

PROBUS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Probus Parish Council held on Monday 19th September 2016 in the Probus Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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

16/159 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Blayney & Dart.

16/160 Declarations of Interest Register both pecuniary and non-pecuniary under the Code of Conduct (to declare any changes and interests on agenda items).

Cllr Rogers declared a non-pecuniary interest in Village Hall (committee member).

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

16/161 Public Participation

Chris Chalice, head of The Roseland College & Roseland Academy, explained he was attending the meeting to see if students could have an input. Mr Chalice explained The Roseland College had had a rough year, but this was not reflected in the GCSE results, which were outstanding, possibly the best in the County, 75% of students achieved A*-C. He is developing the teaching and learning, and is happy to feed back to the Parish Council.

16/162 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 18th July 2016.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th July 2016 was amended and declared as correct by Councillor Gillard and seconded by Councillor Deards all agreed; the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

Amendment to minute 16/142, insertion:

Cllr Sutherland queried why a new bank account had been opened now, after 2 years of asking, Mr Smith replied he was forced too.

16/163 Matters Arising

a. 16/124 Dead tree Bosnoweth- this has been removed.

16/164 To receive the financial statement of accounts for the year to date and approve payments.

Clerk produced outgoings for September 2016 totalling £3806.93.

Proposal by Cllr Gillard 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.

External Audit report received back from Auditors, a clear audit; Clerk to place on website and notice board.

16/165 Police report to Council

No report received.

16/166 Cornwall Councillor's report to Council

Written report circulated.

Governance review, has finished its work and issued the report. Main recommendations include: Not to change to a mayoral system, but keep the Strong Leader and cabinet model; change the portfolio advisory committees, set up a Cornwall Leadership Group and to review the Community Network Panels, either make them work or get rid of them.

Electoral Review; Cornwall has to submit its first estimate of number of councillors by 18th October.

Locally, Wainhomes are likely to start construction mid-October, Cllr Egerton will try to set up a liaison meeting to try to mitigate any problems.

Probus Exhibition Fund, next meeting 29th September.

Trelawney Garden Centre are still looking to submit a planning application soon.

Tippetts Cottage, work started in July but the new owner was unaware of the condition regarding bats, he has now submitted his plan to CC on how he is going to look after them.

16/167 Village Hall- update report & Cllr Sutherland resigning from Committee to appoint replacement .

Clerk read update report, supplied by Cllr Blayney; refurbishment of the Village Hall will be taking place soon along with the purchase of new chairs, cooker and stage curtains. A cleaner's cupboard and sink will be installed in the games room.

Low Carbon Ladock approached the Village Hall Committee with a view to funding the solar panels and the feed-in tariff will be signed over to them, the pre-accreditation runs out at the end of September. The Committee agreed in principle as long as the roof was checked. Low Carbon Ladock subsequently held a meeting and decided not to fund the panels due to the tight timescale and small return for their investors.

16/168 Playing Field- update report & to consider requesting constitution.

Clerk reported we no longer needed to request the constitution as Graham Smith had forwarded her the new proposed constitution.

Cllr Champion apologised as he missed the meeting.

Cllr Jones reported a meeting was held on 12th September where he requested the Clerk is copied in to all emails, so she is completely up to date. Agendas and previous minutes were circulated at least a week before the meeting and the financial reports are now available at all meetings.

Cllr Jones felt the Parish Council could help by changing the locks on the pavilion.

Cllr Jones stated the hedge in the car park is looking fantastic since it has been cut back and asked Council to consider cutting back the other side.

Proposal by Cllr Jones to cut back hedge from gate to railings, 10-15 feet road side and remove heathers and weeds from planting area, replace membrane with new and put stones back, seconded Cllr Champion, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Cllr Jones thanked the Parish Council for paying for the field to be spiked and he thanked Cllr Egerton for the grant to purchase machinery & fertilizer.

16/169 Theft from Cemetery- to update Council.

Clerk reported to members that 3 large plant pots had been stolen from the Cemetery. The Clerk received a phone call regarding suspicious behaviour but the caller did not see enough to be able to identify the person. The police have been informed and the case is on file but unfortunately cannot be taken any further.

16/170 Water Pumps- update on repair.

The new top is ready for collection, Clerk passed cheque to Cllr Champion as it needs to be presented before new top and clips will be released.

The new top will need welding on to the pump.

In passing a resident queried whether we could get the pumps working; members **agreed** not to pursue this but to continue with refurbishment.

16/171 Speeding light- repairs needed, to approve assoc. expenditure.

The speed warning light at the bottom of the Village has stopped working. It was **agreed** Clerk to report this to Cormac as Cllr Egerton felt they had adopted the light; if they will not fund repair Clerk to report back.

16/172 Bus Stop opposite Treviglas Lane- no sign and buses are refusing to stop- to resolve action.

Cllr Egerton stated it was an official bus stop & buses should stop in this location, although not all drivers are aware. If an official sign is placed in this location and a bus stop painted it would then prevent on street parking which could cause more upset. Cllr Egerton advised that passengers should insist the bus stops in this location. To monitor situation.

16/173 Church grant application- Chairman to ratify action taken and explain urgency.

The Chairman explained that during the summer break the vicar had been in contact regarding the 'Heart of Probus' fundraising to modernise the Church. A grant application needed to be submitted and the deadline was 10th August. The Church did not want any financial assistance from the Parish Council but a letter supporting the scheme in principle to accompany the grant application. The Chairman had sanctioned this action as there was no financial liability on the Parish Council.

16/174 Agency Agreement- to discuss problems with Churchyard hedge and implications, Agency Agreement states grass cutting only, to approve expenditure, if any.

Clerk explained she had met with Highways as he was doing his inspection of hedges in the Village and he was serving 14 day notices on owners of affected properties. One of the hedges involved was the Church boundary on Wagg Lane. Highways had contacted Cornwall Council who stated that it was the Parish Council responsibility as an Agency Agreement is in place. Having checked the Agency Agreement this states the Parish Council is responsible for grass cutting of the Cemetery but there is no mention of boundary hedges. The Vicar has been issued the notice, and to date has not been in contact with the Clerk regarding this issue.

Proposal by Cllr Sutherland to leave this with Cornwall Council and the Church to sort out, seconded Cllr Champion, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

16/175 Request from Wainhomes to name streets- not names of persons past or present, to consider and put forward 6 street names.

Proposal by Cllr Gillard this is placed in the Probus Magazine for suggestions, and to place on next agenda, seconded Cllr Champion, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Cllr Jones offered to also approach the School.

16/176 Playing Field hedge- to resolve to replace Doctors' signs and to approve any assoc. expenditure.

Proposal by Cllr Rogers to replace the Doctors' signs which were removed when the fence was taken down, seconded Cllr Deards, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

16/177 Inter-school Link- update.

Cllr Jones stated there is no further update due to School holidays.

Cllr Jones thanked Mr Chalice for attending.

The Chairman queried if there was any contact with Tregony PC, only when issues i.e. traffic calming. Mr Chalice stated that Probus appeared to be the meeting point for students.

16/178 Yellow lines, Fore Street, opposite Panache – Cllr Blayney to report issue.

Item withdrawn from agenda as resident did not want to take this matter any further.

16/179 To seal Exclusive Right of Burial.

Proposal by Cllr Deards to seal ERB 28 seconded Cllr Champion, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

16/180 Correspondence

a. Invitation to Heart of Probus campaign for all Councillors- noted.

- b. CALC- Vacancies on Planning Partnership.
 Proposal by Cllr Deards to support Cllr Gillard’s application, seconded Cllr Champion, carried.
 The above was duly **resolved**.
- c. BT Phone Box Consultation- to consider adopting the phone box and to approve any assoc. expenditure (if any).
 Proposal by Cllr Sutherland to agree to the removal of BT Phone Box opposite the petrol station, seconded Cllr Rogers, carried.
 The above was duly **resolved**.
- d. Cornwall Council- consultation on free distribution of printed matter- noted.
- e. Probus War Memorial- Notification that it has been awarded Listed Building Status Grade II- noted

16/181 Items for the Next Agenda

- Village Hall.
- Playing Field.
- Locks on pavilion.
- Parked cars on Fore Street, near to junctions.
- Toilet door lock
- Inter-school link
- Street names Wainhomes
- Water pump refurbishment update

16/182 It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be 17th October 2016 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.

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