

PROBUS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Probus Parish Council held on Monday 15th January 2018 in the Probus Village Hall commencing at 7.35pm.

Members Present: Cllrs Gillard, Blayney, Budden, Sutherland, Deards, Champion, Dalton & Goldsworthy.

18/001 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Hull & Cornwall Cllr Egerton.

18/002 Declarations of Interest Register both pecuniary and non-pecuniary under the Code of Conduct.

Cllrs Blayney & Goldsworthy declared a non-pecuniary interest in Village Hall (committee members).

Cllr Champion declared a non-pecuniary interest in Playing Field (committee member).

18/003 Public Participation

No issues.

18/004 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 18th December 2017.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th December 2017 were declared as correct by Councillor Deards and seconded by Councillor Champion, all agreed; the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

18/005 Matters Arising

- a) 17/157- Clock- man has been working on it all day (15th Jan) but couldn't get it to stay going therefore coming back Friday.
- b) 17/175- Grave topping- to do.
- c) 17/180- streetlights- authorised 2 communication devices and returned maintenance contract, CC walking through Village on 11th Jan with Mr Wallis (SEC) to ascertain which can be adopted – update emailed to members prior to the meeting.
Proposal by Cllr Sutherland to place streetlights on the next agenda, seconded Cllr Budden, carried.
The above was duly **resolved**.
- d) 17/196- Playing Field Constitution, still waiting to hear from Charity Commission, Mr Smith is going to chase.
- e) 17/202 – Cllrs to update on footpaths walked and which need cutting-to carry forward.
- f) 17/223- Planning Application, Playing Field hedge, to update at meeting.
- g) 17/226- Bus Shelter repairs- builder instructed, start date January.
- h) 17/237a- Skate Ramp noise- waiting for further news from complainant.
- i) 17/251- Well, need to find photo of original Well and prepare spec. from it.

- j) 17/253- Speed sign ordered, waiting for delivery; need to sort out training, Friday preferred day Cllrs Gillard, Budden, Goldsworthy & Dalton, Mr Maskill, Clerk & Handyman to attend. Clerk & Chair to measure posts for clips, it was stated additional clips maybe required to save moving them from post to post.
- k) 17/254- Councillor vacancies- 1 application received to date, co-option at the Feb meeting.
- l) 17/255- EDF forms completed to switch to Direct Debit.
- m) 17/237d- Wainhomes meeting- Open Meeting scheduled for 19th February 6.30pm to discuss what improvements residents wish for the Village as part of any planning application.

18/006 Cornwall Councillor's report to Council

Cllr Egerton written report circulated prior to the meeting.

Budget: discussions still going on but it is likely that the recommendation will be for a council tax rise of 3% plus social care precept of 3% making a total rise of 6%. Cabinet will make its final decision on 7 February before it goes to Full Council on 20 February.

Stadium for Cornwall: the private sector partners of Pirates, Truro City FC, and Truro College are in discussions with Cornwall Council to see if they can help bring this project to fruition after many years of hoping it would happen but not achieving anything.

Locally, Trelawney have submitted info. regarding some of the planning conditions, so this is a good sign things maybe moving.

The Community Chest Fund still has some funding available- report noted.

18/007 Police Report .

November report; 2 crimes in Probus, 1 criminal damage and 1 violence/sexual offence Amelia Close.

Proposal by Cllr Budden, Cllr Dalton queries the background to the violence/sexual assault to see if the Parish Council can help with additional lighting of the area at the next Police Liaison meeting, seconded Cllr Goldsworthy, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

18/008 Village Hall report.

Written report circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Goldsworthy reported that the meeting was held on 10th January, Cllr Blayney also in attendance. The refurbishment project is nearing completion, with the final work on the foul drainage pipe and hot and cold water supply commencing this week. The village hall will have paid £2,900 out of the total cost of £13,400, the balance being covered by the Big Lottery grant and Parish Council grant. No one has stepped up to take on the role of Letting Secretary. Probus News has kindly agreed to include a notice advertising the post with remuneration to be agreed, in place of the current small honorarium. There was no report from the Treasurer as he is very busy with end of tax-year work.

18/009 Playing Field report.

No update from the Playing Field Committee.

Cllr Sutherland reported a resident had contacted him regarding a large dog on the Playing Field which the owner did not pick up after. The resident did approach the dog owner but was verbally abused.

The Parish Council is grateful the resident tried.

18/010 WW1 A Nation's Tribute- - Cllr Champion & Hull to update on meeting with volunteer researcher, Cllr Champion to bring measurements of piece of granite sourced & to agree on plaque material and wording, to consider possible memorial seat.

Cllr Champion reported the meeting with the researcher had not taken place, Cllr Hull has emailed researcher again.

Picture of granite circulated via email prior to the meeting.

Proposal by Cllr Gillard to approve the granite selected by Cllrs Champion & Sutherland, seconded Cllr Deards, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Cllr Champion will facilitate moving the granite.

Proposal by Cllr Gillard the granite memorial is incorporated in the existing Jubilee Garden without removing the Jubilee Garden, seconded Cllr Blayney, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Discussion took place regarding plaques for the memorial.

Proposal by Cllr Goldsworthy a bronze plaque is placed at the top and 2 slate poppy plaques further down incorporating 1914 on one and 1918 on the other, seconded Cllr Budden, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Cllrs Champion and Sutherland to measure the stone to ensure the plaques are a suitable size. Cllr Goldsworthy to obtain a quote for slate plaques, Clerk to obtain quotes from Dennis Kessell and David Dyer. It was **agreed** Cllrs to bring back wording (up to 100 characters including spaces) for the bronze plaque to the next meeting for agreement. Clerk to let Mr Faull know we have sourced a stone.

Cllr Champion reported he had obtained a free memorial seat to place on the area.

18/011 Play Area- to consider replies from Mant Leisure & Sutcliffe, and to consider & resolve preferred supplier.

Clerk reported both companies were willing to do an official opening, therefore it is personal preference on Poppy Spinner & Climbing Frame (swings are standard).

Proposal by Cllr Gillard, Sutcliffe are the preferred supplier but to enquire if there is any movement on the price, seconded Cllr Budden, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

18/012 Risk Assessments- to note play area risk assessments for December and approve any actions (if any).

Clerk reported she had spoken to the inspector today and he had reported some of the wooden boards around the MUGA needed replacing, basket swing needs new bushes, and one of the posts between the toddler swing and basket swing was rotten.

Proposal by Cllr Gillard to approve repair on items and associated expenditure, seconded Cllr Deards, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

18/013 Cardiac Arrest Training- to consider and approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

Clerk has contacted Mr Denyer to ascertain if there was any response from the magazine article but has received no reply; to defer to next month.

18/014 Playing Field Car Park- occasional anti-social behaviour late at night- to discuss possible solutions and approve any assoc. expenditure (if any).

Clerk reported she had received no further complaints.

Proposal by Cllr Deards to monitor the situation and re-agenda if necessary, seconded Cllr Gillard, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

18/015 Finance.

- a) To receive the financial statement of accounts for the year to date & to approve payments.

Payments schedule circulated to members totalling £2660.26 for January, monthly forecast sheet & Qtr 3 bank reconciliation circulated.

Proposal by Cllr Sutherland to approve all payments, seconded Cllr Deards, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Clerk reported the Handyman is currently off-sick and will be for 4-6 weeks.

Litter picking & emptying bins at the Playing Field and Play Area will be carried out by the Play Inspector until the Handyman is back. Clerk volunteered to keep an eye on the bin opposite her house, Mr Dalton volunteered to do the bin on the bus shelter. Legionella testing also needs carrying out.

Proposal by Cllr Sutherland to request Mr Kendall carries this out as he has the necessary certificates, seconded Cllr Deards, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

It was **noted** there would be no litter picking around the Village during the handyman's absence.

18/016 Correspondence

- a) HMRC- changing the way VAT is reclaimed -noted
b) CALC Newsletter – Dec -noted
c) Cornwall Council- Notice of Intention to apply to Truro Magistrate's Court for an Order to stop up and removal of Highways Rights on part of Chapel Street-noted.

- d) Phonecalls regarding gypsies/travellers in Truck Layby, this has been reported and is being dealt with.
- e) Allens Meadow- Further email read to members- noted.
Clerk to reply as previously resolved comments noted.

18/017 Items for the Next Agenda

- Horse Box on St Austell Street- alleged obstruction.

18/018 It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be 19th February 2018 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Chairman..... Date.....