

CROWAN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT CROWAN PARISH ROOMS
ON THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2025 AT 7.15pm



PRESENT: Councillors L Jenkin, J Thould, S Mock, K Allen, D Smith and C Merton.	
CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME: The Chair welcomed councillors and the Clerk.	
ITEM	
25-01/01	Apologies C Parnell.
25-01/02	Public Forum None.
25-01/03	Member's Declarations None made.
25-01/04	Requests For Dispensation None received.
25-01/05	Previous Minutes Council RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 December 2024 be approved as true and accurate records of proceedings.
25-01/06	Cornwall Councillor's Report Cornwall Councillor Jenkin reported on a meeting on the 20mph speed limit rollout that she had attended. The Nancegollan traffic calming scheme means that the 20 mph limit will not be implemented there. A school-time 20mph scheme past Leedstown school is proposed. The Clerk will write to village hall chairs and inform them that small amounts of money are available from Cornwall Councillor Jenkins's Community Chest.
25-01/07	PLANNING – APPLICATIONS
(a)	PA24/09163 Polcrebo House, Polcrebo Downs, Nancegollan. The parish council notes this substantial extension is in keeping with the extant, rather small cottage in a very attractive location. There are no close neighbours and the parish council is aware that no-one has objected to the application. The application is therefore SUPPORTED .
(b)	PA24/09219 Clowance Barton, Praze Road, Praze. The replacement of the windows and of the cement pointing with lime mortar appears to the council to be sensible improvements and SUPPORTS the application assuming that it is approved by the Conservation Officer.
(c)	PA24/09135 Mill House, Tremayne, Praze. Crowan Parish Council SUPPORTS this application.
(d)	PA24/03042 Land Adj to 1 St James Place, Praze Road, Leedstown. The original intention for this plot of land was for a small industrial area, which the council continues to support. The council does not support using this location for housing. The plot is some way from the village envelope and therefore contravenes an important criterion of acceptability in the Crowan Parish NDP. A housing development in this location is not compatible with the rural surroundings and would be built on land known to be riddled with mineshafts. The Parish Council OBJECTS to this application and is unhappy that the heathland scrub that until recently characterised this rural spot has been ruthlessly and needlessly hacked back.
25-01/08	Staffing Committee Following discussion, Council RESOLVED that councillors Thould and Jenkin be elected to the committee.

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25-01/09	Council Banking Arrangements Councillors had been sent a report from the Clerk before the meeting recommending that an interest-paying savings account be opened. Following discussion, Council RESOLVED that an interest-paying savings account with an opening balance of £20,000 be opened funded from a transfer from the current account.
25-01/10	Access To Council Funds Councillors had been sent a report from the Clerk before the meeting recommending that a Corporate Multipay account with Unity Trust Bank. Following discussion, Council RESOLVED that 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 be opened.
25-01/11	Local Maintenance Partnership Having heard from the Clerk that the current contractor has decided not to take up the option of another year providing the service, Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should carry out a tender to clear the parish's public rights of way for two years with an option of a third.
25-01/12	Administration And Finance The Clerk presented a Payments List which included £650.00 for the removal of a damaged pine tree, £1,229.48 for the Clerk's salary and £502.70 for tax and national Insurance. He showed a Unity Bak Statement for 31 December 2024 showing £68,821.63 and a bank reconciliation from the Scribe system showing the same amount. Council RESOLVED to approve the Payments Schedule (totalling £4,847.86 including £270.42 VAT) RESOLVED to authorise the Chair to sign the bank reconciliation (showing £68,821.63 in the Unity bank Account and Scribe system) NOTED the December 2024 accounts.
25-01/13	Energy Efficiency Meeting Council agreed that the previously-circulated agenda be circulated to the list of attenders drawn up by the Clerk.
25-01/14	Clerk's Update And Brief Reports For The Meeting a) The Clerk will circulate details of the forthcoming on-line training on changes to the planning system in England. b) The Clerk updated council about and will continue discussions with the contractor who can move and mount the vehicle activated traffic signs. c) Advised that he could not put up the agenda for the council meeting at Townshend as the noticeboard was jammed. d) Reported that all defibrillators had been checked as fully functional and that he had updated The Circuit. e) Advised councillors about the forthcoming urgent council meeting. f) Council agreed in principle to the Clerk's request for three weeks' leave during September, with various options for how the needs of the parish can be managed to be worked through by the Staffing Committee.

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25-01/15	External Organisations Councillor Thould, a volunteer at Praze Youth Club, reported that 8 young people had attended the club's first session and had used the equipment funded by the donation made by a local resident and the parish council with vigour. Councillor Mock agreed to represent the council at the meeting of Nancegollan Village Hall committee on Monday 20 January 2025. The difficulty that Praze Playing Field Trust is having opening a bank account was noted. The Clerk agreed to contact the Charity Commission for advice.
25-01/16	ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS None.
25-01/17	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC Not enacted.
	DATES OF MEETINGS Full Council – 13 February 2024 at 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms, Crowan. Amenities and Environment Committee – to be confirmed.
	MEETING CLOSED @ 20.45.

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Actions Arising From The January 2025 Council Meeting

Action	Responsible
Write to VH committees about the Community Chest	Clerk
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
Circulate the Energy Efficiency Meeting agenda.	Clerk
Circulate details of the forthcoming on-line training on changes to the planning system in England.	Clerk
Contact the Charity Commission for advice on how the PPFT can open a bank account.	Clerk