

MINUTES OF THE ST NEOT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8th JANUARY 2025 AT 7:30PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ST NEOT INSTITUTE, ST NEOT

Present: Councillors T Hooper (Chair), H Webb, A Tamblyn, C Smith, N Ball, M Rowe, H Bunt, L Jones and D Glanville.

Sue Blaxley, Clerk and RFO.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:30pm and confirmed that no one was recording the meeting.

Public Participation

None

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors T Thrussell and G Rogers and from Cornwall Councillor P Seeva.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th November 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2024, having been previously circulated, were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None

4. To receive a report on any matters arising from the previous meeting

It was noted that Councillor N Ball has replaced the tap in Cott Yard. In respect of the alterations which have been made to land owned by the parish council adjacent to the house under construction at the top of Tripp Hill, Councillor M Rowe said that he would contact Kivells and ask them to do a Land Registry search to ascertain the ownership of the land in question.

Councillor T Hooper said that she has not received a response from Cornwall Councillor P Seeva regarding setting up a meeting in respect of the parking at Golitha Falls, the issue with rubbish collection at Mill Town or the road sweeper in the village.

Councillor M Rowe said that he has cleared out the drain to the rear of Cott Yard. Councillor C Smith confirmed that he is in communication with the new tenant for Cott Yard.

The Chair circulated a draft notice regarding vehicles being parked in the car park illegally or for extended periods of time. Some discussion took place regarding the

wording of the notice and where the notice should be displayed. It was agreed that the situation would continue to be monitored and the information regarding parking in the car park illegally or for extended periods of time would be conveyed to parishioners via the Chair's item in St Neot News.

The Chair advised that an additional £12,000 has been awarded to the parish council under the CLUP scheme which will cover the cost of the additional concrete and the disabled toilet. The Chair thanked Councillor C Smith, on behalf of the parish council, for putting a new hand dryer in the public toilet.

5. To receive the Chairman's Communications

The Chair said that she has received communication regarding a vote of no confidence in Cornwall Council's Planning Enforcement team which has been instigated by Marazion Town council. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

The Chair said that a parishioner had contacted her regarding the dangerous trees overhanging the Carnglaze Caverns' road. Councillor H Bunt said there are 7 landowners who own trees on the boundary with the road and that to fell the dangerous trees or cut overhanging branches, the road would need to be closed so that all the landowners could attend to this at the same time. Councillor T Hooper said she would pursue the matter of a road closure. The Chair said that a parishioner was concerned that the Church notice board is screened by vehicles parking in front of it. The Chair said that she has contacted St Neot PCC and asked them to consider moving the notice board. It was also noted that PCSO S Edsner's monthly report has been circulated to all councillors.

The Chair said that a streetlight outside the rear of Lampen Bungalows is illuminated at random hours. The Clerk said she would contact Cornwall Housing regarding this matter. Councillor T Hooper said that a parishioner has written to Cormac regarding the proposed 20mph speed limit through the village, particularly in respect of parking in roads where the speed limit is 20mph and suggesting that the speed limit on the Carnglaze Caverns Road to the A38 be 30mph. She said the parishioner has also questioned how Cornwall Council will enforce the new speed limits.

The Chair said that a parishioner was concerned about the amount of dog faeces on the grass area by the Crowpound layby. Councillor T Hooper said that she would remind everyone in her article in St Neot News to pick up their dog faeces.

6. To answer any questions from Councillors, previously notified to the Clerk

Councillor M Rowe said that a parishioner has asked if the parish council would consider financially supporting the provision of a defibrillator at the Halfway House pub. It was agreed that the landlady of the pub and Sandra Rowe should be approached regarding this matter.

7. To receive a report from the Clerk

None

8. Doorstep Green and Playing Field

To receive and consider a report on any matters arising relating to Doorstep Green and the Playing Field

Councillor H Webb said that she continues to inspect the play equipment on a regular basis. Councillor C Smith said that the play tower is very slippery and requires cleaning and Doorstep Green requires sweeping.

9. Pavillion

To receive and consider a report on any matters arising relating to the extension to the Pavilion

Councillor C Smith said that the work is 90% complete and that a very good quality job is being done. He said that several jobs, such as the groundworks, will need to be done in the Spring. He said that volunteers will be required to fit the kitchen and paint the existing Pavilion internally. It was noted that Cornwall Council has granted an extension on the submission of the claim for the grant money until 31st January 2025.

The Chair said that the Christmas tree will be planted outside the Pavilion and there will be a small ceremony. It was noted that parishioners have praised the contractors and the parish council for a very tidy and good job.

To receive and consider a report on any other matters arising relating to the Pavilion

None

10. Cott Yard

To receive and consider a report on any matters arising relating to Cott Yard

It was noted that the new tenant will pay for water to be brought into suite 2 and for any necessary drainage works. It was agreed that the vacant suite would be advertised on Facebook and in St Neot News.

11. Toilets and Car Park

To receive and consider a report on any matters arising relating to the toilets and car park

It was noted that Colin Alford will repair/replace the manhole outside the toilet next week.

12. St Neot Orchard

To receive and consider a report on any matters arising relating to St Neot Orchard

It was agreed that a working party will take place on Saturday 15th February 2025 to clear and chip the debris on the bank cut by Warleggan Young Farmers.

13. Farmer's Market

To receive a report from the councillor who attended the farmer's market on 4th January 2024 and to appoint a representative to attend the farmer's market on 1st February 2025

Councillor T Hooper said that no questions or comments were raised at the market in January. Councillor H Bunt said that he would attend the market on 1st February 2025.

14. To receive reports from -

a) Cornwall Councillor

None. .

b) Goonzion Commoners

None

c) SE Cornwall CAP

None

15. To authorise the signing of orders for payment, including –

Cornwall Pension Fund (Pension for Clerk) - £183.06
Julie Ball (Toilet cleaning) - £247.62
Cornwall Council (Business Rates for Cott Yard) - £326.00
EDF Energy (Electricity for Pavilion) - £32.02
St Neot News (Advertisement) - £10.00
St Neot News (Expenses October, November and December 2024) - £622.00
Christian Smith (Hand dryer for Toilet) – £194.79
Christian Smith (Tap for Cott Yard) – £69.98
Christian Smith (Locks for Pavilion) – £59.98
Christian Smith (Handle/Lock for Pavilion) - £66.46

It was proposed by Councillor H Bunt and seconded by Councillor A Tamblyn that all the above orders be authorized for payment. All Councillors voted in favour, except for Councillor N Ball who abstained from voting.

16. Finance Report

To receive a current financial statement of the accounts and to review income and expenditure against budget

The Clerk reported that the accounts balanced at £48,124.89 on 31st December 2025.

Under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2), members of the public were excluded from the meeting at this point due to the sensitive financial and commercial business to be discussed.

17. Lease

To receive and consider the lease for the tenant of the shop and community hub at the Pavilion

Discussions took place regarding the lease for the tenant of the shop and community hub at the Pavilion.

18. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12th February 2025.

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Wednesday 12th February 2025 commencing at 7:30pm in the Village Hall/Social Club meeting room.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 9:06pm.