

# ***Maker with Rame Parish Council***



**Chairman: Cllr John Weale**  
**Vice Chairman: Cllr Jon Kidd**  
**Clerk/ RFO: Carolyn Y. May**

## ***Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023*** ***at*** ***Maker with Rame Community Hall***

**Present:** Cllrs. Kidd (Chairman), Lingard, Murray, Green and Hurlbatt

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Weale, Carne.

**Also Present:** Carolyn May (Clerk), Cllr Kate Ewert (Cornwall Council) and sixty-one members of the public.

### **Welcome**

Cllr Kidd opened the meeting. He welcomed all attendees and introduced the Members of the Parish Council to them. Cllr Kidd explained to those present that a suggested attendance capacity had been set for the meeting. This was undertaken in recognition of the fact that there were many elderly parishioners who remain wary of attending large gatherings. Whilst these Parishioners would have wished to be present at the meeting, they did not feel that they could. There were also others who felt that they could not attend because of the language and comments that had been used (and made) on some Facebook sites. Those people were concerned for their personal safety, should they elect to attend the meeting. Cllr Kidd added that such a situation was simply not acceptable; that the police had taken an interest in the conduct and would be investigating further.

Cllr Kidd thanked the Parish Councillors for their hard work, not merely at meetings but in the undertaking of tasks that enable the parish to operate daily. Cllr Kidd also alluded to the spirit and generosity of community, which had been commented upon by visitors to the area. Cllr Kidd referred to the Austrian visitors who had visited the parish for more than fifteen years, and who's abiding memories were of 'a fantastic community spirit, everyone is friendly. Everyone says hello'. That community spirit that makes people feel welcome and safe and happy.

### **Housekeeping**

General housekeeping rules were alluded to, and attendees informed that no fire alarm drill was expected. Therefore, should the alarm activate, attendees should exit the building by one of the highlighted doors. Cllr Kidd concluded by stating that 'if anyone felt uncomfortable with the number of people in the room, please accept our apologies. If you do feel uncomfortable and want to leave, do let me know and we'll certainly catch up with you.'

### **Parish Council Regulations**

Cllr Kidd explained that it was now incumbent upon him to remind everyone, or advise everyone, of what the meeting was about, and the process to be followed by the Parish Council, when calling a meeting.

**Publication of Agendas** - Parish Council meetings, by law, must be advertised to the public typically one week in advance (three clear days' notice is provided, excluding the day of issue of the summons, and the day of the meeting).

The Parish Councils meetings are, therefore, on the Parish Council website, and the four notice boards, which are situated around the Parish. The published summons also includes the meeting agenda, therefore, the precise matters to be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting detail precisely what matters will be discussed. Therefore, there will be no surprises.

**Public Session** - A period, near the beginning of the meeting, is allocated for members of the public to address the Parish Council. On this occasion, to be fair, and to share out the limited time available, people were requested to speak for five minutes only.

Whilst it was recognised that 'dogs on beaches' was an important topic for many people, on all sides of the debate, the Chairman articulated his intention to be a little flexible on how much time would be allocated to the matter. Cllr Kidd did, however, remind attendees that once the public session closed, they would no longer be permitted to communicate with Councillors, or enter into Council discussions as the remainder of the meeting provided Councillors with the opportunity to discuss and debate the matters listed on the published agenda. He added that in exceptional circumstances, the Chair may allow a person to add additional information that may not have been covered during the discussion. Members of the public were invited to observe the council discussions.

**Interruption of Meeting** – The Parish Council wishes to ensure that the meeting is both well run and productive meeting. It is requested that the meeting proper is not interrupted. In the event of an unauthorised interruption, the responsible person will be asked to be silent. If there is persistent interruption, the meeting will be suspended for a period of fifteen minutes, whereafter the Chairman will endeavour to persuade the interrupter(s) to allow the meeting to continue without further interference. Ultimately, if the Council is not permitted to continue the meeting uninterrupted, the meeting will be suspended in its entirety.

Cllr Kidd reiterated the point that the regulations alluded to, in this section of the Minutes, are imposed upon Parish and Town Councils, and not created by individual Councils/ Councillors.

### **Request**

Cllr Kidd reminded attendees that many attendees had already made their comments on Facebook pages, and in the notices which had been distributed by others, prior to the commencement of the meeting. Cllr Kidd therefore asked that focus be placed on 'new news' and that all of those present should try to give those people who wish to speak, on other matters, an opportunity to do so.

Cllr Kidd concluded by asking attendees to remember that Councillors were also residents of the Parish and that they give freely of their time to support the local community, and they deserve recognition for it. He added that the main subject under discussion (Dogs on Beaches) was a difficult subject, with polarised views. He hoped that throughout this difficult subject everyone in the room would treat their fellow residents with respect and allow them to speak, uninterrupted, for the allotted time.

### **Agenda Reconfiguration**

Agenda Item 14 – Dogs on Beaches to be brought forward as first item for discussion, following the Public Session.

#### **64.0 New Parish Councillor**

Cllr Kidd welcomed Cllr. Stephanie Hurlbatt, who has been newly appointed as a Councillor.

#### **65.0 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr. Green declared an interest in matters appertaining to the Rame Conservation Trust.

Cllr Hurlbatt declared an interest in matters relating to Kingsand Institute.

#### **66.0 Chairmans Report**

**New Arrival** – Congratulations were extended to ex- Councillor Jenny Fox, and her husband Joe, on the safe arrival of a baby girl, named Marnie).

**The diseased ash tree**, at the end of Porsporder Place, has been condemned by Cornwall Council, and is to be removed in early course.

Thanks were given to Cllr Ewert, for the contribution she made in getting the decision brought forward and dealt with. The problems with the tree have caused distress to the resident, and to the people who walk past it daily.

**The Sea Wall at the Slip** - Has finally had some work done to it. It is known that the previous Council also fought for many years to get any response out of Cornwall Council. Finally, last summer and then again in December, scaffolding was erected on the wall, and it has now been made safe to a degree. It is fair to say that the Parish Council is still not happy with the condition of the structure, but the situation has been addressed.

**Public Lavatories** - a lot of work is being carried out to the with public toilets. Whilst not the most exciting subject, many people need and want those facilities. Reword to The Chair reminded those present of the COVID days when the toilets were locked, and visitors used various locations in the villages as toilets.

The public lavatories represent a vital amenity for the Community and for visitors. Therefore, the Parish Council is working on a major electrical refurbishment of all of the units to make them safe and compliant with current regulations. We are also repairing the Cawsand Gents lavatories, where the ceiling fell down last year. That is why that facility is currently closed. We are, however, making progress with the same, and expect to have them ready for the main holiday season.

**Coombe Park Play Area** – we have been looking at our Coombe Park play area, much of the equipment in there is coming to the end of its utility life. Much of it is made of wood, and wood doesn't last too long in places like this.

An annual survey has been carried out and we are considering a phased refurbishment/ replacement of the equipment.

**Coronation of King Charles III** - Cllr Lingard is planning the Coronation Celebration. There will be much for everyone to get involved. We are extremely grateful to those who help with these events but there is lots more to do. So please do get engaged and enjoy being part of contributing to the community.

We are also doing a great deal of work in preparation for the upcoming **holiday season**.

## **67.0 Dogs of Beaches**

**67.1** Cllr Kidd opened the debate. He stated that it was clear from the campaigns seen on Facebook, on Plymouth live, and in the Evening Herald that there was a great deal of interest in this subject, and it was predicted when Cornwall Council launched this campaign to the public in late September 2022, Cllr Martin Alvie (Cornwall Council) wrote that 'this would be a controversial issue to discuss'.

### **67.2 So what have we, as a Parish Council, done?**

The Parish Council does many things to support the dog friendly nature of the parish.

- We've provided 17 poo bag dispensers around the conservation area.
- We put over 500 poo bags per month in those dispensers, during the winter months.
- During the summer, we put over 500 a week into those dispensers and when you think that probably only half the dog owners will need to take a poop bag from there, then that's an awful lot of dog poos being done in this village.

Despite poo bag dispensers being within arms reach, some people still choose to allow their dogs to poo, without clearing it up.

However, that is a separate matter from the Public Spaces Order, which relates to the restriction of dogs on beaches. Dog fouling regulations are in force 24 hours a day for 365 days of the year. The Parish Council will be working on ways (with Cornwall Council) to make sure that people who continually offend, be they locals or visitors, will be prosecuted. There is no excuse for it.

We have also worked with Mount Edgcumbe, when last summer, we put up signs on all the beaches, asking people to keep their dogs under control.

Sadly, that did not work - which is why we are here today.

**67.3 Parish Council Discussions** – The subject of dogs on beaches has been on the Parish Council's agenda for every one of the seven full Council meetings we had last year (2022). Those meeting Agendas were published in advance and made public (in accordance with Regulations). The agendas are placed on all our notice boards, and on our website. There has been no lack of transparency. We make those agendas absolutely plain, for all to see, and the doors to the Parish Council meetings are open at 7:00 o'clock, every last Monday of the month (in this room) for people to attend.

At these Council meetings, we have received representations from members of the public concerned at the number of dogs on our beaches. Even last summer, on Cawsand beach, with the restriction in place for July and August at times there were between 10 and 20 dogs on that beach. So, our requests for people to cooperate, and to respect an existing order on Cawsand Beach, were not listened to.

Dog fouling also remains a consistent complaint. Our streets and our beaches are suffering as a result.

**67.4 Consultation** - Formal public consultation on this Public Spaces Protection Order, in respect of the dogs on beaches is led by Cornwall Council. It is not a Maker with Rame Parish Council initiative. We have no powers. The parish and town councils, such as ourselves, were invited to submit their views - and following the discussions we had at a number of those meetings last year, that is what we did. Cornwall Council also asked for members of the public to submit their views directly to Cornwall Council - it would appear that very few people chose to do that. On behalf of Cornwall Council, we published the relevant information to enable people to submit their views, last October (on our Facebook page and on our website). The Parish Council, therefore, did what it could to make people aware that Cornwall Council were asking for people's views in relation to the protection order.

## **67.5 Key Points (from Martin Alvey Cornwall Council):**

***In order to manage the expectation of residents, it may be helpful to someone to make the following points at the meeting.***

- The final decision will be made by me (Martin Alvey) as portfolio holder, not the Parish Council.
- I will place significant weight on the response to Sheryll Murray's residents survey, which she is proposing to send out next weekend to all residents by post.
- The views of the Parish Council will also influence my decision if there is no clear survey consensus.
- Cornwall Council's policy is that the PSPO for dog restrictions, not dog restrictions, on beaches, is harmonized across the Duchy, on beaches that do not have Blue Flag, or seaside awards. This restriction runs from first July 31st of August 10am – 6pm; 1<sup>st</sup> July until 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- If a decision is made to include these beaches, the new PSPO will run from April 2023, for a period of three years.
- The harmonised approach and timings have strong support, with over 10,720 residents across Cornwall who responded to the survey, including stakeholder groups such as Visit Cornwall.
- It is also the advice of the County Council's solicitor that they County Council go down this route.

**67.6** Cllr Kidd confirmed that Sheryll Murray is going to send out a postal questionnaire for all residents. Responses will be kept confidential, and it is hoped that a position can be determined from the survey, in early course. Cllr Kidd proposed that, once the results of the survey are made available, and Extraordinary General Meeting should be held at the MWR Community Hall, to discuss the same and to determine the next steps.

**67.7** The Council tries to be as open and transparent in its processes and ways of working as possible. Indeed, it was a Parishioner that highlighted the fact that the June 2022 minutes were not on the website. The omission resulted from human error; it was not the result of some great controversy of conspiracy to hide the minutes. Those Minutes were, in fact, available for people to see and read in July at the Parish Council meeting, had people been in the meeting in July 2022.

It seemed clear that the residents of this parish were not engaging with the Parish Council. The Body has a Facebook page, websites, and physical notice boards. Yet somehow the Parish Council is not getting through to people that there's a meeting here on a certain Monday, every month (except for August and December). That is a particular topic for a future conversation.

**67.8** Cllr Kidd requested that, outside of the extant meeting, he would like Councillors to reflect on how we, as a Parish Council, can better engage with our residents.

## **68.0 County Councillors Report**

**68.1 Tamar Toll Action Group** – Cllr Ewert had been asked by the group to raise their campaign with this Council, and with residents locally. The group is campaigning for toll free crossings on and both the bridge and the ferry. There is a complicated joint committee process that runs them both together now.

The Group would really welcome the opportunity to come to this Council meeting and discuss the matter with Members of this Parish Council, and parishioners.

**68.2 The damaged tree** (Porsporder Place) is to be removed within the next few days. Cllr Ewert is also waiting for an update on the bridge which crosses over the footpath at the site. Cllr Ewert has been

told that there's now funding in place to rebuild the culvert underneath and to put in a new bridge. She will update the Council when she knows more about dates for that.

- 68.3** Hopefully residents, and councillors will have seen the **upgrade to the coastal path** up at Tregantle. Funding was received from Natural England for that work. The funds formed part of the last the remaining EU funding.
- 68.4** Cornwall Council is also considering signage for the area.
- 68.5** **Electric Vehicle Charging Points** - two charging points are to be installed in Cawsand Carpark, by May 2023.
- 68.6** **Dogs on Beaches** – Cllr Ewert is keenly aware of the interested that this is generated since the recommendation to the Portfolio Holder was made. She has been working with the Parish Council to try and find a workable position going forward and she absolutely appreciates how polarizing this issue is - that is clear from the consultation results from across Cornwall, and the email correspondence, which she had received. Those for, and against, the implementation of restrictions are absolutely evenly balanced.

I have clarified the position of the portfolio holder, who has made it completely clear that to harmonize restrictions across the Duchy, Kingsand and Gert beaches will either have no restriction or a July and August 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM restriction only and that the final decision on this rests within. There is no possibility at all of at 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at all, or October restriction, as this would be longer than Blue Flag award beaches which isn't.

As I understand, the MPs offered to conduct a paper or postal survey of residence live within the Maker with Rame Parish, and the portfolio holder has agreed to wait for the results of that survey before making a final decision and I would encourage all members of the parish to respond as quickly as they can.

- 68.7** **Mayor For Cornwall**  
The public consultation on the mayor deal for Cornwall - that's about a devolution bill for Cornwall - is still live of the Let's Talk Cornwall website.

**69.0** **Public Forum**

**69.1** **Millbrook Skate Park**

Further to the representation from users families of the skatepark, at the meeting of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Chairman of the Millbrook Skate Park Project addressed the meeting. He highlighted the benefits of skateboarding, such as physical exercise, sports, social benefits etc.

The provision of a skatepark will benefit a substantial number of young people in the parish, many of those people use the existing facility at Millbrook. The Project Group is a non-profit making organization, which has secured around £90,000 of funding, from grants and crowdfunding. The existing facility is outdated and falling apart. The project group is attempting to provide a concrete Skate Park, which will have a lengthy life span.

The address this evening related to funding, and to see what funding the Parish Council can put towards the project.

## **69.2 Dark Skies**

A member of the public raised the matter of the Dark Skies pilot and the switching off of streetlamps. She stated that the pilot scheme for the street lights and was due to be ratified at this meeting, but that she did not see the matter listed on the agenda.

Cllr Kidd advised that there had been a subsequent vote and that the decision would be ratified at the February meeting. He advised the meeting that the Parish Council had been invited by Cornwall Council to take part in their 'Dark Skies' project. The proposal would be turning the street side lights off at midnight, then switch them on again at 6:00 am.

However, PC Members were concerned about the lack of a public consultation on this and felt that they would like to be advised of the views of parishioners on the matter people's views on it.

The same parishioner asked if all discussion documents could be displayed on noticeboards with the agendas. It was agreed that this would not be practical but the Parish Council would look at ways of enabling the website to facilitate better interaction with parishioners

## **69.3 Dogs on Beaches**

Cllr Kidd advised the meeting that the next 20 minutes would be dedicated to the discussion, relating to potential restrictions of dogs on beaches. Cllr Kidd wished the PC take stock of where we are at the extant time. Whereafter, the views of parishioners would be heard and considered.

Cllr Kidd asked people to remember that many views had already been expressed in public.

Therefore, they are already in the public domain, in various different forms. He suggested that it would not be the best use of time to revisit these.

Cllr Kidd then advised the meeting of the extensive means used by the PC to disseminate information relating to the Dogs on Beaches Consultation.

There have been seven full council meetings last year, where this has been discussed. On each occasion, the agenda and minutes have been published on the Parish Council website, Facebook and on all four PC noticeboards with the agenda published on the notice boards.

## **70.0 Dogs on Beaches - Statement on Behalf of Parishioners/ Businesses – script as provided by the spokesperson DP-F is attached at Appendix A**

- This matter has been raised in the Parish previously.
- The proposals have a huge impact, not only on our village and community, but the wider local community and businesses as well.
- A lot of these people have not been given the right to have their say.
- Currently, Cawsand carries the seasonal dog ban, which gives both local residents and visitors a choice.
- And so many visitors consider the dog-friendly nature of the area this when choosing to holiday here, with many pubs, shops and accommodations supporting this.
- Also, most people were unaware of the consultation.
- The proposal to include Kingsand and Girts Beach in the application has resulted in no beaches being available for dogs.

This statement represents business and economy, health and wellbeing, accessibility and enforcement, and governance.

Councillor Alvey is aware that the results may not have been a true representation of Parish opinion, due to the lack of public consultation by the parish council and has put the final decision on hold.

There will be representations from businesses this evening, and on the impact any ban would have. With the pandemic, affecting income over the past three years, businesses are trying to build back up, with little financial help, the impact of reduced visitors will be will present further difficulties.

#### **70.1 Business**

The area is marketed as a dog friendly destination, with so many businesses supporting this, a decrease in the level of trade will have knock on effect.

People will still come and accept that there are restrictions - but in reduced numbers, potentially affecting the jobs of many employees of the area.

Both local dog owners and visitors will be penalised by the potential restrictions

Health and well-being- 50% growth in dog ownership since the beginning of the pandemic. Increasing the number of visitors, with dogs, to the area.

#### **70.2 Health**

**Toxocarid** - it's a rare infection. There have been no reported cases on Cornwall beaches. In fact, it's more likely to be caught from wild animals such as deer and foxes.

There is a decreasing awareness of mental and physical health, especially important with older local residents are those who live alone in our community. We must also consider the welfare of the dogs. If a visitor is staying up at my campsite with a dog, the dogs may not be left unattended.

#### **70.3 Enforcement**

Bearing in mind the experience of our previous dog warden, who was the recipient of verbal abuse, it is not feasible that volunteers could be used to perform the task of enforcement.

At this juncture, a reference was made to CCTV being suggested as a means of enforcement.

**Response:** That option was not considered by the Parish Council. The CCTV reference actually referred to a body camera that could be used by any warden appointed to the task of enforcement. Such a person, and equipment, to be properly registered.

#### **70.4 Council Standing Orders**

These are clear, all motions and decisions must be discussed and voted on at full Council. They also state that recommendations from committees and working, groups are required to be discussed openly at full council. The Parish council submission to Cornwall Council on the 9th of September last year. The Parish Council decided to make a recommendation on this matter. That decision was not discussed, voted on or included at any council meeting.

**Response** - At that juncture, Cllr Kidd advised the meeting that the assertion above was factually incorrect. He added that the matter had, indeed, been discussed. The meetings had been properly advertised (in accordance with the regulations governing Parish Councils) and that people could have been present, to discuss the matter. The Minutes, try to summarize what has been discussed at the meeting but they reflect the flavour of the same – they are not a verbatim record of matters.

**70.5 Nolan Principles** – The Parish council commits to arriving brother Nolan Principle. These include openness, honesty and accountability, and transparency. That decision was made and sent on behalf of the Parish, with the parish being unaware of the content.

This point was challenged by the PC. The publication of agendas and minutes was referred to again. It was highlighted that the decision was made by the full council.



**70.6** Cllr Kidd thanked the Parishioner for her contribution.

**71.0 Agenda Item 14 – Dogs on Beaches**

**71.1** Cllr Kidd utilised the Chairman's Authority and brought this matter forward for discussion by Councillors.

**71.2** Cllr Kidd commenced the discussion by asking if, in light of the discussion held that evening, Councillors wished to return to the decision made in good faith in 2022, in respect of the matter.

**71.3** He added that considering the comments made during the public session, very few people had been aware of the consultation. Despite the matter having been included on Agendas, and in Minutes, and having been advertised on both the PC website, and Facebook page, it would appear that the PC must look at other potential ways of engaging with Parishioners.

**71.4** Cllr Lingard suggested that the PC should await the results of the survey (via questionnaire) to be undertaken by Sheryll Murray MP, prior to making any decision.

**71.5** Cllr Kidd responded that the consultation result was a separate matter. He was inviting Councillors to consider if they wished to reconsider the decision taken previously on the matter, in light of the additional information provided.

**71.6** Members were of the view that the result of Sheryll Murray's survey should be viewed, prior to any decision being made. It was agreed that the outcome would be fairly evenly balanced. However, the extant question did not relate to a decision on the CC consultation questions, it was an opportunity for Members to decide if they wished to re-visit the matter, as it is not usual for decision made within the previous six-month period to be re-visited without cause. To re-visit the matter would be to promote participation.

**71.7** A short discussion, relating to who should be included in the survey, ensued. The Members were of the opinion that only parishioners of Maker with Rame should be surveyed, as the beaches formed part of the Parish and the costs involved in maintaining parish assets were borne by parishioners. Cllr Kidd explained that the Parish Precept was raised from Parishioners, therefore, only the people who pay for the facilities should be able to determine the matter. Cllr Kidd undertook to clarify that point with Sheryll Murray.

**71.8** One member of the public raised the issue of beach ownership, referring to Cornwall Council and Mt Edgumbe. Cllr Ewert clarified the management arrangements for the areas referred to, as coming under the joint Council's management of Mt Edgumbe and as such, they were responsible for the beaches in question. She added that PSPO's also covered private beaches.

**71.9** It was **proposed** by Cllr. Kidd, **seconded** by Cllr Green and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would re-visit the matter of the Dogs on Beaches (Cornwall Council) Consultation, once the result of Sheryll Murray's survey had been received. The matter would be the sole subject of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council – date to be arranged. Unanimous. **Carried.**  
The discussion relating to this matter concluded at 20.12 hrs.

## **72.0 Agenda Item 11 – Millbrook Skate Park Funding Application**

- 72.1** Cllr Kidd utilised the Chairman's Authority and brought this matter forward for discussion by Councillors.
- 72.2** Members considered the application, made by the Millbrook Skatepark Group (two representatives present), for funding.
- 72.3** The Clerk advised Members that the power to provide a donation to a skate park out with the parish is the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19, which allows a parish council to contribute to the costs of a voluntary organisation providing indoor or outdoor facilities for recreation. The legislation allows for the facility to be either inside, or outside, the council's area.
- 72.4** The Clerk added that the advice relating to granting donations out with the Parish came with a caveat. Given the recent increase in the Parish Council precept, residents may question the gifting of a sum for a facility in another area.
- 72.5** Enquiries by the Clerk had highlighted that the general sum donated by other Parish Council's on the peninsula was £1,000. To date the group has raised £92,000.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Green, **seconded** by Cllr Hurlbatt and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would provide a grant of £1,000 towards the project. The donation being subject to the total project cost being raised by the group. Unanimous. **Carried.**

## **73.0 Approval of Draft Minutes for 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Murray, **seconded** by Cllr Lingard, and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the Parish Council meeting, held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 would be accepted as being an accurate reflection of the meeting. Unanimous. **Carried.**

The Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

## **74.0 Correspondence**

Correspondence from the following groups was **noted**:

- **Cornwall Council Flood Planning Officer** – to be invited to the February meeting if possible.
- **Women's Institute** – Request for defibrillator training – Cllr Kidd to address this matter.
- **Pigshill & Clarrick Wood** – removal of dead ash tree at Cremyll.
- **Cornwall Planning** – offer of training/ discussion. To be arranged via Teams.
- **Grass Cutting Contract** – February Agenda

## **75.0 Finance & Economy**

Having considered the schedule of payments, Quarter 3 Management Report and reconciliation provided, it was **proposed** by Cllr Kidd **seconded** by Cllr Lingard and **RESOLVED** that the schedule would be approved for payment. Unanimous. **Carried.**

## 76.0 Planning Matters

### Applications

#### 76.1 PA23/00112 - 5 Coombe Park, Kingsand

Proposed two storey extension.

Members discussed the application and made the following observations:

- There are concerns over access to the site and a Method Statement, relating to both access and construction, is requested.
- This application represents overdevelopment of the site and is not in keeping with the area.
- The Parish Council considered the comments made by the occupant of the neighbouring property.

#### 76.2 PA22/00465 - Ocean Waves Pier Lane Cawsand

Proposed Discharge of conditions.

Comment- The Parish Council did not oppose this application.

**Supported**

#### 76.3 PA22/11001 – Wringford Down Hotel, Hat Lane, Cawsand

Comment - Members elected to support the application but requested that a Residence Restriction be placed on the property, if approved by Planners.

**Application supported – with condition.**

#### 76.4 PA22/11405 - Woodside Cottage, St Andrews Place, Cawsand

Proposal - Removal of storage outbuildings. Minor alterations/ extension.

Comment - The Parish Council did not oppose this application.

**Supported**

#### 76.5 PA22/10505 – Maker Barracks

Proposal – Listed Building consent for re-roofing, re-pointing, installation of lightening conductor, re-painting/ re-rendering, replacement of rain water goods.

Comment – The Parish Council did not oppose this application. but noted what appeared to be fairly onerous requirements by (Historic England) and suggested a pragmatic and affordable compromise by found.

**Supported**

#### 76.6 PA22/11034 – Rame Conservation Trust, Nissen Huts, Maker Heights

Proposal – Extension of existing car park area.

Comment – The Parish Council did not oppose this application.

**Supported**

#### 76.7 PA22/11288 – The Old School House, Jackman’s Meadow

Proposal- Two storey extension and construction of garage.

There was a concern that the proposed changes would make a significant difference to the appearance of this iconic building. The Applicant was present in the room, and the Chair invited him

to provide further information. The Applicant explained the need for the changes including new roof lines for solar panels.

Comment – The Parish Council did not oppose this application.

**Supported**

## **76.8 Planning Decisions – Noted**

## **77.0 Rame Conservation Trust – Grant application**

This matter was withdrawn by the applicant. The Parish Council is awaiting a revised submission.

## **78.0 Co-option of Members – deferred to February Meeting**

## **79.0 MWR Parish Council Project Updates**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
<b>Toilet Refurb (Kidd, Murray)</b>	On-going. Legionella audits of the toilet blocks and the Community Hall had now been completed by specialist consultants Aquastorage – and reports were awaited.
<b>Environment, Recycling &amp; GG (Green)</b>	Discussions to be held with local businesses.
<b>Dark Skies (Kidd, Condon)</b>	Action: The Clerk is to contact Matthew Williams in relation to the conversion of the Parish Council owned streetlights to LED. This matter to be placed on the February Agenda if possible.
<b>Housing (Green)</b>	Cllr Green provided an update on Cornwall Council discussions relating to second/ holiday homes, and the potential changes to government policy.
<b>Bus Shelter</b>	This work has been completed.
<b>Traffic (Weale, Lingard)</b>	EOI's submitted. Report deferred to February Meeting. A member of the public raised the issue of sunken ironwork on roads throughout the villages. This matter to be raised with Cllr Ewert/ Highways. Garret Street will be closed for resurfacing between 6 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> March – this information to be posted on FB/ website.
<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
<b>Orchard Management (Green)</b>	Orchard sign ordered. Trees being sources.
<b>Dogs on Beach (Weale)</b>	Awaiting results of Sheryll Murray survey. Extraordinary meeting to be arranged.
<b>Play Park (Murray, Lingard, Hurlbatt)</b>	The play inspection undertaken – awaiting report. Two play area equipment suppliers have attended at the site. Awaiting reports.

<b>Annual Community Event (Lingard)</b>	Action: Coronation Event preparations are on-going.
<b>Black Prince</b>	Cllr Lingard appointed 'point of contact.'
<b>Institute Clock (Weale, Kidd)</b>	The draft Transfer Document has been drafted and sent to the Institute Management Committee for consideration.
<b>Emergency Plan (Weale, Kidd)</b>	On-going
<b>Sea Defences (Weale, Kidd)</b>	Maps received. Cllr Weale has corresponded with Cornwall Council.
<b>Christmas Lights (Weale, Kidd)</b>	No report
<b>Defibrillator Training (Kidd, Murray)</b>	WI request for training.
<b>ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>Report</b>
<b>Mount Edgumbe (Weale)</b>	<p>Cllr Green raised the matter of Antony Estates promoting sustainable farming. She felt that there was a need for the PC to engage in conversation with Mt Edgecumbe – letter sent. Follow up by the Clerk.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> It was agreed that Chris Burton would be invited to the next PC meeting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Clerk to follow up on letter.</p> <p>Response Received from Mt Edgecumbe Estates. Matter to be listed on February Agenda, if possible.</p>
<b>PPMLC (Weale)</b>	No report
<b>Pigshill (Green)</b>	Report of tree removal.
<b>Community Hall Liaison (Kidd)</b>	<p><b>Action:</b> On-going discussions with primary school.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The Draft Lease has been prepared and sent to Chairman/ Vice Chairman</p>

## 80.0 Other Matters to be Reported upon

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Election Update</b>	No date, as yet. Two co-option seats to be filled.
<b>Replacement of Orchard Fence</b>	Matter to be addressed
<b>Winter Assistance for the Elderly - Lingard</b>	To be discussed in January 2023 – deferred to February

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Community Hall, commencing at 7 p.m. Extraordinary Meeting to be arranged.

**Dogs on Beaches Discussion - Statement on Behalf of Parishioners/ Businesses - script as supplied by DP-F is below:**

Statement to MWRPC, regarding the proposed dog ban across Kingsand & Girt Beaches, on behalf of local residents opposed to the ban.

Speaker: Dawne Pearson-Fairhurst

“This is a divisive and emotive subject, with a huge impact not only on our village and community but the wider local community and businesses too - who haven’t been given the right to have their say.

We all want to drive responsible dog ownership here but we also want choice. Currently, Cawsand carries a seasonal dog ban, which gives both locals and visitors that choice.

We heavily promote our area as dog friendly and so many visitors actively seek this criteria when choosing a holiday, with many pubs, shops and holiday accommodation supporting this.

The Cornwall Council overview on the Dogs on Beaches consultation stated that the existing arrangements worked well.

Also, most people were unaware that an extension to include Kingsand and Girt was being proposed, as neither beach was included in PSPO (PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER) within the consultation.

We are all here to resolve this situation and seek a negotiation where both sides are listened to and one which offers choice and transparency.

We have a written statement to read out on behalf of local people, who are opposed to the ban and the way in which it has come about.

As there is limited time, I would appreciate being given the opportunity to speak without interruption so I can cover all the points within the allotted time.

The subjects I’ll be covering are:

Representation  
Businesses & Economy  
Health & Wellbeing  
Accessibility  
Enforcement  
Governance.

**Representation:**

Cllr Alvey is aware that the results may not have been a true representation of parish opinion, due to the lack of public consultation by the Parish Council, and has put the final decision on hold. *(Sheryll Murray has*

*contacted Cllr Martyn Alvey who has agreed to the hold, pending the results of the survey which is being organised by Ms Murray's office.)*

### **Businesses & Economy:**

There will be representation this evening from a local business perspective, but just to highlight that over the last 3 years, with the pandemic, businesses are trying to build back up with little financial support. The impact of reduced visitor numbers will be a further blow.

As an area, we are heavily reliant on tourism and marketed as a dog friendly destination with so many businesses supporting this.

A decrease in the level of trade will have a knock-on effect for the local economy and employment. People will still come but in reduced numbers, potentially affecting the jobs of cleaners, bar staff, shop workers, and tradesmen.

One guest house owner has stated that an average of 70% of their annual bookings are from guests with a dog, choosing to visit Kingsand for the dog friendly beaches and facilities. Another holiday lettings owner has asked us to read the following at this evening's meeting:

*"I have been coming to Kingsand for 42 years and since renovating my home, I run a rental business. After reviewing bookings for last year, all guests (except for one couple) stayed with one or two dogs. In their reviews they mention the dog friendly pubs and beaches and how special that is. I have also spoken with many day trippers who come to Kingsand for the same reason. Therefore, ensuring dog owners are acting in a responsible manner, I believe that not only local dog owners but guests would be penalised by a potential ban. Furthermore, the financial implication for the Kingsand hospitality industry, rentals and associated services would have a very negative effect on the community as a whole."*

And as one recent visitor summarised: *"Let's hope, for the community and tourism, they see sense and get rid of this (ridiculous) proposal. One of the main reasons I, and many people, come to Kingsand is the dog friendly beaches. Enough said!"*

### **Health & Wellbeing:**

Recent figures show a 50% growth in dog ownership since the beginning of the pandemic, increasing the number of visitors with dogs to our area.

It has been cited that toxocara is a concern however the NHS state it is a rare infection and there have been no reported cases on Cornwall beaches. In fact, it is more likely to be caught from wild, unwormed animals such as deer, foxes etc.

There is an increasing awareness of mental and physical health, especially important with older local residents or those who live alone in our community.

We must also consider the welfare of the dog eg. if a visitor is staying up at Maker campsite, dogs are unable to be left in a tent and with many holiday lets, dogs cannot be left unattended.

### **Accessibility:**

It has been suggested that Whitsand Bay - a tidal beach - is a dog friendly alternative. There are serious accessibility issues here, with lengthy, steep and unstable access underfoot, unsuitable for many, combined with a lack of parking in summer months and/or a reliance on public transport for many.

Also, this may be considered a discrimination issue for users with a disability

**Enforcement:**

The suggested CCTV coverage throws up serious privacy concerns and an authorised officer would need to be on hand to react immediately as fines can't be issued retrospectively.

There are concerns that any volunteers issuing fines could experience antagonistic behaviour eg the previous dog warden was the recipient of verbal abuse.

The PC has had to cut back on expenditure and with the proposed installation of cameras and the cost of enforcement, is this a good use of Parish Council funds?

**Governance:**

The Council's standing orders are clear that all motions and decisions must be discussed and voted on at full council. They also state that recommendations from committees or working groups are required to be discussed openly at full council.

At some point, prior to the PC's submission to Cornwall Council on 9th September last year, the PC decided to make a strong recommendation to Cornwall Council to ban dogs from 2 beaches.

That decision was not discussed, voted on or recorded in any of your council meetings.

Any mention in the minutes of any PC meetings has been about controlling dogs on beaches eg. control with leads, and not extending the ban.

The PC commits to abiding by the Nolan Principles, these include openness, honesty and accountability and the elected INFORM candidates pledged honesty and transparency in their decision-making.

A decision was made, and sent, on behalf of the Parish, with the Parish being unaware of the contents. The PC stated that all discussions regarding the ban including the 'final decision' were made at full council. There is no record of this.

**We want to work together in an honest and transparent way to bring this issue to a conclusion through proper consultation with all parties.**