

CROWAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE A&E COMMITTEE HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM

CROWAN ON THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER AT 7.15 P.M.



PRESENT	Councillors J. Thould, C Merton, C. Parnell, K Allen and C Mann.
WELCOME	Councillor Thould welcomed councillors and the Clerk.
24-09/01A	Apologies Received from councillors S. Mock, L. Jenkin, D. Smith.
24-09/02A	Members' declarations None.
24-09/03A	Requests for dispensation None.
24-09/04A	Public forum None.
24-09/05A	Previous minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2024 were noted. The Clerk reported on four outstanding issues and will circulate the final plan for the Nancegollan road improvement.
24-09/06A	Request For Funding A Plaque Councillors considered a previously circulated letter from Crowan residents asking council to purchase a plaque commemorating the ascension of the King to be attached to the bench outside Crowan Parish Rooms. Changes to the wording on the plaque proposed by the residents were agreed. After discussion, the committee RESOLVED that the parish council be asked to fund a brass plaque to an approximate value of £80. The Clerk will advise the parishioners of the changes to the wording.
24-09/07A	Request To Erect A Memorial Bench The clerk had previously-circulated a letter from a former parish resident who wished to donate £500 to pay for a bench to be erected on The Green, Nancegollan in memory of her sister. The committee RESOLVED that the donation be accepted and a new bench purchased and installed as set out in the letter. The Clerk will contact the individual, thanking her for her generosity, and make the arrangements for the money to be transferred, a bench purchased and its installation.
24-09/08A	Commemorating A Local Couple The committee discussed a suggestion that a plaque be purchased and put up in the Leedstown noticeboard. The committee felt that there was too little information to make a recommendation to council about it and so the Clerk will consult with the family.
24-09/09A	Public Rights of Way The Chair led a debate on the Local Maintenance Partnership in the light of this summer's growing conditions, which were agreed as extraordinary. It was agreed that some PROW required additional cuts, some paths needed to be redesignated and that the work of the contractor should be checked. The Clerk and Chair of Amenities and Environment Committee will meet the contractor for discussions during September. RESOLVED that council be asked to fund an additional £2,000 to be spent at the Clerk's discretion to ensure that PROW are kept clear.
24-09/10A	Wheal Treasure – Opportunities of Biodiversity Net Gain The committee considered and accepted a previously-circulated report from the Clerk that concluded that BNG is not a viable funding source for improvements to Wheal Treasure. The continuing lack of clarity about what the park could provide for the community was noted. It was agreed that access to the park is difficult, with no parking or pavement. The committee RESOLVED that council be asked to fund £500 to improve the natural habitat, and £500 for the purchase and installation of a bench, in Wheal Treasure.

24-09/11A	Involving The Community The committee discussed various methods of engaging with parish residents, including councillor surgeries, mailshot questionnaires and open meetings in the village halls to hear directly from them. It was agreed that open meetings offered the best prospect for community engagement and that this should be an agenda item for a future council meeting.
24-09/012A	Defibrillators The committee heard that the three council-owned telephone boxes are in a poor state, and RESOLVED that the Clerk should seek three quotes for having the council-owned telephone boxes repainted, the matter then to be decided upon at council. The Clerk drew councillors' attention to the state of the Crowan telephone box, which is owned by BT and is in a desperate condition. The committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to BT, pointing out the dire condition of the Crowan telephone box, and enquiring whether the company would give it to the council with a sum of £5,000 to pay for its restoration. After discussion, the Clerk agreed to check on the defibrillators when attending to the noticeboards and report on his finding to the council and on the Circuit website.
24-09/13A	Energy Assessment Project The clerk reported that Planet A is arranging visits and receiving documents from the four organisations running the parish's community buildings and compiling reports on each. Clerk to ask the company for update and report to councillors.
24-09/014A	Play Equipment Monthly Inspection Reports The Clerk gave a report on the inspections, noting no serious issues had been found. The Clerk to ensure appropriate action is taken to resolve the minor matters that were found and circulate reports to councillors.
24-09/15A	CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT The Clerk reported that work he had planned to have done on a hedge adjacent to The Plan had had to be cancelled as the contractor is unwell. It was agreed that he should seek quotes from three other contractors and bring the matter to a council meeting.
24-09/16A	ENVIRONMENT No matters raised.
24-09/17A	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC There being no further business, a motion to exclude the press and public was not put to a vote.
24-09/18A	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 7th November 2024.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.21pm.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

24-09/05A	Circulate the final plan for the Nancegollan road improvement scheme.	Clerk
24-09/06A	Purchase and fix a plaque to the bench in Crowan. Advise applicants of change to the wording.	Clerk
24-09/07A	Arrange for transfer of funds and commissioning of a bench on The Green, Nancegollan.	Clerk
24-09/08A	Discuss options for commemorating a local couple with the family.	Clerk
24-09/09A	Agenda item for council meeting – that £2,000 be used to improve the state of the PROW.	Clerk
24-09/10A	Agenda items for council meeting – that £500 be used to improve the habitat in Wheal Treasure and £500 be used to instal a bench at the same location.	Clerk
24-09/11A	Agenda item for council meeting – open public meetings to engage with the public.	Clerk
24-09/12A	Seek three quotes for painting of telephone boxes and bring to council meeting Raise issue of Crowan telephone box with BT Update council and The Circuit on the emergency readiness of the defibrillators.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
24-09/13A	Seek an update from Planet A and advise councillors	Clerk
24-09/14A	Circulate inspection reports and address issues as appropriate.	Clerk
24-09/15A	Seek three quotes for cutting back growth on The Plan, Praze and bring to council.	Clerk