

PROBUS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Probus Parish Council held on Monday 16th January 2017 in the Probus Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Members Present: Cllrs Williams, Sutherland, Deards, Blayney, Dart, Rogers & Gillard. Cornwall Cllr Egerton.

17/001 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Champion & Jones.

17/002 Declarations of Interest Register both pecuniary and non-pecuniary under the Code of Conduct (to declare any changes and interests on agenda items).

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

17/003 Public Participation

Pantomime representative stated he was struggling to find a structural engineer to carry out a survey on the raised seating, although he was continuing to look.

Resident raised concerns regarding car transporter unloading at Mercedes Benz, he felt it was dangerous for drivers coming up the road. He suggested if the car transporter could not off load on the site it could go on the other side of the road. Cllr Egerton stated he would speak to the Highways manager and request a safety inspection is carried out.

17/004 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 19th December 2016.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 19th December 2016 were declared as correct by Councillor Deards and seconded by Councillor Rogers all agreed; the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

17/005 Matters Arising

a. None.

17/006 To receive the financial statement of accounts for the year to date and approve payments.

Clerk reported the bank had stated they could no longer accept cheques into the Parish Council account made payable to 'Probus PC' unless an indemnity form had been approved by the Parish Council authorising this.

Proposal by Cllr Dart to instruct the bank to collect and credit the Parish Council credits made payable to either Probus Parish Council or Probus PC, seconded Cllr Deards, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved** and indemnity form signed by 2 cheque signatories.

Clerk produced outgoings for January 2017 totalling £2168.80.
Proposal by Cllr Dart to approve all payments, seconded Cllr Blayney, carried.
The above was duly **resolved**.
Appendix 1 signed by Chairman as a correct record. Monthly budget figures produced with up to date balance and quarter 3 bank reconciliation.

17/007 Police report to Council

November crime figures for Probus produced.
3 recorded crimes: 1 burglary in Fore Street, 1 damage/ arson and 1 theft both in Ashleigh Way.
The Chairman requested PCSO Eagles is invited to the May Annual Meeting.

17/008 Cornwall Councillor's report to Council

Written report circulated.
Cllr Egerton reported CC Cabinet are unlikely to recommend the budget is increased by a further 1% for social care therefore he may submit an amendment.
Hospital waiting times are now available on its website, and there is also a link from Cllr Egerton website.
Mixed plastic collections will go county wide but it will be phased in throughout 2017 therefore continue as normal until advised of implementation.
Local issues include problems with deliveries during peak hours at Tippetts Cottage, Cllr Egerton stated he is keeping an eye on the situation.
Also a request for dropped kerbs on the pavement outside of the filling station; to place on next month's agenda.
Full report in file copy.

17/009 Village Hall- update report.

Cllr Blayney reported the January meeting took place on Wednesday 11th, there is £4777 in the general fund.
Redecoration has started in the foyer and corridor, the stage curtains have been delivered and will be put up before the pantomime.
Xmas Fayre raised £378 and discussions are taking place whether to move the date of the fayre as December is always so busy.
There is an issue with the paperwork for the solar panels, which were supplied by Low Carbon Ladock. The paperwork needs a postcode, but as post is never delivered Royal Mail will not issue a post code for the Village Hall without a post box, which would be a waste of money.

17/010 Playing Field- update report.

No update report.

17/011 Cemetery- some early graves have sunk to discuss and approve assoc. expenditure, if any.

Cllr Champion volunteered to top up the graves at a previous meeting and queried whether Cllr Dart could provide top soil.

Cllr Dart stated he could supply the top soil, to check with Cllr Champion how much is needed.

17/012 Parish Clock- to discuss problems and approve any assoc. expenditure, if any.

Clerk updated members on the issues; Cllr Deards and the Clerk have restarted the clock 3 or 4 times but as soon as the hands reach 8.55 it stops. There are no obvious problems with sticks or debris. The Clerk has spoken to Gillett & Johnston and their engineer should be in Probus the 1st week of February, although he did suggest it could be the winding mechanism. It was agreed to leave the service as planned and to re agenda for next month.

17/013 Parked vehicles on grass verges (predominately St Austell Road near Carne View Road roundabout).

Complaints have been received from residents regarding various vehicles parking on the verges and making it extremely muddy. Deep ruts have formed making it difficult for the grass cutter. The worst area is by the roundabout at Carne View Road.

Cllr Egerton volunteered to speak to the Highways manager to ascertain if letters can be sent to the drivers.

17/014 Weed Spraying – to agree times and route.

Clerk produced map of 2016 spraying route, spraying was carried out April/May but the later spraying was missed due to staff sickness.

Clerk queried whether members felt Fairfields should be included and also further up Tregony Road towards the Wainhomes Estate.

It was **agreed** Clerk to contact the Residents' Association regarding Fairfields to ascertain if they required spraying and not to extend the route along Tregony Road.

Proposal by Cllr Dart spraying takes place early April and September ensuring it is dry, seconded Cllr Blayney, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

17/015 Correspondence

- a. Sarah Newton MP – Council Tax referendum principles not extended to Town & Parish Councils- noted.
- b. CALC newsletter including WWI tribute- to place on next month's agenda for consideration.
- c. Cornwall Council Community Infrastructure Levy – consultation- noted and passed to Cllr Gillard.
- d. Cornwall Local Plan- passed to Cllr Gillard.

17/016 Items for the Next Agenda

- Village Hall.
- Parish Clock
- Playing Field
- WW1 tribute (beacon)
- MUGA chippings- weeds

17/017 It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be 27th February 2017 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.25pm.

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