

PROBUS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Probus Parish Council held on Monday 20th March 2017 in the Probus Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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

17/043 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Jones.

17/044 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).

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

17/045 Public Participation

A resident thanked the Parish Council for their letter, re speeding in Chapel Street. He explained there had been animal fatalities, and the majority of the speeding traffic is approaching from Ladock; trades people are the worst offenders. He is also concerned the extra housing along the road will increase the problem. He queried whether it had been considered carrying out a project with the School, and the children interview the drivers.

Cllr Egerton stated speeding is a problem throughout Villages and the police will set up speed watches if there are enough volunteers. Cllr Egerton stated the trades people should be reported, as if they are national organisation action will be taken, Royal Mail van was highlighted as a persistent speeder. The Chairman queried whether a temporary flashing 20mph sign is available, an application can be made.

Chair moved SO 1a to alter the order of the agenda and brought forward agenda item 12, speeding traffic on Chapel Street- to discuss possible traffic calming, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any), due to public interest.

17/046 Speeding traffic on Chapel Street- to discuss possible traffic calming, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

Clerk read out correspondence from Highways, this stated that Radarclass data for Chapel Street indicates mean speeds of 24mph, which indicates good levels of compliance and fulfils the 'self-enforcing' criteria for a 20mph limit.

Mr Bidgood goes onto say that rumble strips create a lot of noise therefore are not used within 200m of a property. Larger 20mph signs are not permissible as there are standard sizes set out in the Traffic Signs Manual.

The Chairman stated at a recent Community Network Meeting, Paula Welling carried out a presentation on speeding traffic, and the setting up of a speed

watch system.

Cllr Dart queried whether speed humps and a pelican crossing may be an option.

Proposal by Cllr Williams, Clerk contacts Paula Wellings, to gather information on setting up a Speed Watch, seconded Cllr Gillard, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Resident volunteered to speak to Royal Mail driver.

17/047 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 27th February 2017.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 27th February 2017 were declared as correct by Councillor Deards and seconded by Councillor Blayney carried with 1 abstention; the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

17/048 Matters Arising

- a. 17/028- Parish Clock – Clerk reported the Clock is gaining time following the service.

Proposal by Cllr Williams this is reported to Gillard & Johnston, seconded Cllr Deards, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

- b. 17/029- Chippings by MUGA, Cllr Sutherland stated this was placed on the agenda primarily to discuss the chippings falling onto the path and not the weeds. Cllr Sutherland stated a baton is needed along the edge to keep the chippings in situ.

Proposal by Cllr Gillard a 3" x 1" tannalised timber is secured into the edge, maximum budget of £200, seconded Cllr Williams, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

- c. 17/033 Poor Trust- This will be placed on the agenda for the Tredenham Charity Meeting of 29th March 7.30pm.

17/049 To receive the financial statement of accounts for the year to date and approve payments.

Clerk produced outgoings for March 2017 totalling £3713.99.

Proposal by Cllr Dart to approve all payments, seconded Cllr Gillard, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Appendix 1 signed by Chairman as a correct record. Monthly budget figures produced with up to date balance.

Clerk reported following the retirement of the Parish Council's appointed Internal Auditor a replacement has been found, his fee will be £150, which is less than the previous Auditor.

Proposal by Cllr Gillard to approve the appointment of Mr Larter, seconded Cllr Williams, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

17/050 Police report to Council

February crime figures for Probus produced.

Police have been called to the Parish 19 times, these include 9 road related incidents and 5 missing person calls.

2 recorded crimes: 1 burglary and 1 driving whilst disqualified.

17/051 Cornwall Councillor's report to Council

Written report circulated, full report with file copy.

Cornwall Council's budget agreed, 4% rise. Full Council put forward a proposal to the Boundary Review for 99 councillors. The Boundary Commission will issue its decision in May after the elections.

Election nomination packs are available from the St Austell offices and must be submitted by 4pm on 4th April.

Local issues include further complaints regarding Tippetts Cottage deliveries and contractors not adhering to planning conditions; the Enforcement Officer has contacted the builder who has apologised and promised to keep tighter control.

Road closure by Wainhomes, between Parkengear Veian and the site continues until the end of the month. A few incidents have occurred with delivery vehicles approaching from The Square, Cllr Egerton has taken this up with Wainhomes to get better signage.

17/052 Village Hall- update report.

Cllr Blayney reported the March meeting has been held and the stage has been painted black. The Environmental Health Team have carried out their inspection and the Village Hall has been awarded the maximum 5. It was agreed that the back room will no longer be let out but used as storage only.

17/053 Playing Field- update report and hedge on Tregony Road trimming (to approve assoc. expenditure, if any).

No issues to raise.

The hedge has been viewed although the actual issue has not been identified. Cllr Dart volunteered to trim hedge when he next has his hedge trimmer.

17/054 Public Toilets- repairs needed to drain and bottom of doors, to discuss and approve any assoc. expenditure.

Clerk reported the drain needs smoothing to stop the toilet paper catching on it causing blockages. Also need metal strips attaching to the bottom of the doors as they are rusting and plastic drain cover is broken. Cllr Sutherland reported the locks, whilst they were working, had only been temporary repaired therefore also needed replacing.

Proposal by Cllr Williams to facilitate all repairs needed, seconded Cllr Rogers, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

17/55 VAT course provided by SLCC – request for part funding (£47.50).

Proposal by Cllr Williams training is approved, seconded Cllr Dart, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

17/056 Probus Car Park- re drain at entrance, to approve any assoc. expenditure (if any).

Clerk has spoken to Mays, who advised they could not provide the drain covers. Clerk contacted manufacturer who advised Contec were the only local supplier, quote obtained for 24 covers, bolts and springs.

Cllr Champion stated he had phoned Mays who stated they could supply. Clerk to drop spare drain cover to Cllr Champion to obtain quote from Mays.

Proposal by Cllr Dart, to approve expenditure on replacement covers up to £500, seconded Cllr Gillard, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

17/057 Agency Agreement- to approve incl. assoc. expenditure.

Agency Agreement from Cornwall Council has been received, funding is the same as last year £1783.39.

Proposal by Cllr Dart to approve, seconded Cllr Blayney, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

17/058 To seal Exclusive Right of Burial.

Proposal by Cllr Rogers to seal Exclusive Right of Burial 29, seconded Cllr Blayney, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

17/059 Correspondence

- a. Update from Cormac re Truro Western Corridor- noted.
- b. Cornwall Council re recycling pots, tubs and trays- noted.
- c. Thank you letter from Probus Memory Café, re grant- noted.
- d. Cormac- weed spraying quote- noted.
- e. Breast Cancer Charity- request to place clothes bank in Village Hall Car Park. Discussion took place regarding current Salvation Army Clothes Bank, and potentially losing an additional car parking space. Proposal by Cllr Sutherland to request the Salvation Army remove their clothes bank to avoid losing a space and replace with the Breast Cancer Charity clothes bank, to not accept the donation offered but request it is paid back into the charity, seconded Cllr Gillard, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

17/060 Items for the Next Agenda

- Village Hall.
- Playing Field
- Possible Speed Watch on Chapel Street/ Ladock Road
- Village Hall car park drain covers
- Poor Trust (April agenda)

17/061 It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be 24th April 2017 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.45.

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