

**Stoke Climsland Parish Council Meeting**  
**Monday 18th January 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom™ - Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Sarah Ross - Chair (SR); Nigel Cooper – Vice Chair (NJC); Stuart Cazaly (SC); Bonnie Lightfoot (BL); Caroline Vulliamy (CV); Phil Barriball (PB); Jerry Forbes (JF) (intermittent signal throughout); Martin Howlett (MH).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ren Jackaman – Parish Clerk (RJ) Cllr Neil Burden (NB) (left at 22:00); nine members of the public (one left at 20:38, one left at 21:40, two left at 22:20).

### **1. Councillor matters**

1.1 *To receive apologies for absences:*

Apologies were accepted from Shirley Bruna (SB); David Crawley (DC).

1.2 *To receive declarations of pecuniary interests:* NONE

1.3 *To receive declarations of non-registrable interests:* NONE

1.4 *To approve written requests for dispensations:* NONE

### **2. Previous Parish Council meeting (21<sup>st</sup> December 2020)**

2.1 *To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting.*

It was proposed by NJC, seconded by PB and RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the Ordinary meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020, all in favour, two abstentions as absent from last meeting.

2.2 *To approve the minutes of the closed session:*

It was proposed by PB, seconded by BL and RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the Closed Session on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020, all in favour, two abstentions as absent from last meeting.

2.3 *Matters Arising* NONE

2.4 *Items Actioned since last meeting* NONE

### **3. Questions from the public:** NONE

### **4. Correspondence received:**

4.1 Three parishioners have contacted RJ about the problems with ice on Lockett Hill and the broken grit bin.

The Chair moved item 7.1 up the agenda to this point to convenience the members of the public present and in recognition of their concerns.

An open discussion followed.

- On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January, all the parish grit bins were filled by NJC and MH using 20 bags of road salt, purchased at the expense of the Parish Council, most bins were found to be full or near full at this time.
- The option of putting the contract out to tender for a local agricultural contractor to grit the roads in icy periods was suggested, also to store the road salt (on the understanding that red diesel cannot be used.)
- The CC gritting schedule only covers main roads and bus routes.
- Research indicates that the price for one tonne of road salt is c£100.

- A calculation of coverage required results in a cost of £160 per mile to do all the roads in the parish. This is not within the financial reach of Parish Council funds.
- The Lockett Post Office bin would benefit from being moved to be near the phone box.
- An emergency response protocol or rota is desirable, SCARPER to discuss possibilities regarding their volunteer network at their next meeting and report back.
- It is more convenient to purchase smaller bags of rock salt and store in locations around the parish.
- At present, the supply is adequate for foreseeable need.

4.2 A letter has been received from Richard Bennet (Churchwarden) giving thanks for continued Parish Council support.

4.3 Email from Ali Guy:

- More than 100 MPs from across different parties are supporting a parliamentary bid to stop water companies discharging untreated sewage into rivers.
- The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill which is now progressing through parliament. This Bill is now due to have its report stage and third reading on Tuesday 26th Jan 2021. Amendments can be made to the bill at this report stage.
- Mr. Guy requests that both the council and the council members individually, write to our MP for North Cornwall, Scott Mann about these two matters.

## 5. Community Groups & Stakeholders:

5.1 *Cllr. Burden:*

- Full Council meets tomorrow and will discuss what Ward Members will be paid after the elections on May 6th, on target to save the Council £500K.
- If elections are delayed, they will likely be in September.
- The new Stoke Climsland Ward will be the largest in Cornwall.
- In spite of Lockdown there is a lot more traffic on the roads than in March.
- Good neighbours are essential in times of adverse weather conditions but lockdown may be having an adverse effect on this.
- Council Tax to go up by 4.9%.
- £10 million Government funding allocated for Adult Social Care.
- Costs of Residential Care is hitting private individuals hard.
- School Meals availability, Social Services should step in when risk is high of children not being fed.
- Local Leisure Centres are closed again and at risk of not re-opening.

5.2 *SCARPER:*

Geoff Giles gave the SCARPER Report.

- Additional grant application (£400) posted and now await confirmation the monies have been paid into the PC account.
- SCARPER have agreed to be a 'peer group' support to other parishes if needed. This gives us a further £100 grant. To date St Germans have approached SCARPER for advice.

- SCARPER has registered with Volunteers Cornwall and our local volunteers have been sent a letter to carry with them in case they are stopped by Police or those in authority.
- A pair of two way radios added to the equipment list as well as a basic mobile phone to be used during emergencies to receive calls. The radios have been tested to determine any 'blind spots' for future reference.
- Development of the Emergency and Resilience Plans, to be reviewed in light of recent events of flooding, icy roads and fallen trees.

### 5.3 SCCCAG:

MH gave the report from SCCCAG.

- Energy & Transport Working Groups have met remotely and also taken part in an all day online conference for South East Region, which was deemed worthwhile, future conferences are to be attended.
- Agricultural Working Group is conducting a farm survey in the parish to establish a baseline which will lead into the Carbon Audit.
- Steering Group has met regarding the DPD, PC will meet on this issue on 27<sup>th</sup> January.

### 5.4 SCEN:

James Troupe provided a written report on current and future projects.

- Nature Friendly Farming Network has been put in touch with some local farmers and growers when they requested that.
- Rotten bed edges in the school garden have been replaced.
- Strawberry plants have been shared.
- An edible forest garden idea is being explored.
- The idea of a climate fayre, like North Hill had, is on the back burner.
- Discussion of the forthcoming changes in the way farmers are supported by the state has taken place, looking forward to learning more about this.
- Anticipate the results of a local farming and environment survey.
- Contacts have been made with Climate groups in other parishes.
- Information on all sorts of climate and ecological issues has been shared through the network including links to petitions and campaigns and contacting our MP as well as how to shop more ecological and soil health issues and the Launceston Forest Crowdfunder.
- Litter picking patrols have taken place occasionally in Lockett and Stoke.
- Initial contacts with the Forest for Cornwall project have been made.
- Articles for the parish newsletters to be written and the possibility of an environmentally themed performance at some point.
- Exploration of a site for a first community compost heap has started and workers have volunteered to help build it.
- Latch on pedestrian gate to the Sports Field has been repaired.

### 5.5 Stoke Climsland WI:

BL announced that the WI has been discussing well being in the parish and asked if the Parish Council would allow the Jubilee trees on the Village Green to be decorated for Easter and possibly also at Christmas.

It was proposed by CV, seconded by SC and AGREED to allow the WI to organise decorating the trees on the green, subject to Covid-19 restrictions, all in favour.

## 5.6 Caradon CNP

RJ attended the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021:

- Covid 19 vaccination is being rolled out, Millennium House in Pensilva now being used.
- 962 police call outs for Covid 19 violations, 42 to be enforced and these were mostly second homeowners.
- There is c£23K left in the CNP Highways budget which could be used for another tranche of projects, could be used to purchase another mobile speed camera for the whole district, or could be used to replace worn out place name signs.
- The locations for the mobile speed camera to be deployed in both Downgate and Lockett have been confirmed.
- Camelot Kennels junction - Paul Allen has suggested filling in the layby so lorries cannot park in it and re-curb-ing that area, potential cost of c£20K. David Skelton has suggested that this will make things worse as those coming out of the junction tend to use it as a slipway to see oncoming traffic more clearly. Jim Flashman suggested making the junction left turn only. The problem is clearly to do with a) cars coming too fast out of Kelly Bray after being in a speed restriction for two miles and b) visibility both from and of the junction, so left turn only and/or filling in the layby is not going to solve that. It was confirmed that this junction is number 93 in the list of accident black spots in Cornwall but Paul Allen says they only sort out about six of these each year. The remaining CNP Highways budget for both Caradon and Launceston could be used. Paul Allen to follow up on possible solutions.
- Phil Mason is to be invited to the next meeting to discuss planning enforcement concerns.

The next meeting is to be held in March 2021.

A discussion of the ongoing problems with the Camelot Kennel junction followed.

**ACTION: RJ to confer with Paul Allen, William Glassup & PB to establish if a Zoom meeting can be arranged about this topic.**

## 6. Planning matters

### 6.1 Planning Applications:

- **PA20/10862 - Land Owned By Treffinnick Farm At Bray Shop Callington**

Variation of condition 12 of application no. PA12/07093 dated 21/12/12 (Installation of photo voltaic power-plant (solar farm) with a total capacity of up to 5MW, electrical sub-station, power inverter stations, transformers, pole-mounted CCTV cameras, security fencing, access road and other associated works).

Discussion followed and it was noted that:

- The natural screening which was part of the original proposal has not materialised.
- The associated \$106 grants should continue for any extended term.

It was proposed by NJC, seconded by MH and RESOLVED to support this application, all in favour.

- **PA20/11139 – Richard Adams, The Hideaway, Pempwell, Stoke Climsland PL17 8LN**

Replacement of single glazed windows to improve energy efficiency, reduce CO2 emissions and condensation and improve safety and security within the property.

It was proposed by SC, seconded by PB and RESOLVED to support this application, all in favour with one abstention.

- **PA20/11234, Mr Roy Durand, Land Adjacent Norton Barton Stoke Climsland**

Construction of extension to existing barn (part resubmission of application no. PA20/04242).

Discussion followed and the following was noted:

- The removal of the hedgerow and installation of a new driveway is unnecessary and should not be permitted.
- The existing building has been noted as adequate for the agricultural use which has been previously established.
- There should be specific constraints to restrict any change of use and prevent the site from being changed or demolished for a domestic dwelling.

It was proposed by CV, seconded by MH and RESOLVED not to support this application, all in favour.

- **PA20/11185 – Jamie Hatch, KB Products Station Road Kelly Bray PL17 8ER**

Construction of two Poultry Sheds, Services Shed, Feed Bins, Access Road and Related Earthworks.

Discussion followed and it was noted that:

- Local businesses which are able to expand should be supported in doing so, especially food providers.
- The road directly outside the proposed development is notorious for flooding due to field run off, so the installation of a drainage system capable of coping with this would be highly recommended.
- Solar panels should be fitted to the roofs of the sheds in accordance with Climate Emergency Declaration of both Stoke Climsland Parish Council and Cornwall Council.
- The comprehensive screening system is commended.

It was proposed by NJC, seconded by BL and RESOLVED to support this application, six in favour, one against, one abstention.

6.2 *Enforcement: Refusals, Approvals & Appeals:* NONE

6.3 *Other Planning Matters:* NONE

## **7. Highway & Transport:**

7.1 *Winter Roads (item moved to 4. above)*

7.2 *Flooding:*

- Recent flooding at Old Mill, Lockett, Shutta and Alren has been severe. The main problem is insufficient drainage at the foot of the hill to Stoke Climsland.
- There has been water ingress to several properties.

- BL provided some research into the nature of the catchment area for water flowing through the Old Mill/Luckett tributary (these notes are included as Appendix 1).
- A request was made that the Parish Council liaise with landowners, Westcountry Rivers Trust, Environment Agency, Cornwall Flood Forum and others to create a 'Flood plan'.
- Gas main groundworks some years ago broke the original granite culvert and it was not repaired.
- Larger drainage pipes are required.
- A former proposal to scour old ponds in between Old Mill and Luckett was discussed.
- The upcoming Tamara Landscape Project aims to address soil erosion and water flow in Luckett catchment, the Parish Council should support this project.
- RJ has identified the papers relating to the original Luckett/Alren Stream improvements of 2002 from the Environment Agency for reference.
- The Kit Hill Road culverts and drainage system are also constantly flooded and not coping with waterflow.

**ACTION: RJ to contact the Environment Agency, Rivers Trust, Highways & Environment East to explain situation with help of witness reports from those householders who have experienced flooding issues.**

## 8. Council Property & Assets:

### 8.1 Asset Snag List:

Two remaining items which can be addressed during lockdown:

- Village Green, the fire hydrant sign is split.
- War memorial, flower holder needs to be replaced.

**ACTION: RJ to source fire hydrant sign and war memorial flower holder.**

### 8.2 Bray Shop Noticeboard:

Linkinhorne Parish Clerk has requested that Stoke Climsland PC source a quote. RJ has sent the specification to Dave Labruyere as the previously approved contractor.

## 9. Project Updates: **(all deferred until next meeting)**

9.1 Registration of Rowden Field, Duck Pond, War Memorial:

9.2 Luckett Swings conveyance:

9.3 Tree Preservation Orders and Tree Warden:

9.4 Health & Wellbeing Hub:

9.5 Community Composting:

9.6 Kit Hill summit building:

9.7 Forest for Cornwall:

## 10. Parish Council finances

10.1 To approve monthly payment schedule for January 2021:

It was proposed by BL, seconded by PB and RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule, all in favour, one abstention.

10.2 Quarterly Review: **(deferred to next meeting)**

## 11. Parish Council Governance:

11.1 Dates of Parish Council Meetings in 2021:

- January 18<sup>th</sup>
- February 15<sup>th</sup>
- March 15<sup>th</sup>
- April 19<sup>th</sup> (also Annual Parish Meeting)
- May 17<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> meeting after election on May 6<sup>th</sup>, also Annual)
- June 21<sup>st</sup>
- July 19<sup>th</sup>
- August (TBC)
- September 20<sup>th</sup>
- October 18<sup>th</sup>
- November 15<sup>th</sup>
- December 20<sup>th</sup>

### 11.2 Committee on Standards in Public Life Survey:

The Code of Conduct is being redeveloped, a new model Code of Conduct has been published and a NALC survey is currently running to which councillors have been encouraged to contribute.

### 12. Items for next Parish Council meeting agenda:

- Grass cutting & Footpath Maintenance Tenders.
- Items deferred from 18.01.2021
- Policy Checks
- Insurance Policy Review

### 13. Date and time of next meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### SR closed the meeting at 22:25

Stoke Climsland Parish Council					
Payment Schedule Current Account					
DATE	January	2021			
PAYEE	Invoice Date	Invoice #	Description	Amount	Cheque #
R. Jackaman - Parish Clerk	n/a	n/a	Salary and Reimbursements	£455.29	1441
AG Accountancy Ltd	01.12.2021	3091	Payroll administration	£11.20	1442
Old School Community Project	n/a	n/a	Grant to cover printing of Christmas edition	£500.00	1443
N.J. Cooper	12.01.2021	n/a	Reimbursement for purchase of riad salt	£119.80	1444
NEST Pensions	19.01.2021	n/a	Employer's Contribution @ 5%	£32.34	DD
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£1118.63</b>	

### Appendix 1: BL research and suggestions for item 7.2

Climate – Old Mill. On TV over the New Year there was a programme about how to combat climate change with reference to flooding.

My concern is the flooding at Old Mill – now 2 immediate properties are at risk.

1. Homeowners can take precautions – make sure prior to storms that the road drains are free from debris. If not phone CC
2. People can prepare to avoid a complete disaster by removing all items up out of flood area indoors and outside. This will make clearing up a lot easier and less distressing.
3. Just some facts: At present the water that goes under Old Mill bridge comes from a catchment which consists of “Windsor where one stream starts the slopes of Kitt Hill above Downgate, Southcoombe, Crocket over to Kelly Bray Woods, above Whiteford, to the College and main road above, Venterdon, Stoke Climsland, Pound Lane, Merefeld, Climson, Alren and Shutta. All the runoff water from this area has to go through 2 apertures of 47” x 22 and 57” x 22” that one reduces down to 47” x 22” at Old Mill Bridge – a lot of water. And of course this water then flows down to Lockett with added catchment area of water runoff.
4. Try to establish how the wider community can contribute to control the flood risk. This being control or slow water flow from land above the vulnerable flood area.
5. Is there any way the Parish Council will instigate this by bringing together:
  - Landowners
  - WC River Trust
  - Cornwall Council
  - Government bodies
  - Community Effort
  - Environment Agency
6. I know this kind of project can take several years to implement and needs a lot of joint effort between authorities. So I would like to ask the PC to consider, as a carrot, in conjunction with all the afore authorities to dedicate, in the future, some of the money that the Trefinnick Solar farm donate to fund a Parish Flood Plan?