

# Grade Ruan Gazette

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Kennack Sands Beach Cleans **Suspended until further notice**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Parish Council Meeting at 7pm, by Zoom. 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Every Friday Fish & Chip van at the Rec 5pm onwards \*
- Every Friday Pavilion bar open. 5pm onwards from the end of May \*
- \* Subject to Covid-19 restrictions in force at the time

## APRIL (SEE WHAT'S ON FOR FURTHER DETAILS)

- 4 April Easter Sunday - Flowers for the Spring Festival 2021
- 16 -17 April Cadgwith Cove Fishing Trust Auction
- 19 April School Returns
- 23 April Bags2School

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# Noticeboard

Well what a winter in so many ways but it is good to be back with a bumper edition of the Gazette. We look forward to a steady incremental return to normality. A big thank you to all our contributors and advertisers for their patience and understanding. An even bigger thank you to our distributors whose efforts are hugely appreciated.

*Sally Watts*  
(Co-Editor)

Happy Birthday in **February** to: Ian Henn, Richard Drummond, Trish Cowie, Carrera J, Esme A, Thomas Bosustow, Jordan Jane, Bob Watson, Abby Jane, Katey Jane, Robert Drysdale, Greg Bird, Ellie Rowe, Chas Deacon, Alice Harry, Paul Ferrari, Chris Hunt, Angela Jane, Jessica Sealey, Jowan Bray, Aaron Goddard, Jack Taylor-Brown, Fiona Fletcher, Tim Birchmore (Leap Year)

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*From Moira Hurst.*

My apologies to Peggy Thompson and family for omitting their Christmas greeting from the last Gazette. Peggy made a donation to the Gazette and wanted to have the following message included:

"Peg, Sarah and Rob wish every-one a very merry Christmas and happy and Covid free New Year".

*From Liane Jose-Carter*

Wishing the best Grandad and great grangran a wonderful 90th Birthday. You really have a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone. Hope you enjoy your big Birthday even if it is in a lockdown! Lots of love and Rum and Shrub Liane, Len, Mailli Rae and Tamlyn xxxx

*From the International Cadgwith Cove Grand Fishing Competition*

Ahoy There all you anglers out there! Just a quick update on the Thursday competitions for this year. We are looking to start on the 27th May fortnightly with seven dates and species to be announced in next months Gazette.

So dust down your tackle ! and be ready to wet your whistle when the familiar sound of Steves' horn echoes through the Cove. Tight lines for now Skinny.

*From Ann Langley*

I would like to thank everyone who have been so kind through these tough times, so many offers of help, messages of condolence, cards, Facebook messages and memories of Rod. Also thanks

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# Noticeboard cont...

to those paying their respects as he took his final journey through Cadgwith and up into Ruan. We have been truly overwhelmed. Thank you so much, Love from Ann and Family xx

*From a St Keverne Resident*

I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to Carole Bastion, Jill Thomas and Randel Williams for their hard work to save Pat.

*From Janet Dale*

With reference to the old barn on Poltesco Lane in the November Grade Ruan Gazette, the barn was never used by my late father-in-law A N Dale & Sons, family butchers of Ruan Minor and Gweek for the slaughter of any animals. They had their own fully equipped slaughter house at Meaver Mullion during the 1950s and 1960s. The butchers shop was purpose built at Trenoweth Ruan Minor which is now converted to flats. Many thanks.

*From the Friends of St Ruan and St Grade Church Committee*

We would like to thank Claire Bollard at The Store and all her team for creating a window display for us promoting our fund raising appeal. Thank you to everyone for all your help. We would also like to thank Paul and Sheila Collins for creating an amazing progress indicator in the shape of the church.

We will be providing a full update in next month's Gazette.

Anyone who would like to donate to the appeal to renovate this cherished church can reach our Just Giving Page through the link below:

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## **WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL?**

Following the easing of lock down measures the committee have the following information about use of the Village Hall whilst abiding by Covid 19 safety guidelines.

### **SHORT MAT BOWLS - CANCELLED**

Bowls is on hold until further notice.

### **THE THURSDAY MARKET and MONTHLY QUIZ**

With restrictions on numbers allowed to gather indoors and also due to non-availability of vulnerable volunteers, the monthly Quiz and Thursday Market will not be restarting for the time being.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING PILATES**

Pilates Classes will not be resuming before May 17<sup>th</sup> restrictions permitting, but please check the Village Hall Facebook Page as numbers may be limited.

### **SNOOKER ROOM**

We hope to be able to re-open the Snooker Room on May 17<sup>th</sup> with two players at any time. Please check the Village Hall Facebook Page in case the situation changes. All members who paid last year will have their membership carried forward for this year. Any new members are very welcome and should contact the Treasurer Jan Halliday for details of how to pay, [jan\\_halliday@btinternet.com](mailto:jan_halliday@btinternet.com).

### **AGM**

We hope to be holding an AGM after June 21<sup>st</sup> and further details will be available nearer the time.

*Strict sanitisation protocols will need to be followed to enable safe use for all. Details are subject to change at any time if further restrictions are either enforced or lifted.*

To get further information, please telephone Liz Outten on 01326 290910 or visit Ruan Minor Village Hall's Facebook Page

# What's ON

## Spring 'Festival' 2021

Unfortunately the Spring Show has been cancelled for a second year. The Committee has come up with an alternative way to brighten up the village through March, April and May. You will already have enjoyed the daffodils display on the Lych Gate and path to the church and the window outside Ruan Minor Store for Mothering Sunday weekend. Also planned is:

**Easter weekend**

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Same focal points, but this month it's**

**PRIMROSES**

**AND POSIES OF  
SPRING FLOWERS!**



**8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Same focal points with the addition  
of the Village Hall Doorway**

**You've guessed it, this month is  
BLUEBELLS**

**It would be fantastic if the village could add their own contributions (no glass containers please) and/or make a display in their own garden so that everyone can enjoy the cheerful colourful displays whilst out on their walks.**

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People have been picnicking on better weather days and there is evidence of beach parties despite this being against the lockdown rules. Car parking is also an issue with vehicles often blocking the entrance to the beach making it difficult for others to access the beach. Dog mess plus discarded dog mess bags remain an issue as well as broken glass, bottles and cans.

A baby seal was stranded on Eastern beach so the Gweek Seal Sanctuary were notified. Sadly, a seal/porpoise carcass was washed up and a dead seagull. A paint drum, fishing debris, trainer bag with quilt, sweet wrappers, large ship hawser, fragments of polystyrene, timber, large piece of boat bow and a wood hinged frame were amongst some of the interesting items recovered from the beach.

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## **Eulogy for Rodney (Rod) Langley**

**22.07.36 to 22.01.21**

Rodney was born in Hampton, Middlesex South on 22nd July 1936.

He was brought up in Teddington and went to Hampton Grammar School for boys.

While at school in his teens he had a French Penpal who came over to Teddington for six weeks and Rodney did the same by going over to France for six weeks. He thoroughly enjoyed his trip and ended up speaking French quite fluently by the time he had finished school and he also took up learning Spanish as well.

When he finished school he went to work at an insurance company in London then soon after he had to do his National Service and that was at Predannack in the RAF Police.

While stationed there he caught the eye of a local Cornish maid called Ann when he was on a night out in Cadgwith. In those days dances were held in the village hall and Ann remembers him being a very good dancer.

He wanted to show Ann the sights of London so when he was on leave, a trip was arranged to do so. After a couple of years of dating they got married in St Ruan Church on 7th June 1958. They lived in Teddington for about two years but Cornwall was calling and they came back.

Their first born was Christopher in 1962 and then Caroline in 1966. After renting first then living in a chalet, they then built their own bungalow (Chy-an- Praze) early to mid 70's and never moved from there.

While Chris and Caroline were growing up he worked for Kitchen and Brown Accountants in Helston. He then decided after working for Kitchen and Brown for many years that he would leave and took up a job selling insurance but unfortunately that didn't work out and so gave that up and did net rigging instead which he did until he retired.

Cont....

During summer school holidays there was many a time when the family would go off to regattas when Chris would be rowing. It would be a good day out for all the family with a good old pasty or sandwich picnic.

As Ann didn't drive he was always there to drive us all to wherever or pick us up. He also supported Chris and Caroline's love for motorbikes and was always available to take the family to see Ann's brother and family in Camborne.

Social times down at Cadgwith Cove Inn were always enjoyed, especially New Years Eve fancy dress. Although Ann and her friend Eileen were the ones that would dress up mainly, Ann does recall one year when Rod dressed up with a Mackintosh coat on (with clothes underneath!!) and a packet of Flash tied around his waist and called himself "The Local Flasher"

Ann also recalls the time when a group of them went to London to watch gig rowing on The Serpentine in 1987. A few of them (Rodney, Ann, Arnold, Eileen, Danny and Kate) went together to go to the Rowing Club and to get there they were going to take the train. They thought that Rodney would be best to lead the way as he was originally from up that way, but unfortunately the train system fooled him and they were on and off the trains like yoyos trying to work it out, giggling all the time.

His interests included carpentry and he loved cooking and gardening. He had his own allotment in the back garden and many chutneys, jam and marmalades were made and he also entered into the village spring and autumn shows with some of his jams and chutneys and won quite a few prizes.

He loved playing Euchre for the Cadgwith team and from what we hear a good time was had by all. There were maybe a few hairy moments later on when his driving wasn't at his best and so when it was his turn to drive to the away games whoever was travelling with him probably took their lives in their own hands.....bless him....x

His other little treat was meeting up with his friend Geoff on a Sunday evening for a pint and a chat.

In the last few years he suffered from a couple of strokes and Ann cared for him along with carers in the past year or so. Most of his days would be spent doing crosswords earlier on, but latterly it would be listening to the radio during the day and watching TV in the evening with his night cap of whisky and orange before heading off to bed.

Although he didn't show his emotions much he thought the world of Chris and Denise, Caroline and Bat, Kerra, Ruby and Ed and of course not forgetting Ann....

I am sure there are many more memories that others can remember...

Forever in our thoughts

Rest in Peace Rodders XXXXXX



# JOHN ROBERT ROSINDALE 1933-2020

by Barbara Rosindale

John was born in Goole, Yorkshire and was educated at Goole Grammar School and Hull University. He started his teaching career as a lecturer at Hull Technical College and when we married in 1961 moved to be Head of Science at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Atherstone, Warwickshire. In 1969 he was appointed to be Head of Science at a newly-built Church of England Comprehensive School in Wigan, Lancashire. During those years I also qualified as a teacher then in 1984 after one or two health issues John took early retirement. Martin and Sarah had both qualified as teachers so we took the plunge and moved to Ruan Minor.

We had been coming to Cornwall on holiday for many years (I came to Coverack in 1958) camping at Ponsongath. To help our pensions so that we could complete the conversion of Treworder Farm John did supply teaching until he was 65 and I taught evening classes at Penwith Sixth Form College and took Bed and Breakfast guests from many parts of the world meeting some lovely people.

John was a Church Member all his adult life and a Lay Preacher at some point. He helped set up the Youth Club with Christine Jane running discos on a Friday night.

We were both involved in the beginning of the Grade Ruan Gazette helping Keith and Jocelyn Morgan and others - typed by me on an electric typewriter and collated by hand by a group of volunteers - lots of fun and hard work.

John was a radio amateur and a Founder Member of Poldhu Amateur Radio Club and also a National Trust guide at the Marconi Centre.

John became partially disabled after a fall 12 years ago but managed to continue his passion for gardening and growing all our vegetables but three years ago he gradually lost most of his sight due to macular degeneration. This caused great frustration because he could not read or continue with his hobbies.

He became ill in March last year with pneumonia, never really recovered and died on 15 December. He had 36 very happy years in Ruan Minor.

I would like to thank all those friends and neighbours who visited and telephoned him over the last few months - you made all the difference.



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## **BARNETT CLASS LIFEBOAT – RNLB St CYBI**



**A number of people in touch with me after the article ‘Saving The Nafsiporos’ which appeared in the last Gazette edition and which highlighted the role played by RNLI Barnett Class lifeboat RNLB St CYBI in the extremely hazardous rescue of the Greek freighter Nafsiporos in December 1966.**

**In particular, John Harris in Lizard village and Terry Stephens in Ruan Minor highlighted the fact that RNLB St CYBI was stationed as the temporary Lizard lifeboat from December 1981 to March 1982. The arrangement became necessary as a result of damage to station boat RNLB DUKE OF CORNWALL inflicted on her whilst she was involved in the tragic events which led to the loss of Penlee lifeboat RNLB SOLOMON BROWNE and her crew on 19<sup>th</sup> December 1981.**

**Thirty-seven Barnett Class boats were built and they operated in the RNLI Fleet from 1923 to 1987. RNLB St CYBI was stationed as the Holyhead lifeboat from 1950 to 1980 and then as a member of the Relief Fleet from 1980 to 1985. The Barnett Class boats carried a crew of 6 and had an operating speed of 9 1/2 knots over a range of 300 nautical miles.**

**John Harris recounts .....**

**“The late Charlie Bray was the full-time mechanic on the St Cybi at Holyhead for a while before returning to Cornwall to fish, first from Cadgwith and then Polpeor. He took over running the Polpeor cafe from his father from the mid 1970s to the mid 1990s.**



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The St Cybi lifeboat was at The Lizard for about three months during which time she carried out one service to the fishing vessel 'TREVENNEC' on 1<sup>ST</sup> March 1982.

Charlie Bray's father, Johnny, was also a lifeboat mechanic serving as assistant to my grand-father at Polpeor before being posted as mechanic at the RNLI's New Brighton Station on the River Mersey during the war. He said that one day they were attacked by German aircraft and he remembered digging spent bullet shells out of the wooden deck of the lifeboat!"

Both John and Terry have been involved with the Lizard lifeboat. At the time of the St Cybi's stay at Kilcobben Cove, John Harris was a member of the shore crew before moving on to the boat crew and then later back to the shore crew. Following many years of service to the Lizard Lifeboat, John was made Vice President a couple of years ago.

Thank you John and Terry for getting in touch. Such first-hand historic accounts give factual content to a far greater degree than I ever could and I am very grateful for your help.



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RNLB St CYBI AT CHATHAM 2013

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# Grade-Ruan Under 5s



We have had a great start back to pre-school. Coming back on the 8<sup>th</sup> March we opened our doors to very eager children, keen to see their friends and engage in activities for Mother's day and our daffodil display. The under 2's room welcomed two new children, Rafferty and Sonny, with 2 children joining the pre-school after the Easter holidays.

We have participated in Comic Relief activities, wearing crazy clothing, tasting red food and painting our faces! Our Easter hamper raffle was also a great success with lots of lovely presents being won.

We return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April for our Summer term and will be continuing with our garden plans. If anyone has any spare pots/seeds or tools we would greatly appreciate them to support our gardening. We are on the lookout for a children's wheelbarrow also and some potted bamboo and grassy plants if anyone has any spare.

Our next bags2school collection is also due on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April . Bags can be dropped off between 8.30am and 3pm prior to this date. Our last collection was our best ever, will we be able to do better this time? With our last collection we were able to make some wonderful purchases for the children, including a light table with well, bats and balls and new footballs-thank you! Happy Easter from all at GRU5's.

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# Gardening in April

by David Endean

Well hello again, where have you been? I hope you have been busy in the garden, Spring is really upon us now. The days are now getting longer than the nights the birds are busy nesting. I noticed the rooks on the first of March and the jackdaws were a week earlier and the house sparrows are going mad behind our fascia board.

There is plenty for you to do this month so much so that I will never cover it all from seed sowing to planting out, pruning through to mowing. So I will start in the greenhouse, you obviously cleaned it out and washed it down with some garden disinfectant weeks ago now it's time to get some seeds sown. Use a good quality compost, I still pass it through a sieve to remove the lumps and debris and depending on the brand especially with a multipurpose compost I add a little sand but not beach sand. This keeps the compost a little more open. I then fill seed trays level them off lightly with a damper then soak the tray in a shallow tray of water. Once drained you are ready to sow whatever you like, the world is your oyster. Marigolds, cosmos and pansies are easy but there is a whole gamut out there. After you have sowed your chosen seeds on the surface of the compost sieve a little more compost over to cover the seed then label the tray with the variety and date of sowing, sit back and wait a few weeks.

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If seed sowing is not your thing summer bedding will soon be appearing in the shops. It's too soon to be planting that out but that is not to stop you getting a head start and buying some, bringing them home to the greenhouse, potting them up and growing on for planting out next month. The other main use for the greenhouse for people are tomatoes and you should be safe to start planting out these in the middle of the month.

In the flower borders lightly fork around and remove the weeds, just about everything will benefit from a light feed with a general purpose fertiliser to get them going for the year. Perhaps mulch around the plants, gets some stakes around to support some of those taller herbaceous perennials before they actually need it and you are not stepping on anything else trying to do the job. You can prune the hydrangeas if you have not done so already, take off all those old flowers down to a pair of green buds then remove a third of the old stems.

In the veg patch it's time to get the onion sets planted out in some well dug over ground with plenty of organic matter incorporated. Plant them so only the tops are poking through the soil but keep an eye as the birds do like to pull them up.

Plant out your potatoes, give the rows plenty of space so that you can earth them up as the season progresses. Earlies have several advantages, they are less likely to get blight, this is not due to the variety but the time of planting and they spend less time in the ground. They also have a much higher financial value.

I will also be planting broad beans, I have some super aquadulce. They will be planted in some well worked ground and some added garden compost will be beneficial mainly to retain moisture in this case. I will also be sowing some seed direct in the soil, these will be a variety called Exhibition Longpod but there are several varieties available in the catalogues and garden centres. It is also time to make the first sowing of peas, something like Hurst green shaft, there will be nothing better than picking them direct from the garden in 3 months' time.

I have not mentioned the lawns yet, mowing is now going on at a regular pace but I guarantee that your lawn will benefit from a feed this keeps the turf strong helping it to outcompete the weeds and moss. You could treat the lawn with a weed and feed, if you wish to remove the weeds and reduce the moss, when the moss turns black rake it out and get rid of it.

Well I hope that is enough for now but remember you have at least a month before you can go to the pub so get out there and enjoy your gardening.

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## **Grade Ruan C of E School**

We were all very excited when the long awaited date of 8<sup>th</sup> March arrived, which meant that all of our children could come back to school. It was so lovely to see their smiling faces and hear fun and laughter in the playground once more; the first day was a success with a 'full house'!

The children are settling back to school life very quickly and are building on all of the good work they have done during the lockdown. Our teachers and support staff have been amazing throughout by continuing to teach all of the children online whilst supporting our key workers' children at school. Thanks must go to our parents too, who persevered with supporting their children with the home education.

I am feeling very positive about the future for our children here at Grade Ruan School, they have settled back to their learning, are working hard and are so enjoying being back at school. Finally, we can say the future is looking bright!

A big thank you to Moira Hurst who organised several donations of technology to our school during the lockdown and to Paul and Carolyn Ferrari who donated many items; these devices have really helped and meant more children had access to technology during the lockdown.



### **100 Laps For Captain Tom**

A big well done to the pupils in Tamarisk Class who completed a '100 Laps for Captain Tom' challenge during lockdown. The children ran, walked, cycled and scooted 100 times around their gardens in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore. Well done in particular to the children pictured above, (L-R: Clover, Isla, Jude, Jack, Oscar, Annabel, Aidan and Thomas), who between them raised £284 by being sponsored! The money raised has been donated to the Captain Tom Foundation.

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## Art at Poltesco

Socoa and Tamarisk took advantage of the beautiful Spring weather by walking to Poltesco to try out Impressionist art. We were particularly looking at broken colour techniques as we have been researching Monet in our art lessons. We painted the landscape with watercolours and really enjoyed sitting on the beach.

Written by Ceira and Sky



A selection of the pictures drawn by the children are here and overleaf:

Shown right is the work by Layla.

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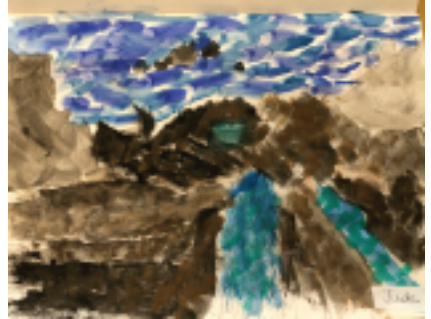
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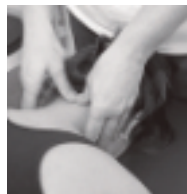


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2	Cornwall's only natural inland lake to be found on the Moor?
3	The River Warleggan, (or Bedalder) rises on the Moor and is a tributary of which river?
4	What is the highest point on the Moor and in Cornwall?
5	There are 3 reservoirs, Crowdy, Colliford and ?
6	Documentary filmed on the Moor and screened at the Cannes Film Festival in 2015?
7	Built in 1750, used as a staging post for changing horses & associated with smuggling?

## Answers to December's Yuletide Quiz

Year	? - ? - ?	Answer
<b>Y</b>	Yuletide - first recorded use was in which century?	<b>15<sup>th</sup> century</b>
<b>U</b>	Which country celebrates Christmas Eve on 6 <sup>th</sup> January?	<b>Ukraine</b>
<b>L</b>	What was decorated with holly and has also become edible?	<b>Log (Yule log)</b>
<b>E</b>	Popular beverage consumed during the Yuletide season?	<b>Eggnog</b>
<b>T</b>	"Troll the ancient yuletide carol" - what does Troll mean?	<b>Sing in full voice</b>
<b>I</b>	An important addition to a well-known seasonal cake?	<b>Icing</b>
<b>D</b>	Name Santa's reindeers beginning with "D"?	<b>Dancer, Dasher, Donner</b>
<b>E</b>	What was Mr. Scrooge's first name?	<b>Ebenezer</b>

# **Czech Airman based at Predannack during WWII**

*By Moira Hurst*

Pavel Vančata, a Czechoslovakian aviation researcher and author has contacted the Gazette asking if anyone has information about an airman named Stanislav Slezacek, who was based at Predannack with 311 Squadron during WWII.

He had a girlfriend who'd moved here from Suffolk; they married at Ruan Minor Church on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1944. Her name was Violet Atkins and she gave Moorland as her address on her ID papers and marriage documents. The wedding photo below was taken outside Greenroofs next door to Moorlands. Violet Slezacek, as she then was, moved to Tain in the Scottish Highlands in August 1944 to follow her husband who had been posted there.

**Pavel would like to hear from anyone who remembers Violet Atkins or who recognises the other people in the photograph.**



Johno remembers that there was a Czech airman who lived at Greenroofs with his wife and two children, a girl and a boy. Johno remembers being invited round to dinner as a young boy in the mid 1940s and remembers the airman cooking with caraway seeds (funny the things people remember, it must have made a big impression on him!), but he doesn't recognise the man in the photo.

Johno also remembers that there was another Czech airman who lived at "The Studio" at Inglewidden. It was a wooden shed in those days, so has either been demolished or converted into a more substantial dwelling, as there doesn't appear to be a property by that name there now. He was called Joe Oofta, although that was probably a nickname.

Lydia Adkin provided this memory of another Czech airman. *"We had a Czech airman friend at Predannack. He used to come to the farm at Poltesco for eggs and would bring toilet rolls in which to wrap them. Mum did a deal ..... Slav provided the toilet rolls and Mum wrapped the eggs in newspaper. He had an English girlfriend named Jean in the north of England but sadly his plane went missing over the Channel and we were saddened by his loss. I remember he was a lovely person."*

Pavel surmised that Slav was a shortened form of his name. There were only two airmen with Slav in their names who were killed in action while based at Predannack and he sent photos of them both. Although Lydia was only a young girl at the time, she thought it was probably Miroslav Stepanek, pictured here.



If you know anything about any of the Czech members of 311 Squadron based at Predannack, please let me know and I'll forward them to Pavel. He is in touch with many of the descendants and they would of course be most interested.

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In his sermon on Easter Day 2020, Archbishop Justin Welby said: “So many people right across the country are anxious about employment, anxious about food, isolated from loved ones and feel that the future looks dark.” Who would have thought that we are experiencing the same uncertainties this Easter!

Yet the Easter story remains one of hope overcoming darkness and despair. The women arrived at the tomb on Easter morning with mixed emotions, as they came to anoint Jesus' body. *'But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.'* (Mark 16:4). They were confused, as they tried to make sense of Jesus' death. Their hopes were dashed with an uncertain future. In the current pandemic, we too are left asking: *Where is God in all this?*

The women had forgotten Jesus' promise to the disciples that He would die and rise from the dead. Jesus' resurrection is also the sure foundation of hope for us in the present crisis. He turns our confusion and fear into joy and wonder! We can trust Jesus' plan for the future of our world and lives, despite the fact that things can't return to the way they were: *“There needs to be a resurrection of our common life, a new normal, something that links to the old, but is different and more beautiful. We must dream it, build it, make it, grasp it, because it is the gift of God and the call of God.”* (Justin Welby).

Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessings

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A few minutes later, an elderly man hurries in, out of breath, very flustered apologizing for being an hour late for his appointment because the earlier bus broke down half way along the Lizard road, so he'd had to wait for the next one....the receptionist is kind, but explains the doctor has left for the day, and will not be back until the following week....

Many of us who need to visit Mullion Surgery rely on being able to drive ourselves, or live with a partner who can do so, or we have adult children or friends living locally to take us to medical appointments when the need arises...but for many patients living in Mullion, Ruan or Lizard village, each appointment presents a problem. How to get there?

Not all people can drive. Even if we did once, not all of us can afford to run a car. Many live alone, so have nobody to drive them. Family members and friends may be unable to help, either because they have moved up country, or because they work during surgery hours, or because they don't drive either.

So....if you found yourself without transport, what would you do?

Several years ago, with the encouragement of the doctors at Mullion Heath Centre, a few of us tried to produce a solution to this problem, by forming a small, informal, non-profitmaking charity called Mullion Health Voluntary Cars...not very catchy but it says what it is!

First we sought financial support from various local Councils and charitable trusts, so we would be able to pay for costs, such as the provision of a dedicated telephone line, DBS checks and public liability insurance. This brought in sufficient funds to be confident of setting up the organization.

The next step was the most important one, we needed a team of volunteers who would be willing occasionally to drive people to their appointments at the area surgeries, or at hospitals in West Cornwall and back again....the cost of petrol to be reimbursed by the patient.

We decided that if volunteers agreed to their name and phone number being put on a list, it would not be seen by anyone other than MHVC trustees. So there would be no risk of drivers being approached directly by patients. Only the Transport Organiser would ever call a driver to see if they would be willing to do a particular journey. Soon we had a list of about 16 people who were happy to drive on an occasional basis.

MHVC started operating on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018. Demand grew rapidly, by 2020 our team of drivers were providing transport for almost 500 journeys annually. We were delighted to hear so many people say what a relief it was to be able to be driven door to door by a friendly local face ...

All went well until...just under a year ago when Coronavirus struck.

Very reluctantly, the Trustees put MHVC in mothballs as we could not expose our volunteers to the risk of infection. We were receiving very few requests, as hospital and GP face to face appointments were drastically reduced, especially through lockdown.

However, a year later, although we are not operating again yet, it is expected with vaccinations possibly available for everybody by June this year, we might be in a position to offer MHVC lifts to people again by mid summer....subject. of course to NHS advice.

No doubt there will be quite a swell of demand for transport in the summer, from people who have been putting off non urgent appointments until they felt confident to attend them.

Meanwhile, unfortunately, this last year brought other changes. We lost our very competent and diligent Chairman and Transport Organiser, John Holden, and our quietly efficient Treasurer and frequent driver Connie, who are both moving too far out of the area to continue. Our team of volunteer drivers has been rather depleted by ill- health or changes in circumstances.

One of the Trustees has kindly agreed to be Treasurer. The task of Chairman/Secretary can be combined, but we do need as many new volunteer drivers as possible in the team then nobody feels they are asked if they can drive too often.

We also, most importantly ... need a new Transport Organiser. This is a role that can be taken up by one person, working from home, answering calls on the MHVC mobile from patients needing a lift, for a specific number of hours a day, then calling members of the driving team to find one available at the required times, then letting the patient know. Alternatively, with the wonders of technology, this role could be shared between two, three or even four people, so that nobody would feel they were over-stretched.

**This is where we are hoping you will be able to help, by coming forward to be one of our team of volunteers, either as a driver, or in an organizational role. If you are able to help, please do not hesitate to email [mullion1@aol.com](mailto:mullion1@aol.com) or call MHVC mobile for further information 07487221102 for further information.**

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# **CADGWITH COVE FISHING TRUST**

**By Nigel Green (Trustee)**

The last month has been a bit of a whirlwind for the Cadgwith Fishing Cove Trust, and that is an understatement.

The Parish Council (of which I am also a member) has for some time been considering how the money could be raised to save the historic communal fishing lofts in Cadgwith. You will recall the survey in the Gazette last October when the Parish Council consulted local residents, who gave their overwhelming support to the raising £56,000 through the Parish Council precept. Both the Parish Council and Cadgwith Fishing Cove Trust are very thankful for the strong support of the parishioners.

The master plan was for the Parish Council to take the freeholds of all the buildings and raise grant funding for the further cost of £300,000 for the freehold of the other 2 buildings in order that all 3 buildings could be held in perpetuity for the fishermen and for the Cadgwith Fishing Cove Trust to look after the day-to-day management of them. Any money raised beyond the target would be used to repair and refurbish the buildings. Leaking roofs and decaying structure all need be put right if there are the means to bring the buildings up to a good standard for the fishermen to use going forward, and minimise the ongoing maintenance required.

Cadgwith Fishing Cove Trust thought it could raise a small contribution towards the grant funding by a crowdfunding campaign with an initial target of £10,000.

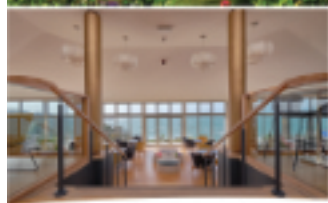
Then came the broadcast of “This Fishing Life” on BBC2. Hours and hours of footage had been shot and with most of it on the cutting room floor, none of us had any idea of what story would be told. Special thanks are due to Luke Pavey of Frank Films who decided to make the fishing lofts the centre of the programme and of course the fishermen’s heartfelt thoughts on their concern for the future, and how they wanted fishing to continue for future generations. Everyone came over so well, but I think all are agreed that young Jamie Trewin was the star of the show !

From that point on we were amazed at the impact on our little Crowdfunder campaign which was no less than meteoric.

- £ 10,000 was raised within the first 5 days (16 February)
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- £250,000 only 4 days later (02 March)

At the moment this report is written over 8,400 people have donated and the fund now stands at £288,000 within striking distance of our £300,000 target

To view the latest crowdfunding campaign total please go to:

**<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/cadgwith-fishing-cove-trust>**

There are a number of large donations which we very much appreciate, but what is lovely to see also is that the vast majority of the donations are small amounts from a lot of people, and that each donation comes with a memory, family connection with Cadgwith and/or the support for the fishermen in general. There is so much kindness and goodwill towards the fishermen combined with a strong desire to ensure their way of life can continue for centuries to come. Here are a few examples of the comments:

- *I'm so glad the crowdfunding is going well, those buildings should belong to the community that has given them meaning through the ages. I look forward to seeing them in use when we visit again in September.*
- *Thank you Cadgwith! You've been a part of my family's summer for almost 100 years and I'm proud to help preserve your past, present and future.*
- *I'm fully behind your plan to buy these buildings and support and maintain your fishing community. Such a lovely village too and fisherman work so hard in this vital industry. Good luck*
- *A photo of Cadgwith purchased from the store sits happily on our side table in Australia. I was born in Helston, moved to Australia with family when I was 18 months old and my first visit back was when I was 54 in 2017. My Ma recommended visiting Cadgwith because it's a proper little Cornish fishing village and cove. Glad I did and glad I can contribute in a small way to your cause and your wonderful way of life. Fair seas from Australia.*

The response and support from the public has been beyond our wildest dreams and the money raised by the trust looks likely not only to be able to purchase two of the fishing buildings outright, but also go long way towards making some essential repairs. Our fundraising continues so that we can put the buildings into an excellent state of repair for both preservation and easy maintenance into the future.

We are also extremely grateful for the help of many volunteers who have stepped up and done so much to help with TV appearances, media communication, auction arrangements, fundraising, grant applications and form filling; especially Sarah Stephens, Bryher Trewin, Peter Freeman and many others. Thank you all.

David Lay Auctioneers are hosting an online charity auction on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 5pm** for our trust. For more details and to see some of the amazing lots that have been donated, please go to our Facebook page at **<https://www.facebook.com/CadgwithFishingCoveTrust>**

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# Recreation Ground News



See us on Facebook:  
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Welcome back to the Gazette! It feels like ages since I've had the opportunity to write anything - not that a great deal has been happening due to successive lockdowns!

The Pavilion Bar has been effectively closed since November, but we have been fortunate to receive Business Grant funding from Cornwall Council that has covered our running costs, with a little to spare.

Assuming the country manages to stick to Boris's Roadmap, we are planning to re-open at the end of May - probably the Bank Holiday weekend. Although we could open from mid-April, with outdoor seating only, as there is no football or other activities for the remainder of the season, we have decided against this.

When we do open, the "Social Distancing" rules will still be in place, so please bear with us whilst we continue to operate with "table service" and restricted capacity - it won't be for much longer!

We are planning a couple of Saturday evenings in July/August when we will have a band - watch our Facebook page for details closer to the event!

One big change we are planning, is we are recruiting for a paid Bar Manager - there's

an advert overleaf on page 46.

We are looking for someone to work part-time, alongside committee members, to manage the day-to-day operation of the bar, including bar shifts on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Our experience with extending our opening hours last Summer has shown that we can generate the revenue needed to cover the wages from the increased bar sales.

We have no plans for opening on other evenings, except for the cards and darts matches in the Winter - as we have done for a few years now.

We hope that Yoga classes will re-start when permitted, and Sam Jane is launching a series of exercise/fitness sessions - so it should be a busy season ahead!

Many thanks for your continuing support - see you soon!

Mike Fleetwood

Secretary





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## **Job Vacancy:**

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and will have a good rate of pay, dependent on experience.

Responsibilities will include:

- Stock checking at the beginning of the week, placing orders with suppliers and dealing with deliveries
  - Cellar management
  - Keeping daily sales records and reporting to the Treasurer
    - Undertaking bar shifts on Friday/Saturday (including opening and closing)
    - Organising rotas and supervising volunteer bar staff
  - Committee liaison for organising bookings for building use (clubs/events)
- It would be useful to hold a Personal Licence, but the Committee would be prepared to fund training for a suitable candidate.

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## GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meeting – Monday 9 November 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held online at 19:00

### 76/20 Persons Present/Apologies

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair – late arrival), Agutter, Clifton, P Collins, S Collins, Fleetwood, Freeman, Harry, Lee, Stephens, Trewin.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk). Cllr Rule CC. 6 members of the public,

77/20 **To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.** None.

### 78/20 Public Participation.

S Watts – is seeking an agenda item on Pavilion management/Grade Ruan Recreation Ground. She questioned the authority of GRRG to delegate management of the Pavilion – citing that clause 5.1 does not give authority to outsource or delegate obligation or duty in this regard. A draft agreement has already been drafted by a solicitor for outsourcing; a number of issues with this were highlighted.

M Hurst – believes that a pending “stewardship agreement” will turn the Pavilion into a members only sports bar. There is concern that a community asset will be turned into profit-making for an individual. Also expressed concern over lack of communication between the GRRG and the Council and community; that the charitable trust status of GRRG is at risk. She requested that the Council halt any such agreement and reviews what it wants and what is best for the community.

### 79/20 Reports from Parish Council representatives to outside bodies: Part 1

Item 18 was brought up the agenda in order for the Parish Council representatives on the GRRG to feedback their information.

**NOTED** from Cllr S Collins – there is a need for a separate Council meeting to go over the whole subject; there is no attempt to keep back information and any management plan is early on in the process. Cllr Fleetwood added – there is no intention of changing the charitable status of GRRG, nor to make the facility a members only club.

Clerk to organise informal fact-finding meeting with GRRG, with extraordinary Council meeting to follow

*Cllr Green entered the meeting*

### 80/20 Reports from outside bodies

**NOTED** from Cllr Rule CC: COVID support lines and contacts have been reinstated: 0300 1234 118; clinically vulnerable 0300 1234 334; Helston coordination team 01326 565761; Volunteer Cornwall 01872 266988. A new COVID fund for businesses based on business rates is available.

### 81/20 Council Meeting: Minutes 12 October 2020

**RESOLVED** that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs Agutter/ S Collins. 11 voted in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Clifton. The following matters arising were **NOTED**: Old bus shelter matter are ongoing; play area repairs are being collated; Cadgwith car park access being pursued; Glebe Place/Coastline grass issue has been highlighted but the contractor is yet to

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action; GRRG accounts are now all up to date and submitted; defibrillator cases – GRCT are willing to pay for cost of new cases. s Cllr L and the Clerk to pursue defibrillator cabinet matter

**82/20 Finance Committee Meeting: Draft Minutes 2 November 2020**

**NOTED** the draft Minutes and resolutions therein as above. Councillors highlighted the Surgery rent income as a resource for projects, and the need for on-going renewal of play equipment was noted.

**83/20 Finance report and Payments**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the most recent Finance Report and authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding:

Mr L Carter	Cleaning	20.00
CALC	Training for Cllrs	48.00
N Green	Reimburse survey expenditure	99.00
R Sanders	SWCP third cut	202.01
L Dunkley	Reimbursements/expenses	218.06
PKF Littlejohn	External audit fee	240.00
Staffing		599.08

Cllrs Lee/Stephens. 11 voted in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Green.

**84/20 Finance Regulations addition**

**RECEIVED** a recommendation from the Finance Committee to add a section into the document outlining the normal timeline which should be adopted for payments being made online. **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation. Cllrs Freeman/S Collins. Unanimous. Clerk to publish

**85/20 External Audit result NOTED** as above.

**86/20 IT Expenditure**

**RESOLVED** to renew Microsoft 365 software at £59.99 and the laptop care package at £84. Cllrs Agutter/Harry. Unanimous. Clerk to action

**87/20 Cornwall AONB Management Plan Review**

**NOTED** a request for feedback. **CONSIDERED** instructing the Clerk and Chair to respond. Councillors were encouraged to submit individual responses to the Survey by 6th Dec; Clerk and Chairman authorised to write to Cornwall AONB with direct feedback and to establish a dialogue as with the previous Management Plan. Cllr Preston to initiate

**88/20 Christmas Tree Purchase**

**RESOLVED** to fund the purchase of two Christmas trees for public display in Cadgwith and Ruan Minor at a total cost of approximately £270. Cllrs S Collins/Lee. Unanimous. Clerk to pursue

**89/20 Winch House public survey on borrowing per minute 26/20**

**CONSIDERED** the results of the above. A very clear majority of over 80% of survey respondents agree to incurring costs to purchase the building, though there were some strong comments against the action. After interrogation of the results and comments it was felt that the level of public support was self-evident. **RESOLVED**, per 26/20 and per the mandate given by the public, to proceed to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £56,000 up to 30 years for the purpose of purchasing the Winch House property. The annual loan repayments

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will come to around £2,671. It is also intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by around £2,671 a year, which is the equivalent of around £5.87 per band D household per year. Cllrs P Collins/Freeman. 11 voted in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Clifton.

The Council also wishes to solicit donations from second-home owners towards the cost of the Winch House purchase as a way of contributing to maintaining the character, heritage and vibrancy of Cadgwith. Clerk to pursue

#### 90/20 **Cadgwith Cove Fishing Trust**

**RECEIVED** an update as above. **RESOLVED** to:

- a) Change paragraph 19(i) by changing "two" to "three" as the number of trustees required to form a quorum;
- b) Change paragraph 11(6) to read "The Custodian Trustee shall not be involved in the day-to-day running of the Charity or have any oversight role" and add paragraph 11(7) to read "The Custodian Trustee shall have the right to send a representative to any Trustee meeting if the person appointed as a Trustee by the Custodian Trustee is unable to attend the meeting"
- c) Instruct the Clerk to affix the common seal of the council to two signed copies of the governing document.

Cllrs S Collins/Fleetwood. 11 voted in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Clifton.

#### 91/20 **Update: Fort York and Steamers buildings**

Item deferred until further information is available.

#### 92/20 **Name of New Housing Development adjacent to Wheldon by Grade Ruan CLT and Cornwall CLT**

**RECEIVED** a request for approval of the chosen name "Plain an Gwarry". The Council felt the name was appropriate and asked the Clerk to communicate the Council's approval. Clerk to respond

#### 93/20 **Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report**

- a) **RECEIVED** an update on installation of bicycle hoops project. Eligibility for funding for Parish Councils has been confirmed.
- b) **CONSIDERED** other reports. Martha's Acre project is on hold due to COVID-19, though the project can be progressed, and access can be improved, in the meantime by cutting back the verge and forming an access point into the plot of land. The work will cost £288. Council were happy for works to proceed provided neighbouring residents were informed.

Cutting/maintenance of paths at the Churchyard was discussed though it was felt that little work other than weeding is needed.

Stile repairs are needed opposite St Ruan Well (FP4.2), and by Ocklynge (FP15) are both in need of repairs. Cllr Clifton and the Clerk to pursue cycle hoop project.

Cllr Preston to pursue Martha's Acre. Clerk to report to CC

#### 94/20 **Reports from Parish Council representatives to outside bodies: Part 2**

**NOTED** a written report from the CNP meeting including an update on the Integrated Care System and increased staffing for Social Prescribing. CLT AGM due on 9<sup>th</sup> December. GRCT – Cadgwith car park ticket machine will be able to take card payments from next summer.

#### 95/20 **Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 14 December 2020**

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**NOTED** items for the next Council meeting: Budget 2021/22; Defibrillator cases; Martha's Acre expenditure; Recreation Ground/Pavilion.

96/20 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** None.

The meeting closed at 21:25.

## **GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Council Meeting – Wednesday 11 November 2020**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held online at 16:30**

### **97/20 Persons Present/Apologies**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair – late arrival), Agutter, P Collins, Fleetwood, Freeman, Harry (late arrival), Lee, Stephens.

Absent: Cllrs Clifton, S Collins, Trewin.

Apologies: Cllr Clifton.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk). 1 member of the public.

98/20 **To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.** None.

### **99/20 Public Participation.**

W Elliott explained the need for development of a single story dwelling to accommodate a family member with specific needs due to illness. A site meeting may be forthcoming to gain a better understanding. Clerk to circulate details

*Cllrs Green and Harry entered the meeting*

### **100/20 Planning Applications for consideration**

**PA20/08243:** Change of use of two holiday cottages into a dwelling, conversion of detached outbuilding to ancillary accommodation. Mr And Mrs K Bosustow. Higher Trear Farm Trear Ruan Minor Helston Cornwall TR12 7LS

The Council supported the application with a condition that use of the existing outbuilding remains ancillary, and is not permitted to be made into a separate dwelling. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous. Clerk to notify

**PA20/08530:** Retention and completion of raised decking, new patio, steps and retaining wall. Alan Brown. Louvain Cadgwith Ruan Minor TR12 7JY

The Council has no faith that any planning conditions that may result from this application will be adhered to as the site has been subject to repeated, cumulative, retrospective applications for permission for works already undertaken or begun at this prominent site in the Cadgwith Conservation area. Respect of privacy for the neighbour must be paramount and there is a clear suggestion of overlooking. This application, should it have been made at the correct time (prior to works being started), would likely have been objected to by the Council, and the fact that work has been started appears to be an attempt to gain an advantage by the applicant. The Council therefore object to this application and request that an enforcement case be raised. Proposed/seconded. Unanimous.

**PA20/09265:** Proposed construction of a dwelling. David Oates. Land Adjacent Coth

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Lytherna Cadgwith Ruan Minor Cornwall TR12 7JY Clerk to notify

The Council felt that building on the land should not take place. The land is a former garden on high ground, and now is used for parking for adjacent properties (without planning permission, incidentally). Building here constitutes over-development and fails to meet the criteria in the CLT for infill or rounding off. The proposed dwelling would be very large with a high ridge height domineering the setting; it is not in-keeping with the character of the village, and the scale will dominate the picturesque landscape in an AONB and conservation area, causing harm that is not outweighed by any benefit of the development. There is concern that granting permission would encourage new 'garden developments' in Cadgwith. The architectural style is akin to an urban redevelopment of a former industrial site one might find in urban areas elsewhere in the country; the need for any such property is not evidenced and not thought by the Council to exist at all.

The Council object to the application on the grounds cited above. Proposed/seconded. 8 voted in favour, 1 abstained. Clerk to notify

**101/20 Applications decided by the Planning Authority since the last meeting**

PA20/06674: Proposed self-contained residential annexe. Kingey near Trerise Farm, Ruan Minor TR12 7NA [APPROVED]

**102/20 Preapplications, consultations, appeals and enforcement cases**

PA20/00837: Change of use of Paddock to station two Shepherd Huts for holiday use. Polstangey Praze, Ruan Minor, Helston. **Appeal Dismissed**. Costs claimed against Council – **Dismissed**.

PA20/00453: Construction of single storey dwelling. Land North West Of Chy An Delek St Ruan Ruan Minor Helston Cornwall. **Appeal has been made against refusal**.

103/20 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**. None.

The meeting closed at 17:30.

**GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Council Meeting – Wednesday 14 December 2020**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held online at 19:00**

**104/20 Persons Present/Apologies**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), P Collins, S Collins, Fleetwood, Freeman, Harry, Lee, Trewin.

Absent: Cllr Stephens, Agutter, Clifton.

Apologies: Cllr Stephens, Agutter.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk). Cllr Rule CC. 1 member of the public.

**105/20 To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.**

**RECEIVED** from Cllr Fleetwood: Item 11 - Payment to Methodist chapel

106/20 **Public Participation**. None.

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### 107/20 Reports from outside bodies

**NOTED** from Cllr Rule CC: Budget discussions are ongoing; COVID numbers are low but compliance is reducing, thus COVID marshals are patrolling; central government are not going to reimburse 100% of costs incurred due to COVID, though CC were led to believe they would. "Prosperity Fund" will not fund 100% of former EU money received by Cornwall – it may be more like 20%.

### 108/20 Council Meeting: Minutes 9 November 2020

**RESOLVED** that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs S Collins/Harry. Unanimous. No matters arising **NOTED**.

### 109/20 Committee Meeting (planning): Minutes 11 November 2020

**RESOLVED** that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs Lee/Fleetwood. 8 in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Trewin. No matters arising **NOTED**.

### 110/20 Finance Committee Meeting: Draft Minutes 7 December 2020

**NOTED** the draft Minutes and resolutions therein as above.

### 111/20 Grant Request: Grade Ruan Under 5s

**RECEIVED** a request as above towards Heating costs and PPE for staff. **RESOLVED** to award £1,000. Cllrs Lee/Harry. Unanimous. Clerk to notify

### 112/20 Grant Request: True Butterflies Foundation

**RECEIVED** a request as above towards charitable objectives helping domestic abuse survivors and their families in Cornwall. **RESOLVE** to award £100. Cllrs Freeman/P Collins. Unanimous. Clerk to notify

### 113/20 Finance report and Payments

**RESOLVED** to adopt the most recent Finance Report and authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding:

Mr L Carter	Cleaning	20.00
CALC	Training for Cllrs	16.80
True Butterflies Fnd	Grant	100.00
L Dunkley	Reimbursements IT expenses	218.06
Grade Ruan Under Fives Grant		1,000.00
Staffing		624.19

Cllrs P Collins/Trewin. Unanimous.

### 114/20 Payment to Methodist Chapel

**CONSIDERED** the annual standing order for room hire in the context of COVID restrictions and **RESOLVED** to maintain the annual standing order for use of the meeting room, regardless of the number of times the Council requires its use. Cllrs Lee/Harry. 8 in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Fleetwood. Clerk to action

### 115/20 Budget 2021/22

**RECEIVED** a recommendation from the Finance Committee and **RESOLVED** to set expenditure at £34,075 and precept demand of £22,950 for 2021/22. The increase in precept of £625 from the current year represents a rise in Council Tax of 2.5% (£1.29 for a Band D

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property) Cllrs Lee/Fleetwood. Unanimous. Clerk to action

116/20 **Grade Ruan Recreation Ground Pavilion**

**DISCUSSED** recent issues with management plans. The Committee had an AGM and have appointed a new Committee and Chair. No imminent changes are planned. A training day has taken place for volunteers. Criticism was received from the public about the transparency of the Committee's discussion and decision-making, and this has been noted. The Committee pledged to do wider public consultations for any major changes that are contemplated going forward.

117/20 **Public consultation: Standards**

**NOTED** as above. Clerk to circulate documents to all Cllrs and arrange a Zoom meeting in early January to compile a response. Clerk to action

118/20 **Winch House borrowing update**

**RECEIVED** as above. The application for permission to borrow is with MHCLG. A response is expected in February 2021.

119/20 **Cadgwith Cove Fishing Trust update**

**RECEIVED** an update as above. A licence between the Trust and the Parish Council will be needed in future when the purchase of the Winch House has taken place. Signatures need to be put on the current Declaration of Trust.

120/20 **Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report**

a) **RECEIVED** an update on installation of bicycle hoops project. Support in principle has been sought by landowners/managers of 4 sites. Treadoan Estates have no

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objections at this point (Kennack Sands), GRCT are yet to respond in writing (Cadgwith car park – though there were questions about whether this is the right spot when cyclists often go straight to the Cove itself), occupiers of a property near Ruan Minor Stores have yet to respond; the Council own Mundy's Field Car Park and support in principle was given. Exact positions for the hoops will be agreed with each landowner/manager. Clerk to pursue cycle hoop project

b) **CONSIDERED** other reports. There was discussion over accessibility of some footpaths in the Parish and whether the Council could fund improvements to surface, drainage, passing places/widening, signage. It was noted that up-to-date maps are available at <https://map.cornwall.gov.uk/website/ccmap/>. Stile on FP42 at Bruggan Farm should be fixed in the coming weeks. Stile at Gwavas Farm land has been rebuilt and is welcomed. Bench on FP23 between Chapel Terrace & St Ruan requires a repair; gravel is also to be laid to help drainage issues. The historic defence wall at Kennack Sands appears not to be being maintained – this may be an issue as the wall protects land from coastal erosion. Clerk to request waymarker signage and updated footpaths map from CC. Cllr Preston to pursue bench and drainage matters. Clerk to write to Natural England warden

#### 121/20 **Reports from Parish Council representatives to outside bodies**

**NOTED** from Cllr Lee that a tracker could be placed into defibrillators which will assist paramedics to pinpoint the location of a casualty. The Community Land Trust AGM has taken place.

#### 122/20 **Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 11 January 2021**

**NOTED** items for the next Council meeting: Defibrillator tracker ongoing costs; common land at Cadgwith; Quarry car park planning issue.

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**Garden fencing, decking and wood stores**

123/20 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** None.

The meeting closed at 20:55.

## **GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Council Meeting – Wednesday 18 December 2020**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held online at 0:930.**

### **Council Meeting – Wednesday 18 December 2020**

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held online on the above date, 09:30. **Action**

#### **124/20 Persons Present/Apologies**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), P Collins, Fleetwood, Harry, Lee, Stephens.

Absent: Cllrs Agutter, Clifton, Freeman, S Collins, Trewin.

Apologies: Cllrs Agutter, Clifton, Freeman, S Collins.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk). 0 members of the public.

125/20 **To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.** None.

126/20 **Public Participation.** None.

#### **127/20 Planning Applications for consideration**

A recently received application for the demolition of an existing conservatory and construction of a proposed extension at St Rumon's Cottage (PA20/10785) will be considered in January.

**PA20/09315:** Residential development of 4 houses. Robert Fletcher. Land At The Beach Kuggar Ruan Minor Cornwall TR12 7LX

The Council strongly objected to this application on the following grounds:

Previous applications on the site ref PA19/03885 and PA17/08110 were objected to by the Parish Council on the grounds that there is no affordable housing provision, and that it is unnecessary development in the open AONB coastal landscape.

The Council agrees with the Planning Inspectorate that the proposed scheme would represent an incongruous feature in the landscape which would draw the eye; that the proposal would result in harm to the AONB, and that the proposal would not comply with those parts of Policy 2 of the Local Plan which concern the protection and conservation of the surrounding natural landscape.

The Council strongly objects specifically on the grounds that this proposed development would not enhance or protect the AONB, and would conversely harm the beauty of the landscape. The proposal constitutes overdevelopment of the site (high density when you consider also the adjacent existing dwellings), bringing with it concerns around Highway provision and congestion at access points. The extension of the built environment that this development brings would be dominant in the surrounding landscape with a high ridge line and would be highly visible from both short and long distance, including from the Highway, public rights of way and scenic viewpoints in the area. This Application should also be guided

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by NPPF Para 115 which gives the highest status of protection.

Proposed/seconded. Unanimous.

Clerk to notify

**128/20 Applications decided by the Planning Authority since the last meeting**

PA20/03061: Proposed change of use from C3 dwelling (as approved PA15/04440) to a wine bar. The Square Cadgwith Ruan Minor Helston Cornwall [REFUSED]

PA20/02828: Residential development of 3 houses. Land At The Beach The Beach Kuggar Ruan Minor Helston. [APPROVED]

**129/20 Preapplications, consultations, appeals and enforcement cases**

Potential Enforcement issue at the old quarry site in Cadgwith, off Barn Hill is being investigated. Details to be checked of Conditional consent for 'Temporary residential use of wooden cabin', St Ruan Croft, Ebenezer Road (PA19/10852). Cont...

There was a discussion on the application (and subsequent consultation) to remove common land status from an area in Cadgwith. Councillors will conduct research over the coming weeks in preparation for discussion and decision at a meeting of the Council in January.

**130/20 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** None.

The meeting closed at 10:40.

**GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Council Meeting – Wednesday 11 January 2021**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held online at 19:00**

**131/20 Persons Present/Apologies**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), Agutter, Clifton, P Collins, S Collins, Fleetwood, Freeman, Harry, Lee, Stephens, Trewin.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk). Cllr Rule CC. 2 members of the public.

**132/20 To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.** None.

**133/20 Public Participation.**

E Robinson (agent) gave context to PA20/11111, in particular regarding the use of appropriate building materials.

S Moss spoke against PA20/11111, citing detailed matters as circulated in a document beforehand, including unsustainability, poor infrastructure, housing need, biodiversity, and drawing upon historic planning decisions.

**134/20 Reports from outside bodies**

**NOTED** from Cllr Rule CC: There are concerns over compliance with COVID regulations – people are encouraged to report to Cornwall Council and the Police.

75% of the spending on COVID measures by CC could be reimbursed by Central Government (though 100% was previously promised). The CC precept rise

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recommendation for 2021-22 is 1.99% plus 3% for adult social care (Band D would see a £79.24pa increase). Elections due on 6<sup>th</sup> May are still to go ahead as it stands.

135/20 **Council Meeting: Minutes 14 December 2020**

**RESOLVED** that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs Harry/Fleetwood. 9 in favour, 3 abstained: Cllrs Stephens, Agutter, Clifton. No matters arising **NOTED**.

136/20 **Committee Meeting (planning): Minutes 18 December 2020**

**RESOLVED** that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs Lee/Fleetwood. 6 in favour, 5 abstained: Cllrs Agutter, Clifton Freeman, S Collins, Trewin. No matters arising **NOTED**.

*\*Cllr Trewin declared an interest in PA20/10785 and left the meeting*

137/20 **Planning Applications for consideration**

**PA20/10785: Demolition of Existing Conservatory and Construction of Proposed Extension.** Mr & Mrs Bruce and Jenny Tapping. St Rumons Cottage St Ruan Ruan Minor TR12 7JS

The Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous.  
Clerk to respond

*\* Cllr Trewin re-entered the meeting.*

137/20 cont. **PA20/11111: Proposed conversion of two redundant barns into three dwellings.** Laurence Associates. Gwendreath Farm Ruan Minor TR12 7LZ

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# The Poltesco Bridges

By Ann Adkin

I don't suppose that many people in the village will know of the Medieval clapper bridge at Poltesco. It would probably have been used by horse drawn vehicles to go up towards Treleague from the valley. Unfortunately it was damaged towards the end of the 1960s when there was severe flooding in the area. One of the large flat top stones was washed over and rests nearby. I would love to see this old bridge restored.

The same flooding caused damage further downstream as well. The bridge by the mill got off fairly lightly with water over the top of it but no damage that could not be dealt with easily.

However the bridge opposite the farmhouse, my home, was severely damaged and the whole structure had to have extensive work. The bridge was raised from its original height and new planks and rails fitted and thus it remains today.

Further downstream the little bridge by Carleon Cove was unscathed as far as I know. I wonder how many people can remember the bridge as it was in my childhood, 1936 onwards. At that time it was a simple structure of wooden planks of about one yard in width and there was no handrail. When we were small children my mother was never keen for us to go to the cove by that route as it really was quite dangerous. Therefore we usually went down by going through the farmyard ( this was not a 'right of way' in those days.)

When the bridge became unsafe, as timber rotted, a new bridge was built. This time it was much the same as the other but had the benefit of safety rails. This bridge stood the test of time and was only replaced in more recent years by the National Trust when they commissioned the present structure.

Talking of Poltesco bridges, Gill Thomas sent in these pictures of Polstangy and Poltesco bridges under flood water. She has been told the photos may have been taken in 1986. Can anyone confirm this?

If you have memories of the flood, it would be interesting to hear more about it. Can anyone tell us who is in the photo below?





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The Council recognised that the proposals were not detrimental to the AONB, but that siting residential property far from existing infrastructure is not ideal. The renovation of existing buildings was welcome and it was noted that the site is currently an eyesore. Other uses for the building seem unfeasible. Concerns were raised over bat habitat and it was felt that this needs protecting and the development should allow for this and the presence of Barn Owls. The Council noted that there was no principle occupancy condition contained within the application, thus as they will be sold on the open market they may be used as second homes.

The Council supported the application on the condition that the bat and owl surveys were revisited and habitats are retained/provided. Proposed, seconded. 11 voted in favour, 1 against. Clerk to respond

#### 138/20 **Applications decided by the Planning Authority since the last meeting**

PA20/08243: Change of use of 2 holiday cottages into a dwelling, conversion of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation. Higher Treal Farm Ruan Minor [APPROVED]

#### 139/20 **Preapplications, consultations, appeals and enforcement cases**

The “Quarry car park” in Cadgwith, off the Man-o-War Coast path, was discussed – the Council were unsure what works were being undertaken and if planning permission is needed. The Council felt the situation should be monitored.

St Ruan Croft – there was concern over the use of building materials and if this was contrary to current permissions.

#### 140/20 **Finance report and Payments**

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**RESOLVED** to adopt the most recent Finance Report and authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding:

Mr L Carter	Cleaning	20.00
Tregaminion Farm	Christmas Trees x2	300.00
R Sanders	Martha's Acre cut; play area strim	354.00
Staffing		564.85

Cllrs Fleetwood/S Collins. Unanimous.

141/20 **Common Land status consultation**

**RECEIVED** as above regarding a notice to remove common land status purportedly made mistakenly. The Council felt that this should be opposed and it was **RESOLVED** to appoint a working group with delegated authority to investigate, compile and submit the Council's response. Cllrs Preston/S Collins. Unanimous. The working party comprises Cllrs Green, Fleetwood, Freeman. Working group to action Cont....

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**142/20 Standards public consultation per minute 117/20**

**RESOLVED** to respond as per Clerk recommendation subject to any further comments received by email by 13<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm. Cllrs P Collins/S Collins. Unanimous.  
Clerk to action on 14<sup>th</sup> January

**143/20 Defibrillator trackers**

**RECEIVED** information as above. A Polycarbonate cabinet for the Cadgwith defibrillator, which requires no code or key to open, will be funded by GRCT. A tracking device can be fitted to pinpoint the location of the defibrillator when taken off site to aid a casualty – with a monthly fee of c£5. **CONSIDERED** ongoing costs and **RESOLVED** to pay for a polycarbonate cabinet and tracking device ongoing costs. Cllrs Harry/S Collins. Unanimous. Clerk to pursue, including obtaining funding

**144/20 Former bus shelter project ideas**

**RECEIVED** information as above regarding maps/interpretation boards. Further information to be gathered. Cllr Preston to pursue

**145/20 Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report**

a) **CONSIDERED** other reports. The cost to rectify previously reported surfacing issues at FP23 will cost £160 (basic repairs and chippings) and this was agreed by consensus. Stile towards Grade Church (previously reported) close to collapse – Cllr Preston to pursue; willow tree fallen at FP23 (also previously reported) – S Collins to investigate. 30yds from Bodrivy gate entrance; road surface faltering and water on road has undermined it – causing large pothole. Clerk to report pothole

**146/20 Reports from Parish Council representatives to outside bodies**

**NOTED** that a Pavilion management report is being progressed and will be shared with the Council when forthcoming. Cllr Clifton has been appointed to the GRU5s committee. Cornwall CLT are looking to promote new vacancies in local housing. Cornwall AONB will be meeting with Parish Council representatives in due course.

**147/20 Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 8 February 2021**

**NOTED** items for the next Council meeting: PWLB application update; Cadgwith car park access update.

**148/20 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** None.

The meeting closed at 21:25.

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**GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Council Meeting – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held online at 19:00**

**149/20 Persons Present/Apologies**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), Agutter, P Collins, S Collins, Fleetwood, Freeman, Harry, Lee, Stephens (late arrival), Trewin.

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Apologies: Cllr Clifton-Williams

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk). Cllr Rule CC. 0 members of the public.

150/20 **To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.**

None.

151/20 **Public Participation.** None.

152/20 **Reports from outside bodies**

**NOTED** from Cllr Rule CC: Deadline for Community Chest application for defibrillator cabinets is end of February. Cornwall Fire & Rescue has been praised by Government for their response to COVID (assisting by driving ambulances etc). Elections confirmed for 6<sup>th</sup> May though there is concern around how it can be undertaken safely; proxy voting abilities will be eased to aid turnout. CC cabinet are recommending an increase of 4.99% to their precept, representing £1.52 per week per D band household. CC have had to make £300m of savings over the last 10 years; further previously unforeseen savings are being made (due to COVID) by reducing business travel, cutting printing and postage. Fewer Cllrs post 2021 elections will also mean a lower cost in Cllr pay and expenses.

*\*Cllr Stephens entered the meeting*

153/20 **Council Meeting: Minutes 11 January 2021**

**RESOLVED** that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed subject to further context being added to 133/20. Cllrs Trewin/Agutter. Unanimous. No matters arising **NOTED**.

154/20 **Finance report and Payments**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the most recent Finance Report and authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding:

Mr L Carter	Cleaning	20.00
Staffing		573.40

Cllrs Freeman/P Collins. Unanimous.

155/20 **Local Maintenance Partnership offer**

**RECEIVED** as above for footpaths and the coast path and **RESOLVED** to accept the grant.

Cllrs Fleetwood/Freeman. Unanimous.

Clerk to respond

156/20 **Public Works Loan Board application update**

**RECEIVED** as follows: The application remains with MCHLG.

Clerk to pursue

157/20 **Common land status consultation update**

**RECEIVED** as above from the working group prior to submission of a response. The Council wholeheartedly supported the content of the proposed submission; photographs and explanations will be added. Cllr Freeman to pursue; Clerk to submit

158/20 **Fishing gear on the Todden**

**RECEIVED** a request to issue a letter requesting removal of unused items as above. Council agreed that there is an issue – a lot of unused gear stored there. Council agreed to write to the Winch Committee about removal of disused and abandoned fishing gear.

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**159/20 Cadwith car park access update**

**RECEIVED** information as above. Cornwall Council have been given the contact details of the landowner in question following a discussion with the Clerk. Cornwall Council are aware that the Parish Council are seeking a simple, mutually beneficial solution.  
Clerk to pursue and copy in Cllr Rule CC and P Collins

**160/20 Defibrillator trackers update**

**RECEIVED** information as above. The Council will should apply for funding 2 trackers and the first year of ongoing cost from Cllr Rule's Community Fund Pot. Clerk to pursue

**161/20 Former bus shelter project update**

**RECEIVED** information as above and a quotation for the production of a Parish interpretation board. The Council approved of the project and favoured the high quality options. Cllr Preston to bring specific details to next meeting

**162/20 Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report**

a) **CONSIDERED** a request to remove a sign and tall pole at the top of Little Beach steps and replace with sign with a short pole sited down the steps to remove an eyesore on the landscape.

b) **RECEIVED** an update on the stile at Grade Church Field – a handrail has been installed by the landowner and was welcomed by the Council.

c) **CONSIDERED** projects for stepping stones and scrub clearance and a quote for works. **RESOLVED** to accept the quote for £288 for clearance at FP24 and at 'The Bank' Cadwith coast path (Common land 539). Fleetwood/Stephens. 8 in favour, 1 against: Cllr S Collins, 1 abstained: Cllr P Collins.

d) **CONSIDERED** other reports: FP4 Gwavas Vean: stile is not easily accessible – too high; Footpath committee to investigate.

Query over unregistered land on FP23 (Ruan Chapel to St Ruan) being "gardened" and Council are concerned that it is being 'claimed' and 'urbanised'. Reported Highway surface issues as a result of recent wet weather and long term drainage and other issues that have been highlighted by recent events.

Cllr Preston to clarify Little Beach signage request. Footpath Committee to investigate

**163/20 Reports from Parish Council representatives to outside bodies**

**NOTED** a written report from Cllr Freeman regarding the Community Network meeting.

The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with four members of Cornwall AONB team to discuss the early stages of their next 5 Year Management Plan. Among issues highlighted were: Uncontrolled development in the landscape (ie: Planning/Enforcement); links with Exeter & Falmouth Universities; awareness of the AONB; and realistic implementation of the Plan. Communication between local reps and stakeholders like Culdrose and CC Enforcement/Planning can be attended by AONB to give the national perspective on the protected landscape.

The Council will feature on the BBC programme *Cornwall: This Fishing Life* airing on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

**164/20 Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 8 March 2021**

**NOTED** items for the next Council meeting: Churchyard grant; former bus shelter project resolution; Gwavas Vean high stile.

**165/20 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** None.

The meeting closed at 21:00.

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**GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Council Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held online at 1700

**166/20 Persons Present/Apologies**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), P Collins, S Collins, Fleetwood, Freeman, Harry, Lee, Stephens, Trewin.

Apologies: Cllrs Agutter, Clifton-Williams, Green

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk). 0 members of the public.

**167/20 To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.** None.

**168/20 Public Participation.**

D Mitchell (agent) gave context to PA20/11339 including: significant social benefit to a parishioner (health reasons); no similar accommodation in the parish for the intended occupier

**169/20 Planning Applications for consideration**

**PA20/11339:** Erection of a disability adaptable and accessible bungalow. Mr and Mrs Elliott. Land West Of White House Farm Ruan Minor Helston TR12 7JR

The Council recognise that there is a local specific need, but that previous applications to build on the site have been refused. Some Cllrs were wary of setting a precedent to building in a field. The Council supported the application due to the specific local need on condition that a s106 is placed to ensure the dwelling is affordable, and requested as much tree planting in the landscaping plan as possible. Proposed/seconded. 7 in favour, 2 abstained. Clerk to respond

**PA20/09265:** Proposed construction of a dwelling. David Oates. Land Adjacent Coth Lytherna Cadgwith Ruan Minor Cornwall TR12 7JY

The Council maintains its objection as the amendments are not significant enough to address the Council's original concerns, specifically: The proposed dwelling would be very large with a high ridge height dominating the setting; it is not in-keeping with the character of the village, and the scale will dominate the picturesque landscape in an AONB and conservation area, causing harm that is not outweighed by any benefit of the development. There is concern that granting permission would encourage new 'garden developments' in Cadgwith. The architectural style is akin to an urban redevelopment of a former industrial site one might find in urban areas elsewhere in the country; the need for any such property is not evidenced and not thought by the Council to exist at all. Proposed/seconded. 8 in favour, 1 abstained. Clerk to respond

**170/20 Applications decided by the Planning Authority since the last meeting**

PA20/10785: Demolition of Existing Conservatory and Construction of Proposed

Extension. St Rumons Cottage St Ruan Ruan Minor TR12 7JS [APPROVED]

**171/20 Preapplications, consultations, appeals and enforcement cases**

EN20/01363 Vine Cottage, Cadgwith. The matter of concern is the 'material change in use of the dwelling from one property into two'. Noted that the Development Officer (Jo Patient)

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has closed the file for 6 weeks (as of 28th Jan 2021) to allow the owner to submit a new Certificate Application.

Travellers' Site, Goonhilly Downs. An update and site visit for Councillors was promised in January 2019. Chantel McLennan, Senior Planning and Case officer, to be contacted for an update following comments received of additional mobile homes being put in place recently. Clerk to action

EN20/01690: Polstangey-Praxe: – mobile-home in field. No Lawful Development Certificate or Planning Permission is in place, but the physical stationing of the caravan on the land is immune from Enforcement; however any use can be challenged and will need consent. Clerk to write to Case Officer Peter Gregory.

Equestrian building, 'St Ruan Croft' PA19/10852: as per January Minutes, 'concerns raised over use of building materials and if this is contrary to permission'. Clerk to action

Caravans on land near Gwendreath are being stored but are very visible. Owner of 'Seaview' and Namparra campsite to be contacted, relaying concerns (refer to Elizabeth Kinver email: 7 June 2019). Clerk to action

Newly sited caravan in field next to Cargey Gate visible from road coming off Goonhilly Downs, which adds to the stored vehicles of the garage workshop, itself established without Planning consent in open countryside.

Clerk to liaise with Cllr Preston to write to owners relaying concerns

165/20 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** None.

The meeting closed at 18:15.



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What a year we've had, but at last we can see the hint of spring shoots to coincide with the ending of Lockdown 3 and the start of the Easter holidays.

We have some great offers on Easter eggs and chocolate, beautiful cards and alternative gift ideas to choose from, so make sure you grab them whilst you can. If you're still shielding or having to isolate, then please give us a call. We have been providing free deliveries throughout this difficult time, reaching out to individuals in Trelease, Treal and Kuggar, amongst others! We'd like to take the opportunity to thank all those who volunteered to deliver to those in most need.

Just a quick reminder about services offered by your local Post Office. You can withdraw and deposit cash with a debit card drawn on all major banks, deposit cheques, as long as you have a paying in slip, pay most utility bills, council tax bills, including rent payments, top up electricity keys and cards and mobile phone cards. You can also buy mobile phone credit to add to a mobile phone.

Finally, don't forget this month's theme for the Spring Flower Festival is primroses and Easter posies. We had a great response to the daffodil theme for Mothering Sunday, but let's make Easter even better.

**HAPPY GARDENING!**

