

**Cury Parish Council Meeting** held on **Thursday 28 March 2024** at 7.00pm at Cury Village Hall, Cury

## **Councillors Present**

A Boaden (Chair)  
A Glover  
N Harris  
Miss P Oates  
Mrs L Richards  
S Sugrue

Clerk – Mrs S Folds

Cornwall Councillor A Soady and ten members of the public were also in attendance.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

### **1. Apologies**

Councillor J Rand had submitted his apologies for absence.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **3. Chairman's Comments**

None.

### **4. Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Richards, seconded by Councillor S Sugrue and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 25 January 2024 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

### **5. Matters arising from the above approved minutes**

None.

### **6. Reports**

#### **(a) Report from Cury School**

The organisation taking over Cury School had asked for permission to use the playing field. It was agreed that they could use the facilities, but not exclusively.

**(b) Report from Cornwall Councillor Anthony Soady**

Cornwall Councillor A Soady advised the meeting that the new waste contract would be rolled out to our area in July 2024, following its success in other parts of the County.

**(c) Helston and South Kerrier Community Area Partnership**

Councillor J Rand was not present at the meeting, but he had advised that he had been dealing with the communications regarding the CAP.

**7. Planning Matters**

**(a) Planning Applications**

None received.

**(b) Planning Decisions**

The Chairman read the following decisions which had been made by Cornwall Council:-

- (i) PA23/09426 - Cury Methodist Chapel, White Cross - Conversion of Cury Methodist Chapel into a four bedroom dwelling, with associated landscaping – Approved
- (ii) PA23/09675 - Mayfield Barn, White Cross - Proposed extension, alterations and open porch - Approved

**(c) Planning Correspondence**

PA23/04747 - Land East of A3083, Bochym - Construction of a single storey office building (use Class EGI), areas of hardstanding (car park/access roads) and landscaped grounds – the Planning Officer wished to approve this application, which the Parish Council had objected to. With the support of Cornwall Councillor Soady, it was agreed to request that this application be heard by the Planning Committee.

**8. Parish Matters**

**(a) Playing Field**

A litter pick would take place in the spring and a date would be set when the weather improved. It would be a Wednesday or a day on the weekend. There was some discussion over a public litter pick taking place, but concern was raised over the health and safety requirements of a public litter pick. It was noted that individuals could undertake litter picking as and when they wished. The Clerk would order some black bin bags and gardening gloves.

Cormac had provided their quote for the forthcoming year, which had increased significantly. The Clerk was asked to obtain another quote from another landscaping company.

**(b) Highways**

None.

**(c) Public Rights of Way**

Councillor Mrs L Richards would check the bridge on FP9 for any deterioration.

The Local Maintenance Partnership offer had been received from Cornwall Council. The payment for the forthcoming year would be £706.92. However, the contractor had increased his prices to £811.56 plus VAT. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Richards and RESOLVED to accept the quote.

**(d) Public Open Spaces**

Councillor Mrs L Richards suggested that 'No Mow May' be observed by the maintenance contractors to assist with wildlife recovery. A member of the public listed the reasons why the village green should continue to be cut. However, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Richards, seconded by Councillor S Sugrue and RESOLVED to participate in No Mow May. The Grounds Maintenance Contractor would be asked not to cut the grass in the cemetery, park and on the village green. The tractor would continue to cut the playing field pitch grass.

Concern was raised about the large puddle of muddy water sitting at the entrance to the Cemetery. The roadside ditch leading from there to the main road needed clearing, and the Clerk would ask Cormac to clear it.

A local neighbour complained again about the mess left by the Contractor when they'd cut the village green. The mess left was the grass cuttings. The Clerk advised the resident that the Village Green was just a large verge, and didn't need to be left in a perfect condition. The resident stated that the term 'Village Green' suggested more than what it was, so the area would now be known as the village verge, or the village hall corner.

**(e) Emergency Plan**

Concern was raised again regarding power cuts. Councillor S Sugrue would check that a list of generators was included in the emergency plan.

**9. Village Hall Costs**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended a meeting of the Village Hall Committee in February. The Clerk had subsequently asked for a copy of the accounts. Electric bills were still high, and it was suggested that the Village Hall spoke to the energy watchdog and the ombudsman. The electric bills were passed to the Chairman for Councillor Julian Rand's attention.

**10. Financial Matters**

**(a) To receive and approve the financial report for the previous two months**

It was proposed by Councillor S Sugrue, seconded by Councillor N Harris and RESOLVED to accept the Financial Report. The Chairman signed the Report.

**(b) To receive any LGA 1972 Section 137 Requests for grant funding**

None

**(c) Other matters**

None.

**11. Correspondence**

None.

**12. Matters for the next Parish Council Meeting**

A member of the public complained about mis-information on the website. The Clerk invited him to contact her directly by email with any complaints and not wait until a meeting to suggest changes.

The Chairman had forgotten to erect the Parish Council meeting notification banner. The Clerk would remind him before the next meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.54pm.

Signed: .....

Chairman

Dated: .....