

# PROBUS PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Probus Parish Council held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 in the Probus Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Members Present:** Cllrs Williams, Sutherland, Deards, Champion & Rogers.  
Cornwall Cllr Egerton.

### **16/204 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllrs Blayney, Gillard & Jones.

### **16/205 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).

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

### **16/206 Public Participation**

*Chair invoked SO 6av and brought forward agenda item 16d-Tour of Britain-gauging interest on Cornwall hosting a stage.*

Clerk read our email received from Helston Town Cllr asking if the Parish would support the Tour being hosted in Cornwall and whether we would be happy for it to go through our Parish.

Residents supported this idea and stated cycling is a growing sport.

Proposal by Cllr Champion to respond 'we support the Tour of Britain cycling race passing through our Parish' seconded Cllr Rogers, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Resident queried responsibility of traffic calming in Hick's Close; Cllr Egerton confirmed the section of the road in question had not been adopted by CC therefore was the responsibility of the home owners.

Resident raised issue with overgrown hedge on footpath leading to the Village; Clerk instructed to report this to Highways.

### **16/207 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were declared as correct by Councillor Deards and seconded by Councillor Champion all agreed; the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

### **16/208 Matters Arising**

a. None.

### **16/209 To receive the financial statement of accounts for the year to date and approve payments.**

Clerk produced outgoings for November 2016 totalling £3375.91  
Proposal by Cllr Sutherland to approve all payments, seconded Cllr Champion, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

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

**16/210 Police report to Council**

September crime figures for Probus produced.

2 recorded crimes: 1 other (includes forgery, perjury and other misc. crimes) Fore Street & 1 crime in Chapel Street of theft.

**16/211 Cornwall Councillor's report to Council**

Written report circulated.

Cllr Egerton reported CC would be asked to approve a budget increase of 1.97% plus 2% for social care. Cllr Egerton stated the finances are getting increasingly tight and if savings are not made may need to make more drastic cuts next year.

Locally Wainhomes have started construction, with a groundworks business preparing the site. Cllr Egerton stated Wainhomes had not completed all the pre-start conditions such as getting drainage signed off, although the planning officer is aware and they are both pressing Wainhomes to get this sorted. Cllr Sutherland stated a resident had raised this with him and he asked why Wainhomes were not requested to stop construction until this is sorted. Cllr Egerton stated that they had not actually started construction but still preparing the land, and the planning officer is assessing the situation as they do not want to delay the works as the sooner they are finished the better.

Cllr Williams requested a Wainhomes Rep. is invited to a future Parish Council meeting.

**16/212 To confirm minutes of the Finance Meeting and approve recommendations including Precept setting.**

Recommendations:

- Toilet cleaner salary £230 per month
- Not to increase Handyman's salary
- Cemetery fees are increased as amended from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017
- No change to car park & MUGA charges
- £500 is granted to the Village Hall immediately
- Precept set at £45,337.95, this is £57.64 for Band D property per year.

Proposal by Cllr Rogers to approve the minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (Finance) and approve recommendations as presented, seconded Cllr Deards, carried.  
The above was duly **resolved** and the Chairman signed them as an accurate record. Grant to Village Hall issued.

**16/213 Village Hall- update report.**

No update report received.

**16/214 Playing Field- MUGA slippery, dangerous for training, to approve assoc. expenditure, if any.**

Clerk reported quote received £6045 for refurbishment and £2,500 for deep clean.

As an interim measure a drag brush had been hired and the play inspector cleaned the MUGA of leaves and drag brushed. The footballers stated it is less slippery although further cleaning will be needed in the spring.

Proposal by Cllr Sutherland to defer until March meeting, and consider a deep clean at that stage, seconded Cllr Champion, carried.

The above was duly resolved.

**16/215 Cemetery- some early graves have sunk to discuss and approve assoc. expenditure, if any.**

Clerk reported approx. 6 graves had sunk and were looking unsightly, these are between 15-20 years old. The Sexton would probably complete the task but would charge.

Cllr Champion stated he would be happy to up and spread grass seed if topsoil is available, although this would be best to do in the spring. Cllr Champion volunteered to contact Cllr Dart to see if he is able to deliver some top soil.

Defer to the spring.

**16/216 Meeting dates- to note and approve meeting dates for 2017 (20<sup>th</sup> Feb booked by another group).**

Meeting dates circulated with the agenda, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb booked by Old Cornwall therefore meeting needs to be moved back by 1 week.

Proposal by Cllr Deards to approve dates as circulated, seconded Cllr Williams, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

**16/217 Parked cars on Fore Street, near to junctions- reply from PCSO Eagles**

Clerk read reply from PCSO Eagles, who has spoken to several 'problem' drivers and he stated he will monitor the situation.

*Cllr Rogers left the room.*

**16/218 Request from the Probus Pantomime for a grant towards repairing/ maintaining raised seating.**

The Clerk read out letter received. £300 requested for nuts and bolts, also the raised seating requires a structural survey.

Discussion took place; proposal by Cllr Sutherland to approve Parish Council purchase of nuts and bolts for raised seating, seconded Cllr Deards.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Parish Council, if funding the structural survey, would require a copy of the surveyors report.

*Cllr Rogers re-entered the room.*

**16/219 Correspondence**

- a. CALC- pre-planning protocol, to consider adopting.  
Proposal by Cllr Williams that Probus Parish Council adopts the pre-planning protocol, seconded Cllr Deards, unanimous.  
The above was duly **resolved**.
- b. Pension Regulator- Acknowledgement of declaration of compliance- noted.
- c. Mrs Sarah Newton MP- reply to letter re increase in Precept legislation concerns- noted.
- d. Tour of Britain- gauging interest on Cornwall hosting a stage- covered under Public Participation.
- e. Kernow Matters- campaign to say no to 'Devonwall' – to consider Parish Councils response.  
Proposal by Cllr Rogers to support the campaign against 'Devonwall' Cornwall is recognised as an ethnic minority and therefore should stay separate, seconded Cllr Champion, carried.  
The above was duly **resolved**.

**16/220 Items for the Next Agenda**

- Village Hall.  
(March Agenda- MUGA, weed spraying and sunken graves)

**16/221 It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 20.50pm.

**Chairman..... Date.....**