

# NORTH HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

### Present:

Mary Budge  
Ralph Hudson  
Richard Randall  
David Daniells  
Brian Ruby  
Jacqui Bungay  
Adrian Parsons  
Mervyn Stephens

### In Attendance:

Mrs A Jones (Parish Clerk)  
Mr D Jackson  
Ms A West  
Ms C Marshall  
Mr R Taylor  
Mr Whiting  
Mr S Maher  
Mr S Sandercock  
Mr D Fenn

The Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall with the Chairman welcoming all present.

### 1. RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 None

### 2. NEW COUNCILLOR

2.1 Mr Stuart Maher has attended the meeting with the interest of becoming a Parish Council. Cllr B Ruby has proposed to Co-opt Mr S Maher onto the Parish Council with Cllr R Randall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Councillors are in favour and warmly welcomed Cllr Maher. No other members of the public attended the meeting.

### 3. PUBLIC SESSION

3.1 None

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4.1 None

### 5. APPROVING MINUTES

5.1 Minutes from 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 proposed and agreed 1<sup>st</sup> Cllr D Daniells 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr R Randall. All Councillors in favour of the Chairman to sign.

### 6. REVIEW OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### 6.1 **East Area Planning Committee**

Cllr Randall attended the Committee meeting via Zoom in relation to the Proposed dwelling at Lynher Cottage, Bathpool. The Case Officer addressed the Committee first covering all points made by the Parish Council and provided a PowerPoint to demonstrate. Cllr Randall was given 3 minutes to address the Committee and covered the Access and Appearance of the proposed. Councillor Parsons was given 5 minutes to address the Committee but was not allowed to take a final vote. The East Area Planning Committee voted for the dwelling to be granted. Mr D Fenn and Mr D Jackson have attended the Parish Council meeting as they wish to Appeal the decision made by Cornwall Council, as a number of Cornwall Council processes

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had not been followed and have been let down by this system and wish for the Parish Council to support them in doing so, there is a 6-week window for this to be started. Mr Fenn and Mr Jackson have also taken legal advice due the issues with contractors going down to the site. Mr Fenn and Mr Jackson wish for the Planning Constraints to be completed before any of the works towards the dwelling commence, that the unadopted road leading to the site is resurfaced to Cornwall Council Highways standard of 7 meters. The Parish Clerk is to write a supporting statement to Cornwall Council including the above information. Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Cllr J Bungay 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr M Stephens with all Councillors in favour. Cllr A Parsons abstained.

6.2 **PA21/05918** New Agricultural Building Barn Bathpool – Following on from the site meeting earlier this evening the Parish Councillors discussed this application at length with local Residents and Mr Sandercock. Councillors have taken on board the comments made earlier and from the Parish Council meeting and are happy to support this application following the criteria of lowering the Apex of the shed and that the Barn is solely used for the use of Storing Agricultural Machinery. Mr Sandercock has also stated 1. A Soakaway will be installed for surface water and a green tank for the water supply, 2. The shed distances is the required 20 meters away from SWW road, 3. To reduce the risk of spilt diesel it will be stored in a bonded tank. Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Cllr R Randall 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr R Hudson with support from Cllrs M Stephens, Maher and Budge. Voted against Cllr Daniells and Bungay, abstained from voting Cllr Parsons and Ruby.

6.3 **PA21/05987** Troutbeck Bathpool – Councillors reviewed this application and Cllr R Randall Proposed with Cllr J Bungay 2<sup>nd</sup> with Cllrs M Stephens, Budge, Maher, Hudson in support Cllrs Ruby and Parsons abstained Cllr Daniells against.

## 7. REVIEW OF CLERKS REPORT

7.1 **Dog Bins** – The Parish Council have received the invoices from Mr T Milton of Biffa for the Collection of the Dog Bins dated back to 2018. Councillors are happy to pay the calculated amounts which have been checked by Donna Latham of Cornwall Council Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Cllr D Daniells 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr R Hudson with all Councillors in favour of payment.

7.2 **Graveyard Grass Cutting Grant** –The Clerk has informed the Parish Council that a Grant has been received for the Grass Cutting of the “Old Graveyard” of £285.00 for 2021 – 2022.

## 8. REVIEW OF CLERKS REPORT

8.1 **Annual Leave Clerk** – The Clerk has requested Annual Leave for the Meeting to be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 as it is her Sons Birthday. Cllr Randall is happy to cover the minutes of this meeting. Clerk thanked Councillors.

8.2 **Play Area** – The Order has been placed with Kompan and the monies have been organised to be paid of 50% of the bill. Kompan are looking to start the installing of the new play area beginning of September.

8.3 **North Hill Cemetery** – The Clerk has not heard from Mr T Rattray of Kivells and the Councillors would like the Clerk to send an email for an up date of the progress.

8.4 **North Hill Emergency Climate Group** - As we find out more about the damage we have already done to our environment by the build-up of excessive waste and widespread contamination from micro-plastics, it becomes ever more important that we support the ‘circular economy’ and not only recycle items for multiple uses but, ideally, return packaging and other items to be ‘re-used’ for their original purpose. For plastics in particular, this helps to reduce our use of virgin plastics and our reliance on fossil fuels. Although rapid progress is being made, there are

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many items that cannot be recycled through the Council's routine recycling collections. Old toothbrushes and electric toothbrush heads are one example. In many cases, the manufacturers will process them through other channels and there are local people who have gone to the trouble to make this possible through Terracycle.

Cllr Maher would also like to propose a Wildlife Flower Meadow to be created at the back of the green to along the top hedge of the playing field, running between the overflow car park and the newly proposed cemetery extension. The aim of this is to provide a much need safe haven for pollinators and other small bugs, whilst also providing a quiet space for local residents and artists to enjoy the delights of mother nature. Cllr Maher would also like to include a 'bug hotel' and community space for Composting. The compost generated would be available for local veg growers but could also be bagged and sold for the benefit of further conservation projects or used to create some educational info boards which the Play Group that operates out the village hall could use to help educate the next generation of budding conservationists. If this 'Phase 1' is found to be successful, there could be scope for this to lead onto a community orchard and veg growing patch which could not only help low-income families within our parish and other surrounding parishes but also encourage some community involvement and help reduce some of the recent vandalism Cllr Maher has noted at the village hall and football club. Councillors thought this is a fantastic idea but the Chairman has requested to keep on hold for a few months whilst the to 2 Large Parish Council Projects have been completed.

8.5 **Picnic Benches for Play Area** – The Parish Clerk address Cllr Parsons to request any funding available from his Community Grant. Cllr Parsons has requested the Clerk to cost these up for the next meeting and to be addressed then.

8.6 **Rubbish Bins Play Area** – The Chairman has requested that the Parish Council purchase additional rubbish bins for the Play area. Cllr Maher has suggested looking at the multi recycling bins to carry on the good work of the Parish Council. Clerk to cost these for next meeting.

8.7 **Distribution of Agendas** – The Chairman and Clerk would like Councillors to help with the distribution of Agendas:

Cllr Randall – Berrio and Middlewood

Cllr Stephens – Coads Green and Congdons Shop

Cllr J Bungay – Bathpool

Cllr Ruby – North Hill Village and Trebartha

## 9. FINANCES

9.1 **Authorisation of Expenses** – Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Cllr M Stephens 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr J Bungay with all Councillors in favour.

- Biffa Collection of Dog Bins £3455.77

- Gareth Pollard Accountancy Audit £75.00

- A Jones Postage & Ink £23.12

9.2 **Wages** – A Jones £706 (inc. Mobile Phone Contract, Rm Rental, Internet)

9.3 **Update of Current Account** - as of 28 June 2021 £21078.84

9.4 **Monthly Budget Sheet** – Information given to Councillors

9.5 **RAG** – Information given to Councillors

9.6 **Audit** – Councillors to agree and Chairman sign completion of Audit 2021 -2021. Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Cllr M Stephens 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr D Daniells with all Councillors in favour.

## 10. MEETINGS

10.1 **Next Meeting** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm North Hill Village Hall

Meeting ended 2135.

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