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Meetings/ Training/Holiday

- **18/11** Interviews **5 Hours**
 - **18/11** Staffing Committee Meeting **0.5 Hours**
 - **18/11** Budgeting Workshop & Working group Meeting **1.5 Hours**
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Points of Interest

- Parish Office Project Work
 - w/c 18/11 **12 Hours**
 - 26/11/24 Budget & Herriage Boards **4 Hours**
 - The Office project working group successfully secures a grant of £750 from CC Crabtree's Community chest, which funded the new community Defibrillator
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Staffing Committee Update

Shortlisting was carried out in the week commencing 11/11

Interviews were held on the 18th November. The interview panel made recommendations to staffing committee for a preferred candidate and the staffing committee chose the candidate as recommended. A conditional offer has been made to the candidate, and we await the outcome of the pre-employment checks.

Agenda Items

- 10. To Consider the future of the WAAF Site**, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure
Councillor Hotichn has requested that the future of the WAAF site be considered at this meeting.

The flowing suggestions have been put forward:

- a) Sell the WAAF Site
- b) Offer the WAAF Site for rent
- c) To fall back to the original plan for an ecological educational facility
- d) Ideas from councillors
- e) To Secure the WAAF Site and leave it to nature
- f) Defer discussion until after the project for the parish office is complete and signed off with the CLUP team, to allow the council to have the capacity to consult with parishioners and prepare a full business case to evaluate each option

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It is my **strong recommendation** as Clerk & RFO that the council consider option f) *Defer discussion until after the project for the parish office is complete and signed off with the CLUP team, to allow the council to have the capacity to consult with parishioners and prepare a full business case to evaluate each option*

- 17. To ratify the decision to allow Cormac to carry out improvement works on Parish Council Land (Duke of Leeds Land) along to Coast to Coast multi use trail, authorise any action and consider associated expenditure**

Please see below correspondence received 29/10/24, please note this email was received whilst the Clerk was on leave in October and was not reported on at the NOV meeting. Having corresponded with Cormac it was apparent that the works were imminent, and the works were approved by the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman.

To: Parish Clerk

I am getting in touch to seek permission for Cormac to undertake some access improvement works this winter on Portreath Parish Council land along the Coast to Coast multi-use trail, between Sunnyvale Road and Tolticken Hill.

The intention of the works is to improve the access to the trail to all legitimate users (including mobility scooters) at each end of this section and would be as follows:

Sunnyvale Road access point

- Increase the gateway gap to 2m*
- Improve the surface through this gateway by adding stone to smooth out irregularities*
- Fit 'Road Ahead' sign to gatepost to warn trail users of traffic on Sunnyvale Road*

Tolticken Hill access point

- Replace wooden chicane to increase gateway gap to 2m*
 - Improve the tarmac surface through the gateway*
 - Fit new 'Road Ahead' sign to gatepost to warn trail users of traffic on Tolticken Hill*
- If this is something that the parish council would permit then please let me know and I will instruct the work to be done.*

If you require any additional information do please just say.

Planning Report

Applications for consideration:

[PA24/07422 | Change of use of Funeral Directors to residential HMO and installation of replacement windows | Harbour Homecare Unit 5 Jacquemand Industrial Estate New Portreath Road Redruth Cornwall TR16 4QQ](#)

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PA24/07418 | Retention of two buildings to be used as holiday lets and/or ancillary accommodation. | Primrose Cottage Mile Hill Porthtowan Truro Cornwall TR4 8TY

PA24/08497 | Proposed single storey rear extension and internal alterations | 3 Belerion Road Portreath Redruth Cornwall TR16 4PA

PA24/08856 | Proposed extension and re-modelling of bungalow, and a new separate garden room to rear of property. | 11 Forthvean Portreath Redruth Cornwall TR16 4NY

5 Day Notices:

Approved:

PA24/07508 | The creation of 2 no. parking spaces within an existing raised terrace at the front of the property. | 1 Battery Hill Portreath Redruth Cornwall TR16 4NR

Refused:

PA24/05868 | Sub-division and extension of existing dwelling to provide an additional dwelling | 15 Glenfeadon Terrace Portreath Redruth Cornwall TR16 4JX

Closed Advice Given:

Donation Request (confidential personal data redacted)

None

Correspondence

Correspondence from members of the public (confidential personal data redacted)

- Received 05/11/24
Received Just thought this might be helpful . Can it please be distributed to all council members as I think informative. I was not sure so looked it up.
Having an MP at a meeting isn't political. An MP is the legal representative of a constituency. He/she could be conservative or communist but is there to represent the consistent not a party.
It's no more political than just having a Tory Cllr reporting to the meeting. He isn't reporting as a Tory but as an elected rep of the parish.
Councillors views may differ but I think these are accurate facts and good to cultivate a learning culture as this helps us all.
- Received 11/11/24
I live by the harbour and wondered if the Portreath Toilets are registered as "A good cause" on easyfundraising? I get donations for a museum I visited on holiday (because they told me about it) by using an app to buy things on the internet and the sellers donate a few pence each time I buy through it. I've raised over £200 by just buying what I would have bought anyway but for remembering to use the app. If the toilets were registered I could get easyfundraising to send my

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donations there. You can invite people to use the app and get their donations to go to the toilets too. For info. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjA88a5BhDPArisAFj595g9W3e7D_bvYnQzJ6jRqxAjU-M6bKfxdbCv5CtiqKiU-A92DIYzAYAaAoyzEALw_wcB apologise if you already know about this. If the Toilets are already on here what do I change my donations to please? More info <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/create-an-account/>

- Received 23/11/24

Thank you for your prompt reply following your meeting of 4 November. It is, however, somewhat disappointing.

I did not follow this up sooner because Covid came out of left field, disrupting all normal considerations. This was followed by further access complications for the odd numbers of Chynance, of which I am sure you are aware.

I was not made aware previously that funding would be expected to come from CAP. I had thought the matter would come under the remit of Highways, which is why the Parish Council was copied in rather than directly addressed.

I had in fact only requested that the Parish Council ask that some funding be allocated when available, rather than taking action. The area that is affected is only the cul de sac with the odd numbers of Chynance & not the wider village, so any appropriate consultation is limited in numbers.

I understand that the function of the Parish Council is to act on behalf of & address concerns of the people in the parish. I gather that the yellow lines were initiated by the complaints of one previous resident, some years ago, who incidentally, had an alternative access from Beach Road, for the benefit of those in the odd numbers of Chynance. However, our situation is becoming increasingly difficult & effectively becoming more limited and does also affect health & safety in terms of access for refuse collection & recently ambulances.

I am asking for some support from the Parish Council. Please help to resolve & mitigate some of our increasing access problems. Even a sign such as I previously suggested would be a small initial token, but this has not been mentioned.

Correspondence considered at the meeting 04/11/24 – Correspondence received since the preparation of the agenda:

- Received 03/11/24
Hello

I am writing to you in disapproval to the proposed double yellow lines removal to one side of the cul de sac. As a home owner to a property at Chynance this would only cause more problems. Large vehicle struggle to move here already without any cars obstructing it.

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I agree though with a sign of no passage or through road to the beach would be a great addition.
