

CROWAN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT CROWAN PARISH ROOMS
ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.15pm



IN PRESENT: Councillors L Jenkin, D Smith, K Allen, J Thould and S Mock.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME:

The Chair welcomed councillors, the Clerk and two members of the public. Following discussion, council agreed with the Clerk that item 25-02/07(c) be discussed earlier in the meeting as a member of the public who wished to speak to it had a lengthy car journey home.

ITEM	
25-02/01	Apologies Received from councillor C Parnell.
25-02/02	Public Forum A member of the public spoke in support of the application discussed at 25-02/07(c). The history of the site and previous applications were discussed and the need to improve the site was agreed.
25-02/03	Declarations of Interest Councillor Mock expressed a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the site of application PA24/09634 where he has belongings in store.
25-02/04	Requests For Dispensation Councillor Mock requested dispensation to participate in and vote on the recommendation relating to item 25-02/07(c). Council agreed that Councillor Mock's personal interest in the site is peripheral and RESOLVED that Councillor Mock be granted a dispensation to participate in and vote on agenda item 25-02/07(c).
25-02/07 (c)	Planning Applications PA24/09634 <i>Land And Buildings At Dixcarte, Crowan. Application for Permission in Principle for the proposed development of up to 7 dwellings and creation of a community parking area following demolition of redundant barns (minimum 5, maximum 7).</i> Council notes that a substantial area outside the red line might have been developed at the same time but is excluded from the application. Council also feels that flooding and landscaping issues could have been dealt in this application. The council accepts the need to make the site safe and supports a sensible plan that respects the context of an attractive village in a rural setting. The council urges the developer to carry out its stated intention of consulting with parish residents and continues to hope that a comprehensive application for the whole site will be made. Council acknowledges that the development's contribution to affordable housing may have to be made off-site and notes the conditional support of the Affordable Housing Team. Council SUPPORTS this application for permission in principle and looks forward to more detail about the development of the site.
25-02/05	Previous Minutes Council RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 January 2025, the extraordinary council meeting held 23 January 2025 and the meeting of the Amenities and Environment Committee held on 23 January 2025 be approved as true and accurate records of those meetings. Councillor Jenkin advised that the prospective owners of the property previously owned by her family in Leedstown had indicated they would be happy to continue to have a community noticeboard on the property. A new board is needed.
25-02/06	Cornwall Councillor's Report Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin reported on the proposals for 20mph traffic speed limits in the parish. Council regretted that the main roads in Leedstown are not included because the lengths of the applied speed limit would be too short; and agreed that a comprehensive scheme is needed for the village with gateways, buildouts and a possible

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	roundabout at the crossroads. Council felt that the current plan for Nancegollan (for speed limits to remain at 30mph until at least the completion of the road works) was sub-optimal, and that the village required a 20mph limit irrespective of the improvements for which the council and Cornwall Councillor Jenkin had lobbied. Council felt that the proposed 20mph speed limit on Station Hill, Praze should be extended south past the entrance to Sycamore Close and include that road. Council agreed that the proposed 40mph limit on Carvolth Lane is sensible but it aware that some local residents have reservations about it. Council agreed that it supports the proposal for 20mph through Townshend. The Clerk and Councillor Jenkin will respond to the consultations on behalf of the parish council to reflect the above sentiments.
25-02/07	Planning – Applications (a) PA24/09055 <i>The Coach House Clowance Barton Praze Road Praze. Listed building consent for Internal and external repair and renovation works to The Coach House and change of use of land to residential (part retrospective).</i> The Parish Council SUPPORTS this application on the understanding that it satisfies the Conservation Officer. The council commends the applicant for the sensitivity with which the site is being developed, and notes with satisfaction the excellent communications between him and the conservation officer. The council hopes to arrange a site visit with the applicant to talk to him directly about the plans for this important site in the parish. (b) PA24/09054 <i>The Coach House Clowance Barton Praze Road Praze Internal and external repair and renovation works to The Coach House and change of use of land to residential (part retrospective).</i> The Parish Council SUPPORTS this application on the understanding that it satisfies the Conservation Officer. The council commends the applicant for the sensitivity with which the site is being developed, and notes with satisfaction the excellent communications between him and the conservation officer. The council hopes to arrange a site visit with the applicant to talk to him directly about the plans for this important site in the parish. (d) PA24/06439 <i>Black Rock Farm Black Rock Erection of replacement dwellings following Class Q approval and demolition of existing structure.</i> The parish council cannot support nor object to this application. The parish council notes that this location was the subject of a recent, failed application. The council has received a notification from the applicant claiming that all of the objections to that application had been resolved in this new version in which a neighbour's anxiety about a sustainable water supply for this property is acknowledged. The applicant has stressed that there will be no effect on nearby boreholes, and the council believes in any case that the water supply is not a planning concern. In principle, the council has no objection to two dwellings on this location and considers the designs attractive and appropriate. The site as it stands is unsightly and the parish council welcomes efforts made to improve it. The designs of the dwellings are a huge improvement on the extant buildings. However, it is noted that the proposed replacement for barn 2 is bigger and that some buildings are not on the same footprint as the Class Q application. The council is especially concerned about the exclusion of barn 3 from the application and feels that that area of the property should have been included in the application for a fair assessment to be made of it. The council has concerns about the water treatment and foul drainage arrangements and whether the new application is a match to the Class Q permissions. Importantly, the application extends the buildings into adjacent fields and so is enlarging the developed area. The application itself lacks detail leading to councillors finding it unclear and confusing. Ultimately, the council could not decide whether it believes the application to conform to policy and so is unable to give a recommendation.

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	Planning – Decisions The Clerk reported that he had received the following notifications since sending out the agenda: PA24/09135 <i>Mill House Tremayne Praze. Extension to existing agricultural building.</i> APPROVED PA24/09163 <i>Polcrebo House Polcrebo Downs Nancegollan. 2-storey extension.</i> APPROVED W2/PA07/02050 <i>The Garden House Clowance Praze. Listed Building Consent for demolition and rebuilding of south facing brickwork wall to enable building stability</i> WITHDRAWN
25-02/08	Local Maintenance Partnership Council passed the following motion. Crowan Parish Council agrees to accept the Local Maintenance Partnership grant for 2025-6 and directs the clerk to tender for a contractor for 2025-6 and 2026-7.
25-02/09	Nancegollan Play Equipment After discussion, Council RESOLVED that the clerk should initiate a tender for the replacement of the Nancegollan play equipment using in full the reserves identified for this project.
25-02/10	Administration And Finance The Clerk presented a Scribe accounts reconciliation and Unity bank statement that showed council had £71,646.58. Payments totalling £3,432.61 including £106.54 VAT were presented. The clerk pointed out a payment of £320.40 to Clowance Holdings Ltd from the Praze Playing Field Trust reserve – otherwise, payments listed for services received from regular contractors and the clerk. Council RESOLVED to approve the Payments Schedule (totalling £3,432.61 including £106.54 VAT); and RESOLVED to authorise the Chair to sign the bank reconciliation (showing £71,646.58 in the Unity bank Account and Scribe system); and NOTED the January 2024 accounts.
25-02/11	Local Government Elections The clerk made a presentation showing councillors the key dates regarding the forthcoming elections for them as individuals and for the council as a whole.
25-02/12	Meetings Council RESOLVED that the Annual Electors' Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday May 15th, 2025. This will be on the <i>third</i> Thursday in the month. The meeting will include consideration of the HELAA. No date was set for the next Amenities and Environment Committee meeting.
25-02/13	Crowan NDP and Cornwall Local Plan The Clerk gave a presentation on Cornwall Council's Interim Planning Policy Position Statement and Call for Sites, and the soon-to-be introduced Neighbourhood Policy Statements (NPS). The council will devise and publish its own NPS when prompted to do so later in 2025.
25-02/14	Clerk's Update And Brief Reports For The Meeting The Clerk a) has written to the village hall committees about Cornwall Councillor Jenkins's Community Chest and Community Levelling Up Fund opportunities

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	b) yet to open the interest-paying savings account with a £20,000 transfer c) yet to open a Unity Bank Corporate Multipay account linked to the Unity trust Bank current account with a transaction limit of £500 and a monthly limit of £1,000 d) will tender for a contractor to carry out the LMP contract in the coming week a. circulated the Energy Efficiency Meeting agenda and details of the upcoming planning training e) has liaised with the Chair of the Praze Playing Field Trust about advice from the Charity Commission on opening a bank account The Clerk reported on the following correspondence. 1. A card from the RNLI expressing its gratitude from a recent donation from the council. 2. A letter from Redruth Town Council seeking support for a motion it passed asking Cornwall Council to use a different formula for dividing the proceeds of the second home council tax premiums. (Council felt it is too early to have a view on the matter, and felt the proposed motion was unwieldy and unfocussed. The Clerk was asked to respond with this message). 3. A letter from Cormac asking for views on the proposed imposition of the 20mph limit in settlements in the CAP. (Council delegated responding to the matter about proposals pertaining to the parish to Councillor Jenkin and the Clerk). 4. An email from a resident of Leedstown again expressing concern over the state of the trees at Wheal Treasure. (Council asked the Clerk to commission a survey). The Clerk also reported that: i. Play equipment repairs have been carried out. ii. Defibrillators have been checked and are functioning and The Circuit updated. iii. He has completed and returned a final report on Energy Efficiency Project report. iv. The meeting with the VH committees, Planet A and Cornwall Council had been held and was very successful. The Clerk and three councillors attended.
25-02/15	External Organisations Nancegollan Village Hall Committee is submitting bids for various modernisation schemes; the Clerk will send a letter in support on behalf of the council. More than 20 young people attended the recent youth club evening in Praze Institute. Praze Playing Field Trust will meet after the March council meeting.
25-02/16	Items For Future Meetings None proposed.
25-02/17	Exclusion Of The Press And Public Not enacted.
	Dates Of Meetings Full council – 13 March 2025. Annual Parish Meeting – 15 May 2025 at 6.45pm in the Parish Rooms, Crowan. Annual Council Meeting – 15 May 2024 at 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms, Crowan.
	Meeting closed @ 22.12.

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Actions Arising From The February 2025 Council Meeting

Action	Responsible
Liaise with councillor Jenkin to formulate and submit responses to the consultation on the introduction of the 20mph limits in parish settlements.	Clerk
Tender for a contractor for the LMP contract in 2025-6 and 2026-7.	Clerk
Tender for the replacement of the Nancegollan play equipment.	Clerk
Reply to the request from Redruth Town Council that it write to Cornwall Council.	Clerk
Commission a tree survey of Wheal Treasure	Clerk
Send letter supporting Nancegollan VH committee's grant applications	Clerk

OUTSTANDING Actions Arising From The January 2025 Council Meeting

Action	Responsible
Open an interest-paying savings account with an opening balance of £20,000 funded from a transfer from the current account.	Clerk
Open a Unity Bank Corporate Multipay account linked to the Unity trust Bank current account with a transaction limit of £500 and a monthly limit of £1,000.	Clerk
Carry out a tender to clear the parish's public rights of way for two years with an option of a third	Clerk