

PROBUS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Probus Parish Council held on Monday 23rd February 2015 in the Probus Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Members Present: Cllrs Rogers, Williams, Dart, Cole, Champion, Sutherland, Jones, Deards, Blayney & Mugford.

Cornwall Cllr Egerton.

Present: Member of the public

15/21 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Russell also Cllr Blayney will be late.

15/22 Declarations of Interests Register both Pecuniary & Non-pecuniary under the Code of Conduct & to issue Dispensations if required.

Cllrs Cole, Blayney & Rogers declared a non-pecuniary interest in Village Hall (Committee Member).

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

15/23 Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy.

Application letter circulated with the Agenda.

Proposal by Cllr Dart to co-opt Shirley Mugford on to Probus Parish Council, seconded Cllr Champion, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Ms Mugford signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Parish Council.

Register of Interest form given to Cllr Mugford for completion.

15/24 Public Participation

None

15/25 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 19th January 2015.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 19th January 2015 was declared as correct by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Dart, all agreed; the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

15/26 Matters Arising

a) None

15/27 To receive the financial statement of accounts for the year to date and approve payments.

Clerk produced outgoings for February 2015 to all Councillors, invoices checked, along with bank statements.

1 additional invoice; emergency toilet repair, due to leak £59.50.

Proposal to approve payments by Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Dart, carried.
The above was duly **resolved**.

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

Cllr Williams carried out internal controls, checking cheque stubs & paying in book to the bank statements.

Cllr Blayney joined the meeting.

15/28 Police report to Council

January police report received; 10 calls to police in January 5 of these road related. 1 crime reported.

15/29 Cornwall Councillor's Report.

Cllr Egerton circulated his written report.

Cornwall Council has ratified the Council Tax increase of 1.97%.

Local issues included the Wainhomes Inquiry and Western Greyhound cutting services to Tregony and the Roseland. Cllr Egerton reported an additional service had been laid on in direct competition with First, St Austell to Truro running 5 mins before the First bus is scheduled.

15/30 Wainhomes- update from Inquiry & Clerk's additional time

The Inspector gave all parties a fair hearing and the Inquiry was well supported by Members of the Public. Justine Kent's performance was outstanding. The Inspector indicated at the Inquiry we should have a decision in 4-6 weeks although the Clerk has received notification today from pins the target date is 13th May.

Cllr Egerton was thanked for his contribution at the Inquiry.

Cllr Williams had requested the Clerk note her additional hours due to the Inquiry. Clerk had completed this but stated she did not require payment.

Clerk requested to leave the room.

On returning Clerk was informed a resolution had been passed to pay an additional 30 hours due to the Inquiry; Clerk thanked members.

15/31 Village Hall- update report.

Village Hall meeting was held on 28th January. It was agreed to clean the padded chairs and install USB chargers to all sockets.

The money previously reported lost by the Treasurer has been found, it had been put in safe place.

Mr Keam has still not fitted the hand dryers to the toilets, this will be brought up again at this month's meeting.

Panto went well and was well supported.

15/32 Playing Field- update report.

No meeting held.

15/33 Neighbourhood Plan- report from Cllr Dart following meeting.

Questionnaire has been delivered to all households and a 10% response rate achieved. Online responses indicate Education, Health & Housing are the most important to respondents. Hard copy responses are currently being collated and will be brought to the NDP meeting on Wednesday 25th February.

Cllr Dart expressed thanks to Jenny Colton and all the magazine deliverers for distributing the questionnaires, and thanks were also expressed to Cllr Russell, Robert Dodd & Sarah Hodge.

Clerk queried Village Hall rent as it is higher than the normal charge, Cllr Blayney to query with the letting secretary.

15/34 Request to raise fencing level on MUGA to avoid balls in neighbouring gardens, to consider and approve any associated expenditure- to include damaged fencing and non-prejudice donation- (carried from last month).

Ball netting is £1.29 m2, MUGA is 18m wide.

Proposal by Cllr Sutherland to go ahead with purchase of netting and scaffold poles up to a maximum value of £200, seconded Cllr Williams, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Proposal by Cllr Champion to make a donation of £75 to the Playing Field Committee to fix the fencing, seconded Cllr Williams, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**; Cheque issued for Playing Field.

15/35 Parish Clock- to review quote and agree any associated expenditure.

Parish Clock has been serviced and various faults found. To fix all the problems including strike it is £898 + vat.

Proposal by Cllr Williams to accept the quote, seconded Cllr Deards, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

15/36 Cormac- Play inspections, to discuss.

Andy, our current contractor from Cormac is being made redundant from 31st March 2015. Andy currently carries out additional work free of charge ensuring the Play Area is safe before he leaves, this is not part of our Cormac service. Andy is going self-employed and has quoted for the play area £35 per week (we currently pay Cormac £45 per week).

Proposal by Cllr Sutherland to use Andy from 1st May 2015, seconded Cllr Mugford, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

15/37 Correspondence

- a. Cornwall Library Service- noted
- b. Draft Renewable Energy Consultation- passed to Cllr Dart.
- c. Copy of letter to CC regarding Inquiry venue- noted.

15/38 Items for the Next Agenda

- Village Hall
- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Playing Field

- Update on Garden Centre (invite to Meeting).
- Community Energy Plus (April Meeting).
- Bank Mandate.

15/39 It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be 16th March 2015 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....