

PROBUS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Probus Parish Council held on Monday 16th March 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: Members of the public & Mr Danning (Trelawney Garden Centre)

15/40 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Russell.

15/41 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).

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

Chairman invoked SO 6a to bring forward item of public interest & to allow public participation, Trelawney Garden Centre, agreed.

15/42 Trelawney Garden Centre- update.

Mr Danning confirmed it was still going to be a Garden Centre, no plans for housing. Trelawney has sold their Garden Centre in Barnstaple to raise the capital to build the Probus site. The other Trelawney site at Wadebridge has been leased to Blue Diamond.

Blue Diamond are family business and currently run 17 sites throughout the UK, either owned or leased (approx. 50/50 split).

Trelawney will develop the site, including the Demonstration Gardens, & will lease the Garden Centre business to Blue Diamond. A new planning application will be submitted, which is a copy of the Blue Diamond site at Fleet. The application will incorporate a revised scheme with a u-shaped building with a solid roof, the centre of the 'u' will be glazed over for seasonal plants. The site will also incorporate giftware, clothing & kitchenware.

Mr Danning felt this was a good design with the main focus being on the Garden Centre. The advantage of joining with Blue Diamond is the development will be built all in one go, rather than bit by bit as previously planned.

Planning Application will be submitted within the next month, which would mean the decision should be in July. Due to the amount of time which has passed since the previous application all assessments need to be redone. Clearing of the site has started, there is a TPO across the whole site, so they need the Tree Officer to decide which trees can be removed.

Dog walking through the site will stop soon, and security fences installed.

Mr Danning stated he is looking to open the site March/ April 2016. 100 jobs will be created (this is equivalent full time but will be a mixture of full & part-time), he envisages opening times will be 9am-6pm.

Mr Danning stated he will be speaking to residents who back onto the site to agree the screening.

Query raised regarding wildlife on site; bats can stay as they are in a shed that doesn't need moving, an ecologist is on site whilst digging is taking place to preserve other wildlife and move them to a more suitable location.

Query regarding fir trees on roadside; these will be removed and replanting will take place.

Query pavement into Village; Mr Danning confirmed this will be part of the Planning Application and the pavement will take up road way, narrowing the road, pavement will run from Trelawney Garden Centre entrance to the mini roundabout at Carne View Road.

Query regarding solar panels; Mr Danning thought they would probably be fitted to the roof.

Mr Danning also confirmed that the access road to the bottom field through the Garden Centre will be maintained.

The Chairman thanked Mr Danning for attending.

15/43 Public Participation

None

15/44 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 23rd February 2015.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 23rd February 2015 was declared as correct by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Champion, all agreed; the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

15/45 Matters Arising

a) 15/34 – Netting on MUGA will be erected on Friday (20th March).

15/46 To receive the financial statement of accounts for the year to date and approve payments.

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

Proposal to approve payments by Cllr Dart, 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.

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

15/47 Police report to Council

February police report received; 6 calls to police in February 5 of these 2 crimes reported.

15/48 Cornwall Councillor's Report.

Cllr Egerton circulated his written report.

Western Greyhound ceased trading on Friday 13th March, First Kernow have stepped in and taken on the routes; Cllr Egerton stated they had been brilliant.

15/49 Village Hall- update report.

Village Hall meeting was held on 25th February, with 8 people present.

The Panto is confident it will go ahead next year. Cloth chairs have been cleaned, new fridge purchased for the kitchen and new tables ordered.

Environmental Health Inspection has taken place and 5 star rating has been maintained.

15/50 Playing Field- update report.

Clerk explained a lining machine had been purchased as an urgent item, as the old one stopped working and the football clubs would have been fined if they had to cancel their matches.

Proposal to ratify purchase of lining machine by Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Sutherland, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

The Playing Field Committee are also having an issue with the Bowling Club, who do not want to pay the rent on the land they use. The rent owed is £125 per year.

Cllr Dart stated an arbiter could be used to value the land and set the rent.

Proposal by Cllr Williams to support the Playing Field Committee in their endeavour to obtain rent from the Bowling Club, and would suggest if the Bowling Club do not pay the £125 to either use an arbiter, at their cost (Bowling Club), to set the rent or request they vacate the area, seconded Cllr Mugford, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

15/51 Neighbourhood Plan- report from Cllr Dart following meeting.

Cllr Dart reported a meeting had taken place at the end of February. The responses to the questionnaire were collated and there was enough interest to continue with the project.

Grant application for £8,000 has been submitted, and spec sent to a consultant.

Clerk reported a Webinar is available at a cost of £59.99 to help with NDP.

Proposal by Cllr Williams to approve webinar seminar on proviso grant application is successful, seconded Cllr Rogers, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

15/52 Bank Mandate- to complete.

Bank Mandate updated; Clerk to pass to Cllr Champion when missing information is added to take into Lloyds Bank.

15/53 Village Greens- to consider registering land.

At the recent SLCC conference it was recommended that Parish Councils protect any common land by registering them as Village Greens. The land would need to

have been used, without secrecy, for 20 years. There are various parcels of land throughout Probus which could be protected this way.

Request whether this is something that members feel would be advantageous, it would be a long project.

Proposal by Cllr Dart to pursue this project and protect Open Space, seconded Cllr Mugford, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Clerk to bring Village map to next meeting.

15/54 Agency Agreement 2015/16- to approve.

Revised Agency Agreement received for 2015/16 from Cormac. £1741.71 will be paid to the PC in December. Clerk reported we top this up (by approx. £3000), but the grass cutting is improved and no complaints were received last year.

Proposal to continue with the Agency Agreement by Cllr Dart, seconded Cllr Mugford, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

15/55 Correspondence

a. Permission request to hold keep fit classes in the Play Area.

Proposal by Cllr Williams to approve on the proviso a copy of the Public Liability Insurance is provided, seconded Cllr Sutherland.

Amendment by Cllr Jones to also ask if the resident holds a CRB check certificate & if she hasn't to check with our insurance company that this is not going to be a problem, seconded Cllr Mugford, 4 for, 3 against & 3 abstentions, carried.

Amendment becomes substantive motion; 6 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

b. Copy of reply received from resident regarding Public Inquiry Room- noted.

c. Resident regarding traffic in Cullen View & request for new parking area in Chapel Street for School Traffic.

Members noted concerns but the Parish Council does not own any land in Chapel Street to be able to help; Clerk to reply accordingly.

d. VE Celebrations due to take place in London in May- noted.

15/56 Items for the Next Agenda

- Village Hall.
- Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- Playing Field.
- Community Energy Plus.
- Village Green (incl. map)

15/57 It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be 20th April 2015 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman.....

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