



Minutes of a meeting of the **Calstock Parish Council**,
ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY SUB COMMITTEE
held on Tuesday 04 October 2022, in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1800

Those present were: -

COUNCILLORS: Andrew Brown, Alex Polglase, Richard Newton Chance, Alastair Tinto (notes), Jim Wakem, John Wells

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Peter Bloomfield, Ken Finn

1. Elect Chair (following Sophie Westwood's resignation)

Jim Wakem took the chair for this item. That Richard Newton Chance is elected chair. Proposed: Alastair Tinto, seconded: John Wells. Approved unanimously.

2. APOLOGIES

Clare Bullimore, Dorothy Kirk, Mark Warwick

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Martin Smith, Tish Valva, Jude Wood.

5. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 05-07-2022

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

6. MATTERS ARISING

Pheasant shoots- AONB and EA acknowledgement of the query was noted.

7. FEEDBACK from HANSON AGGREGATES QUARRY VISIT held on 03-10-2022

Richard reported that he, Alastair and Peter met with Dave Jenkins (Quarry Manager), Alex Hemming (Hanson Landscape Architect) and Ben Ayres (Hanson Planning and Estates) who were keen to have a 6 monthly liaison meeting. They showed us the Quarry. Their waste water is pumped into the river when it is settled under a permit from the EA. South West Water's outlet from the Chilsworthy WTW links into Hanson's pipe. We discussed blasting. Their licence allows unlimited blasting but in practice blasts happen a maximum of twice a month. Blasting is sub-contracted out. The sub-contractors monitor the effects using 2 properties, one either side of the Quarry. Hanson said they operate within tightly enforced planning conditions. Local residents with complaints should complain to Hanson and to the planning officer, Matthew Sleeman, who they said was rigorous in following up complaints. We'd discussed monitors in houses in St Ann's Chapel for blast effects and dust. Alastair and John will liaise on producing a report for Hanson with evidence requesting this.

8. SOUTH WEST WATER LIAISON COMMITTEE FEEDBACK



Alastair reported. SWW had reported that work on the new Harewood Rd sewer in the edge of the wetland habitat had commenced and would be completed by the end of December. Upgrading the two pumping stations may be delayed because of difficulties in deliveries of equipment. We had also supplied them with discharge data which we'd wanted to discuss but to our disappointment this had not reached the right people. We are setting up a separate meeting to discuss discharge issues. Andrew will be visiting the Metherell and Harrowbarrow Sewage Works. He's also liaising with Prof Brazier of Exeter University. He will investigate the possibilities and cost of us paying for some expert advice and report back. Members felt that we should link up with Bere Alston and Gulworthy Parish Councils.

9. DESIGNATED BATHING WATER STATUS

Richard said the survey has been completed. He has taken over from Sophie the task of completing the application form. Sheryll Murray's office is doing the consultation.

10. MONITORING FORESTRY WORKS

Richard said that monitoring the Latchley work had been dealt with. Ken said he was reassured about thinning work that had happen at Maddacleve Wood 2 years ago. Richard said that if there were future concerns about such work we should check permits on the Forestry Commission website.

11. HEDGEROWS

Peter said we should be encouraging farmers not to cut their hedgerows. Richard suggested that he produce a report. Ken said that the AONB was liaising with farmers.

12. RESPONSE TO CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Ken said we had dealt a lot with mitigation of the effects of the climate crisis but hadn't really addressed resilience. He suggested we should work with other similar committees in Cornwall. Richard proposed that the next ECE Committee should have this item as its main agenda and that Ken produce a report.

13. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT/BUDGET/CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Richard said the ECE Committee has a budget of £2.5K p.a.

The meeting ended at 18.57.

Signed: Date:

Actions

Alastair and John will liaise on producing a report for Hanson with evidence of blast and dust concerns requesting extra monitoring.

Andrew to investigate the possibilities and cost of us paying for some expert advice on sewage discharges and report back.

Ken to produce a report on resilience in the face of the climate crisis for the next meeting.