



Minutes of a meeting of the **Calstock Parish Council**,  
**ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY SUB COMMITTEE**  
held on **Tuesday 24 May 2022, in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1800**

Those present were; -

**COUNCILLORS:** Sophie Westwood, Alex Polglase, Richard Newton Chance, Jim Wakem, John Wells

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS:** Peter Bloomfield, Ken Finn

**GUESTS:** Kirsty Davies, Surfers Against Sewage

Miss Clare Bullimore (Deputy Clerk – *minutes*).

**1. ELECT CHAIR**

**Proposal/resolution:** Cllr Westwood be elected as Chair. Proposed: Cllr Polglase, seconded: Cllr Wakem – unanimous.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Tinto, Kirk, Warwick.

Mai Evans, Morgan Phillips.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**5. REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Proposal/resolution:** agree the Terms of Reference to include that three members of the community have voting rights and that the quorate number will be 4 for a meeting to proceed.

**6. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 07-09-2022**

**Proposal/Resolution:** the minutes be approved. Proposed: Alex, seconded: Jim – approved by all those present at the last meeting.

**7. NEW CORRESPONDENCE**

Cornwall Council DPD Hearing – Sophie to ask Cllr Wilkes for feedback on this.

**8. DESIGNATED BATHING WATER STATUS**

Sophie has asked for volunteers to carry out observations of the numbers of swimmers and other water users in the Tamar. The process to become a designated bathing water starts with evidence that people use it to swim in. Kirsty Davies explained that Surfers Against Sewage offers support to



communities. If evidence is shown that people are using the river for swimming additional pressure may then be put on organisations to improve the water quality. Alex is co-ordinating a Citizen Science project and volunteers are in place to monitor water quality at Harewood, Calstock Pontoon, Cotehele and Halton Quay. Kirsty advised to try and get a reading after heavy rainfall.

**9. SOUTH WEST WATER AND SEWAGE IN RIVERS – Cllr Newton Chance**

Richard raised concern about the level of discharge in the river Tamar – from Chilsworthy, Metherell to Calstock. Clare explained that Alastair, Jim and Dorothy attend a virtual meeting with representatives from SW Water and the EA. This was initially formed to review the planned improvements for the Water Treatment Works, but discussions have widened. Richard would like to be involved in the meetings. Clare will ensure feedback is given at Council meetings and will summarise the minutes/notes taken thus far and look into setting up a meeting with Richard and/or Sophie.

**10. HINGSTON DOWN QUARRY: POLLUTION AND MITIGATION ARRANGEMENTS – Cllr Newton Chance**

Richard raised concern about the level of pollution from the work undertaken at Hingston Down Quarry and what mitigation measures are in place. Agreed to ask that a representative attends a meeting.

**11. POTENTIAL FELLING ON TAVISTOCK ESTATES AND VISUAL IMPACT ON AONB AND CHILSWORTHY RESIDENTS – Cllr Newton Chance**

Richard raised concerns about clear felling of the Tavistock Woodland Estates and the environmental and visual impact this will have. Agreed to write to the owner to raise concerns.

**12. PHEASANT SHOOTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE DONE BY PHEASANT REARING – Cllr Newton Chance**

Richard queried the environmental impact on rearing pheasants for shooting. More information required.

**13. CLARIFICATION ON DOMESTIC PV ARRAYS – Cllr Newton Chance**

Queries had been raised about the Neighbourhood Development Plan's stance on domestic solar panels. It was noted that the wording in the NDP is ambiguous but that members of the public are encouraged to submit applications, and each will be assessed in their own right. The item will be discussed in a newly formed planning advisory subcommittee.

**14. BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS**

It was noted that budgetary requirements and any suggestions for the Capital Works Programme will need to be agreed by July.



**15. GUNNISLAKE VILLAGE MARKET – PROMOTIONAL STALL – Peter Bloomfield**

Peter explained that Gunnislake hold a village market once a month and this will provide a useful opportunity to engage with the public about environmental projects or issues. It was agreed that members of the committee should take it in turns to attend every few months and some materials will be available explaining what the Parish Council has done and any plans it has.

**16. ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS**

John is expecting to hear from Cornwall Council about bidding for electric charging points – 150 are due to be placed around the County. He will share information as he gets it.

**17. CYCLE PATHS/WALKWAYS**

Deferred.

The meeting ended at 1905.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Actions

Sophie to ask Chris Wilkes about DPD Hearing

Clare to publicise the bathing water survey

Clare to summarise SW Water Liaison meeting notes

Clare to discuss with reps from SW Water Liaison group about widening the issues discussed and those participating

Clare to write to Hingston Down Quarry

Clare to write to the owner/manager of Tavistock Woodlands about clear felling

Richard to research the environmental impact of rearing pheasants for shooting

Clare to include the solar panels policy in the NDP on the planning advisory committee’s agenda

Clare to draft publicity materials for dissemination primarily at the Gunnislake Village Market

Clare to chase up Kate Royston about field next to allotments and whether it can be used for any renewable energy