

PROBUS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Probus Parish Council held on Monday 18th April 2016 in the Probus Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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

16/067 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Champion & Russell.

16/068 To receive Register of Interest (Cllr Gillard).

The Clerk has received Cllr Gillard's Register of Interest form copy in file and copy sent to Cornwall Council's monitoring officer.

16/069 Declarations of Interests Register both Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary under the Code of Conduct & to issue Dispensations if required.

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

Cllrs Sutherland & Deards declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Playing Field (committee members).

16/070 Community Energy Plus- update on situation.

Neil Farrington summarised the consultation to Council (full report available via link on Parish Council website).

40 people attended the event but unfortunately only 9 households responded to the survey.

CEP have investigated solar on Penquarry Farm, assessments have been carried out but this cannot go forward due to the grid connection.

Solar panels on the Village Hall residents are supportive. Cllr Blayney stated the Village Hall Committee would need to be convinced that a £15,000 loan would be the way to go. Another concern is the quality of the panels and life expectancy. Mr Farrington stated he would need more details of electric consumption. Cllr Dart explained the returns were higher on electricity consumed on site rather than what you export to the grid, therefore daytime usage must be closely matched to installation capacity. It could mean that installation would not be as much as £15,000.

An AD Unit at Trewithen where it uses slurry to produce heat, this unit would not import food waste or maize. This could provide heat to the proposed garden centre, investigations continuing.

Mr Farrington thanked for attending.

16/071 Public Participation

No issues to raise

16/072 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 21st March 2016.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21st March 2016 was declared as correct by Councillor Sutherland and seconded by Councillor Dart all agreed; the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

16/073 Matters Arising

a) 16/062 – Water Pumps

No replies to emails, therefore no update.

16/074 To receive the financial statement of accounts for the year to date and approve payments.

Clerk produced outgoings for April 2016 totalling £ £4,726.76.

1 outstanding invoice from SSE received for streetlight repairs, 1 still outstanding. Issue with Jubilee Lamp, the electric cable has been cut by CORMAC when installing the bus shelter. SSE are stating this is going to be difficult to prove therefore if we want it working we would need to pay for a new duct. Cllr Egerton volunteered to take this up with CORMAC; to re-agenda for next month.

Proposal by Cllr Dart to approve all payments, seconded Cllr Sutherland, 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 internal control checks up to date.

16/075 To approve Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31st March 2016.

Proposal by Cllr Rogers to approve the Annual Government as correct, seconded Cllr Deards, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**; Annual Governance Statement signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

16/076 To approve End of Year Accounts for year ending 31st March 2016.

Proposal by Cllr Rogers to approve End of Year Accounts, seconded Cllr Deards, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**; End of Year Accounts signed by Chairman and RFO.

Clerk reported the Internal Audit would be taking place on 25th April, and Accounts go for External Audit on 3rd June when they will be open for 6 weeks for public inspection.

16/077 Police report to Council

No report received.

16/078 Cornwall Councillor's report to Council

Written reported circulated.

Paperless planning has started and a new 'download all' button has been added to the Cornwall Council website.

Locally Wainhomes have withdrawn their latest application and there will be a Deed of Modification on the original application reducing the affordable homes to 40%.

Bus Services – new timetables will be introduced in May although the passenger transport unit are confident we will retain the same level of service. Trelawney Garden Centre, bat survey to take place and planning application proposed to be submitted in the autumn.

Hub Radio will continue to broadcast after new investors have come forward.

16/079 Village Hall- update report

Cllr Sutherland reported £5,436 in the bank account although some fees still due.

80 chairs are included in the grant application, will report on the grant application in full when finalised.

A reminder the AGM is 11th May.

16/080 Open Space Fore Street- update on registration.

Clerk read letter received from the solicitor. Cllr Egerton stated he felt the Parish Council would fail with a stopping up notice as Cornwall Council are adamant it is non-maintainable highway land.

The other option is a Hearing but the solicitor has warned this is very expensive and not likely to succeed.

Proposal by Cllr Williams to withdraw the application, seconded Cllr Dart, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

16/081 War Memorial Scheduling.

Clerk reported she had checked the scheduled monuments in the Parish and the War Memorial was not scheduled. At present it is free to schedule a war memorial and it is Historic England's priority due to being the anniversary of World War 1, therefore as there was no charge to Council the Clerk has completed and submitted the application to ensure our Memorial is protected. Clerk has also uploaded information onto War Memorials online, for people searching for family history.

The Chairman reported the Memorial had been registered with the War Memorial Trust.

16/082 Window in bus shelter on Fore Street, and cleaning of bus shelters (practicalities).

Clerk has spoken to the handyman and he has obtained a large container to carry water to the various sites, extra hours will be needed.

The Perspex in the bottom shelter is damaged and cannot be seen through; Cllr Sutherland volunteered to look at the window.

16/083 Playing Field- update report.

Meeting scheduled for the first week in May. It was noted that Mr Vanstone, retired groundsman, has a set of keys, although Mr Smith will be visiting him soon.

16/084 Investment Strategy – Annual Review

Investment Strategy circulated with the agenda.
Proposal by Cllr Dart the Investment Strategy Review completed and approved for a further year, seconded Cllr Deards, carried.
The above was duly **resolved**.

16/085 Wainhomes application- new application withdrawn but S106 regarding affordable houses amended to 40% on original application- for noting only.

Covered under Cornwall Councillor report- noted.

16/086 Broken fence in Playing Field car park- to consider repair/removal and approve assoc. expenditure.

It is a picket fence covered with brambles, difficult to ascertain the state of the Cornish hedge behind.

Proposal by Cllr Williams to remove the broken fence and brambles, and then to access the hedge, seconded Cllr Sutherland, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**; Clerk to instruct Mr Inglefield.

16/087 Update on new bus shelter Fore Street opposite petrol station.

Grant application successful. Clerk has received a more detailed order form. To complete and send back, lead in time is 6- 8 weeks.

16/088 Correspondence

a. Peninsula Health Quarterly newsletter-noted.

16/089 Items for the Next Agenda

- Village Hall.
- Playing Field.
- Jubilee Lamp
- ROSPA Inspection

16/090 It was agreed the next Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be 16th May 2016 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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