL 2024 AT 6.30PM

Cllr D Inch

Mrs J Burdon

Cllr G Rowe

Present	Cllr. D. Inch (Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. S. Tippett Cllr. M. Taylor Cllr. Mrs. A. King 6 Members of Public	Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk) Cllr. P. Kent Cllr. M. Edyvean Cllr. Mrs. L. Harrison		
71/24	Apologies for non-attendance:	- Councillor Mrs. H. Reta	allick.	
72/24	Public Forum:- There was six members of public in attendance. Representatives from Cornwall Services. Speaking on behalf of owner of Cornwall Services, Mark Upton. The building of the unit will mean a net loss of just 3 spaces. There has already been interested from two suppliers. There are no public comments or objections so far. Councillor M. Edyvean queried the tree planting and asked whether they would be making good the damaged trees in the old area. They confirmed they are constantly putting trees up; it is ongoing along with a Christmas tree. Chairman queried signage, one has blown down, it will be replaced like for like.			
	Jessica Finnemore attended in respect of the Lanivet Underr-5 Preschool, they currently rent the old Church Hall which is in disrepair. Some children from Roche attend the preschool. They have a piece of land and build a brand-new building allowing them to take more children. She would like a letter of support for permission of this application and not asking for funding from Roche Parish Council Action: Clerk to include on the next agenda, Jessica Finnemore to send some information to the Clerk to circulate to Councillors.			
	Mrs. Cann reported on the dogs' terrible state, also one area wh Mayfield. Mr. Bill Johnson would blike to also obtain more signagarrange clearance of the footpath	nich is bad is the footp be happy to clear for £10 pe. Chairman reported	ath from Tremodrett to .00 per hour. She would the Parish Council can	Clerk
	Ms. Bennett reported on emails s and land being made available Cornwall Council are putting out forward. At this stage in time, it matter. Cornwall Councillor P. Gites country wide and this is a reconsultation at this time. Ms. Be meeting at 7.42pm.	in parishes. Councillor it for agents and site o is not for the Parish C Guest reported Cornwall natter for landowners at	M. Taylor reported that wners to put their land ouncil to advise on this Council are looking for this stage, it is purely a	
73/24	Members Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests			
74/24	for Dispensation:- None. Monthly Cornwall Councillor Re	eport:- Cornwall Counci	llor P. Guest reported as	
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• I would like to start this report off by addressing certain rumours that have been flying about regarding Alun Griffiths, the contractors for the A30 Link Road.

follows:-

Not surprisingly given the horrendous weather that we have been experiencing, the overall project has fallen behind schedule, particularly in the preparatory and background work that goes on. Given this situation, Griffiths took the decision to put all works on hold for a couple of weeks in order to catch up on the logistics and background work. Can I re-assure you that the rumours of them going bust and pulling out of the project are groundless and they will be resuming work shortly. It is a minor setback, but they are confident that they can soon get back on schedule once the sun comes out.

- On the subject of roads, I, like you have had numerous complaints about the state of Edgecombe Road. I can confirm that it is scheduled to be re-laid in the 3rd week of April. I hope the weather eases off and the works are able to be completed.
- As usual, March has been a pretty busy month and as always, my main focus has been on residents' casework, which as I have often said is the bread and butter of my work and often both the most rewarding and frustrating. To support and advocate for our residents is the most important part of my role.
- On Saturday, I attended the opening of TR7, the new indoor skate park on Victoria Industrial Estate. It has been funded to the tune of approximately £115k by the Shared Prosperity Fund, a proportion of which has been match funded. The place was packed out and attracted a fair bit of press coverage. Not only will it be an indoor facility for skaters to go to when the weather isn't great, they will be running after school clubs, female only sessions and courses for all ages and abilities including bespoke courses for disabled people. There is also a small shop on site selling skating paraphernalia and serving light refreshments. It is going to be a great asset to the Parish and well worth a visit.
- A couple of weeks ago, I was in Exeter at the Police & Crime Commissioners Office for the launch of a new initiative called 'Criminal Justice and You.' This is a catch all system put in place by Alison Hernandez to support and advise both victims of and witnesses to crime. It is an invaluable tool for those unfortunate enough to need to use it and full details can be found at bit.ly/cjandyo. It is run by the Devon and Cornwall Criminal Justice Board and is considered an essential guide for victims and witnesses. If you would like some more information on this, please feel free to contact me.
- I did a quick bit of totting up before I wrote this report, and so far, this month, I have attended and sat on 11 different committees. Among them was a particularly controversial application to build a golf course and 19 holiday chalets in Lostwithiel that came before our Strategic Planning Committee. This attracted a lot of attention and the chamber was packed out with supporters and opponents on the day. After a long and heated debate, the application was refused and the majority of the attendees went away happy. Planning applications can be contentious at times and unfortunately, it is not enough to take them to the Planning Committee because they are unpopular. There have to be valid planning reasons either for or against to argue against Planning Officers decisions. In this particular case, there were strong reasons to oppose this development, sadly, that is not always the case, especially given our current housing crisis.
- At a meeting of the Economic & Growth Committee, I spoke at length about the devolution of the Adult Education budget from Westminster to Cornwall Council. One of my jobs is as the Vice Chair of the Cornwall Adult Education Board and I am excited that we now have control over the budget and our focus will be on training, upskilling and generally give people the opportunity to better their lives either through enhancing their career prospects or even retraining for a new trade.

Also, this month, I attended the Youth Council celebration event in Truro where the election results were announced. Having helped out at the count, I was amazed to find that over 10,000 votes were cast Countywide and I find it heartening to see so many young people interested and engaging in politics and local issues. I will be mentoring one of the committees (it was SEND and Mental Health last year) and I really enjoy working with these young people and making sure their voice is heard in the main Council. Moving nearer to home, I recently met up at The Bugle Library of Things with Sophie Hosking and Emma Trethewey. They are both Directors within Cornwall Council and we discussed a project that is currently going through the process of getting a grant through the Community Capacity Fund. If successful, this will greatly benefit the residents of the whole of the Division providing mobile outreach services. The grant application is progressing well and next week along with Jo (the main driver behind this scheme) I will be meeting our MP Steve Double to explain the scheme and hopefully get his support for this project. Jo, Sophie, Emma and myself also managed to squeeze in a visit to Minorca Lane and met with some of the site owners and residents to discuss the myriad of issues that we have there. • I keep in touch with the Clerk and the Chair on a regular basis, but, if something does crop up, please do not wait for the next meeting, either drop me a line or give me a call at the time. Chairman thanked Cornwall Councillor P. Guest for his report this month and for attending the meeting this evening. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly and Closed Meetings held on the 75/24 11th March 2024:- Resolved the Minutes of the Monthly and Closed Meetings held on the 11th March 2024 as circulated were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman (Proposed: Councillor B. Kretowicz; Seconded: Councillor G. Rowe) Matters Arising from the Monthly Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th 76/24 March 2024:-Page 1 Min.48/24 Field for Railway Parking and Footpath:- Update received from Cornwall Councillor P. Guest advising he has put Mrs. Higman in touch with the Project Team and have no further updates. Page 3 Min.91/23 Penstraze Lane Update: - Update received advising they have been trying to chase a response but unfortunately they do not know the latest on this site. However, they know that progress is being made though, so please feel Clerk assured that the matter is on its way to being resolved **Action**: Keep Pending. CwII. Page 3 Min.310/23 HGV Signage request nearby junction on old A30:- This Cllr. P. matter is ongoing and being followed up by Cornwall Councillor P. Guest again for Guest an update Action: Keep Pending. Page 3 Min.323/23 Fibre Broadband to Roche:- This matter is ongoing and CwII. being followed up by Cornwall Councillor P. Guest again for an update Action: Cllr. P. Keep Pending. Guest Page 3 Min.323/23 Resident in Caravan at Victoria Industrial Estate:- Update from Cornwall Councillor P. Guest, advising Welfare check has been carried out, Cwll. and he has not had any feedback, again, he would follow up again Action: Keep CIIr. P. Pending.

Guest

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Planning Applications/Results/Correspondence/Any Letters received for or against any Planning Applications:-

Planning Applications Received:-

PA23/10387 – Mark Upton, Cornish Gateway Services Limited – Erection of employment units for a mix of uses including Use Class B8 (Storage & Distribution/Trade Counter) B2 (General industrial) and E.g. (Offices, R&D and Light industrial) on land at Cornwall Gateway Services, Land at Cornwall Services, Victoria, Roche – **Support** (Proposed: Councillor P. Kent; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. S. Tippett)

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Two representatives from Cornish Gateway Services left the meeting at 6.49pm.

PA23/00807 – Origin 3/Barratt Homes - Application for full planning permission for the erection of 175 residential dwellings, including affordable housing, with the provision of vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian access onto Land off Edgcumbe Road (B3274) and Harmony Road, alongside public open space, children's play area, allotments, sustainable urban drainage systems, hard and soft landscaping and associated infrastructure. The addendum is supported by a set of revised plans and layouts submitted to Cornwall Council for re-consultation in July 2023, along with updated documents – **Resolved to accept offer of a closed meeting with them before making a decision, 5.45pm on Monday 13th May** (Proposed: Councillor M. Taylor; Seconded: Councillor G. Rowe)

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PA24/01374 - Imervs British Lithium - EIA Scoping Opinion for proposed development of a lithium quarry, processing plant and associated infrastructure and facilities, Guneath China Clay Works, Carbean, St. Austell - Whilst in principle this is similar to historic China clay mining and processing operations, and can provide relevant significant local employment to the existing community which is welcome, there are potential issues that must be fully addressed: Observations are a) to ensure noise related issues are effectively mitigated; b) there is a risk of significant traffic generation and given the location there must be effective measures in place to ensure that staff commutes and other movements and commercial traffic to and from the site use the new road to the A30 and do not access down through Trezaise/Roche village; not just lorries, none of the traffic from this site should 'short cut' - the Council and the business must have effective policies demonstrably put in place to prevent this. C) Also ask questions about the building heights and sizes and locations to avoid visual impacts from the wider setting. Agreed to invite to a Parish Council meeting, however, in principle we support the application (Proposed: Councillor D. Inch; Seconded: Councillor M. Taylor)

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PA24/00663 – Mr. Leonard Hurdiss – Second storey extension to existing single storey, 57 Trezaise Road, Roche – **Extension of Time Granted – Next Agenda**

Clerk

Planning Results Received:-

PA23/09879 – Mr. & Mrs. Kelland – Construction of a new dwelling with associated access and parking provision, Land North East of Meadow Haven, Prosper Road, Roche – **Approved**

PA24/00376 - Mr. Barbery - Removal of existing detached garage. Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and general alterations, 25 Plas Jowan, Roche - Approved Planning Correspondence Received:- PA23/06998 Chapel Road - Email received from Cornwall Councillor P. Guest advising why he did not request to go to Committee – He thought it important to address the reason why this application was not taken to Committee. For an application to be taken to Committee, there have to be valid planning reasons. Unfortunately, as much as we may oppose an application, unless we have those grounds, it cannot proceed to Committee. He did have guite a few conversations with Planning Officers, Planning Committee Chairs (East, Central and West) and Members and our Legal Department and I am afraid the response that I got was consistent, although there was a lot of sympathy for my argument, refusal of this application would not be supported. Monthly Accounts for Approval, including monthly bank reconciliation and 78/24 budget monitoring (Including Membership Subscription to Cornwall Association of Local Councils):- It was proposed that the Council approve and accept the accounts for payments as circulated on schedules up to 31st March and April 2024, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor Mrs. A. King; Seconded: Councillor B. Kretowicz) Accounts up to 31st March 2024:-South West Water - Public Conveniences £195.17 | 7/12/23-4/3/24 British Gas – Electricity for Toilets £51.54 | 5/2/24-4/3/24 £9.99 | Black Sacks Amazon Amazon £9.99 Wireless Adaptor Postage Stamps Amazon £73.98 Duchy Cemetery's Limited – Interment £475.00 Thomas A1 Tree & Grounds Limited £720.00 Tree Works Lanhydrock Garden Services £936.00 Tree works Lanhydrock Garden Services – Maintenance £3,212.40 March 2024 Crystal Clear Limited Waste Bin Emptying March 2024 £758.40 Clerk Receipt:- T.J. Rogers & Son - Interment £1,365.00 **Thomas** Receipt: Lloyds Bank – Interest £171.71 March 2024 Accounts for April 2024:-Salaries. Pensions. National £2,338.35 April 2024 Insurance, Income Tax and Expenses Amazon – Webcam/Speakers/Mouse Mat £67.91 For new PC Hiscox Insurance £369.37 April 2024 Crystal Clear Limited Bus Shelter Cleaning £68.00 March 2024 Biffa Waste Services Limited – Cemetery £204.64 March 2024 Roche Victory Hall – Hire Hall March 2024 £30.00 Roche Victory Hall - Post Office Cont. £86.66 | March 2024 EDF Energy 1/1/24-31/3/24 £347.62 Receipt: Cornwall Council £82,500.00 | Precept Membership **Subscription** to Cornwall **Association** of Councils:- Resolved to renewal annual membership in the sum of £1,076.75 plus Clerk vat (Proposed: Councillor M. Edyvean; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. L. Harrison) Action: Clerk. Cemetery Matters (Including any applications for memorials 79/24 inscriptions):- No memorial applications received.

Minor Repairs/Works in the Parish that may arise: - None.

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81/24	Roche Park Recreation Area:- Chairman reported hedge work has been carried		
	out. Councillor Mrs. L. Harrison reported the fencing around the trampoline had fallen down, which she put it back up in place.		
	Roche Public Conveniences/Bus Shelters:- No updates.		
82/24	Resident abile conveniences, bus chemicals. The apacitoe.		
83/24	Footpath Signs/Matters:- Clerk and Chairman to go through the schedule for next year Action: Clerk/Chairman.		
84/24	Duck Pond and surrounding Land & St. Michaels Way:- Chairman reported there will be some work around the Duck Pond, clearance and benches and wishing well to be actioned.		
85/24	Village Regeneration Works/Working Party for the Village:- None.		
86/24	Roche By-Pass Scheme and related projects (Including (a) Discussion on Edgcumbe Road, Roche; (b) 20mph Pre-Consultation Stakeholder Meeting China Clay 2):- All updates are included on the Village and Parish Council Facebook pages as received. Revised dates for Traffic Management – St. Austell to A30 Link Road received.		
	Edgcumbe Road, Roche:- Clerk reported an updated had been received from Cornwall Highways advising that this road has been prioritised for surface treatment in the new financial year and is currently scheduled for the third week in April 2024. Chairman reported he is disappointed with Cornwall Highways and their responses with regards to highway issues in general. Cornwall Councillor P. Guest reported it is important to report pot holes regularly.		
	20mph Pre-Consultation Stakeholder Meeting China Clay 2:- Chairman reported this will be going to public consultation on the 17 th April. Update from Cornwall Councillor P. Guest advising he is still pressing to get consideration for funding to convert Fore Street to a 20mph limit from the Mid Cornwall Metro Link.		
	Councillor M. Taylor left the meeting at 7.18pm.		
87/24	Rural EV Charging – Electric Vehicle Chargers in the Town/Parish:- Clerk reported the forms received are to be finalised as a lot of information she had to find out and will be submitted Action : Keep Pending.	Clerk	
88/24	Update on Metro Link from Chairman:- Chairman reported as noted above the public consultation will commence on the 17 th April. Steve Double MP had a meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Higman and they discussed the offer with him.		
89/24	No Dog Signs and Dog Mess Issues in the Village: Correspondence received from two residents in respect of dog's mess and		
	Cornwall Councillor P. Guest reported Cornwall Council are putting in a new waste bin and stickers on order for Tremodrett Road and Mrs. Thelma Cann has been informed.		
	Councillor M. Edyvean reported on three entrances where we have no signage. Chairman reported we renew signage in the Playing Field and Skatepark, i.e. no dogs allowed, to also have dogs kept on leads, Councillors M. Edyvean and Mrs. L. Harrison to map out and come back with exact locations of where signage is required Action: Councillors Mrs. L. Harrison and M. Edyvean.	Cllrs. M. Edyvean /Mrs. L. Harrison	
90/24	Renewal of Cornwall Legal Service Level Agreement 2024/2025:- Resolved to renew this agreement (Proposed: Councillor Mrs. S. Tippett; Seconded: Councillor G. Rowe) Action: Clerk.	Clerk	

91/24	Request and Permission to install a Little Free Library in the village:- Resolved to support and Clerk to ask for identification of sites to be located and we will then discuss at our May meeting Action : Clerk.	Clerk
92/24	Signage for new TR7 Skatepark CIC:- Cornwall Councillor P. Guest reported on brown signage which he has been following up. Resolved to go down the route for an application for brown signage Action: Clerk	Clerk
93/24	Articles for Parish Council Website/Newsletter:- Monthly newsletter report to be submitted Action: Clerk.	Clerk
94/24	 Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:- NALC – Events NALC – Newsletter CALC – Safer Cornwall Newsletter – 2nd Edition Cornwall Council – Community Capacity Fund Great Western Railway - Devon re-signalling work from 16th-21st March 2024 NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin CALC: Training Update - Breakthrough March & April 2024 Training Course Dates Cornwall Council - Climate Training sessions National Highways - National Highways notification - A30 Highgate Hill roundabout to Mitchell Devon & Cornwall Police - The highs and lows of an incredible three years - Devon & Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioner Cornwall farmers joining mass international protests against Government's & Council's disputed Net Zero theory policies Madness Devon & Cornwall Police - Are you free for an hour to talk to our team about ASB and tackling drugs?	
	 13. Gallagher Insurance - Horizon - How to Navigate the Changing Risk Landscape 14. Cornwall Council – Climate Training Sessions 15. National Highways – Notification – A30 Highgate Hill roundabout to Mitchell closures – Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th March 2024 16. Great Western Railway – New Rail Strikes 17. CALC – Free Online Demonstration: Go collaborate – Community Engagement and Consultation Platform 18. CALC – NALC Briefing – Practitioners Guide 2024 19. Cornwall Councill – Town & Parish Council Bulletin: 5th April 2024 20. Cornwall Council Pensions – March 2024 Employer Newsletter 21. J.L. Bennett – Items of correspondence noted and acknowledged 	
95/24	To arrange any Sub-Committee Meetings required:- None.	
96/24	Any Urgent Matters the Chairman considers relevant for this meeting:- None.	
97/24	Date of next Meeting:- Monday 13th May 2024 at 6.30pm to be held in the Roche Victory Hall Large Main Hall, Roche Victory Hall, which will be the AGM and Nominations of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Officers. Action: Clerk to re-send Councillors information.	Clerk
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Signature:	
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Date: 13th May 2024