

# PROBUS PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Probus Parish Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Virtual commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Members Present:** Cllrs Sutherland, Budden, Gillard, Goldsworthy, Maskill, Dalton, Saunders-Fern, Blayney & Faull.  
Cornwall Cllr Egerton.

### **21/023 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr Deards (internet cut out).

### **21/024 Declarations of Interest Register both pecuniary and non-pecuniary under the Code of Conduct (to consider if any changes to Declaration of Interest form and declare interests on agenda items).**

Cllr Maskill declared a non-registerable interest in Playing Field & Village Hall (committee member).

Cllr Goldsworthy declared a non-registerable interest in Village Hall (committee member)

Cllr Saunders-Fern declared a non-registerable interest in Playing Field (committee member)

Cllr Gillard declared a non-registerable interest in Village Hall (partner Chairman).

### **21/025 Public Participation.**

No public wishing to speak.

### **21/026 Police report to include Speed watch update.**

December crime report; 4 crimes recorded; 3 crimes on High Street; anti-social behaviour, theft & violence, 1 crime on Tregony Road; anti-social behaviour.

### **21/027 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

The minutes of the ordinary meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were declared as correct by Councillor Maskill and seconded by Councillor Saunders-Fern, all agreed; the Chairman will sign them as a correct record.

The above was duly **resolved**.

### **21/028 Matters Arising**

- a) 20/130- Community Network Meeting- Highways Budget, Cllr Gillard attended the January meeting, approval has been given for a fixed VAR on St Austell Street. Cormac are working though the list to implement; we need to wait until we are at the top.
- b) 20/183- update from Cllr Gillard on progress of Parish Council taking responsibility of Tregony View Open Space, and potentially using for youth football; Cllr Gillard has emailed Bleheims and Wainhomes to confirm they are

- happy to meet once Covid restrictions are eased, waiting for them to come back, Clerk also attend.
- c) 20/207- Grass verge New Stables, Grampond PC resolved to fund half of cost, Clerk to invoice Grampond PC at the end of the cutting season.
  - d) 20/209- Dog Bin Treviglas Lane; Dog Bin ordered.
  - e) 20/216b- SSE, quote for Lamp painting; £65 per hour plus materials, can give better estimate once Covid restrictions eased.
  - f) 21/009- Weed Control; item published in magazine, no replies to date; further article sent in for publishing at the end of the month with job advert.
  - g) 21/012- Basketball hoops; passed to Mr Inglefield for fitting.
  - h) 21/013- Parish Council Facebook page- to c/f
  - i) 21/015- Volunteer mobile phone, Mr Denyer stated that as he had received no calls to date, he felt he would probably stop using, Clerk has assured him if at any time he felt it would be useful the Parish Council had resolved to fund.
  - j) 21/020c- Treworgans footpath Clerk has authorised cutting. Update from Cllr Deards if tree has been cleared from Spring Acres Footpath; Cllr Deards texted tree has been cleared, apologies her internet has gone down.

#### **21/029 Cornwall Councillor's report to Council.**

Written report circulated prior to the meeting.

Cornwall Council Budget and council tax for 2021/22: Cabinet approved the proposed budget for next year including a council tax rise of 1.99% plus 3% social care levy, i.e. total increase of 5%. This will go to Full Council on 23 February.

Elections: government has confirmed that elections will be going ahead on 6 May. Although it is always possible that there could be a last minute change of mind, that looks unlikely given the apparent success of the vaccination programme.

Truro city centre Pydar site: the outline planning application for redevelopment of the old Carrick offices site in Pydar Street, Truro, went to Strategic Planning Committee on 4 February. It had been expected to be approved, but the committee refused it. It is not clear what will happen next with this project.

Langarth masterplan: outline planning application for that site is in the system. Hopefully, that will not suffer the same fate as the Pydar application.

Local issues Bus services: GoCornwall keep tweaking the timetables but overall, they are still running frequent services on the 50 and 22 routes, although passenger numbers are very low. First 27 timetable is unchanged. Although unsure how long this can be sustained. Hopefully, if we come out of lockdown in a couple of months and people start to get more confidence in using public transport, passenger numbers will return. A copy of the latest timetable is in the bus shelters and on Cllr Egerton's website.

Cllr Gillard thanked Cllr Egerton for his work and support over the years to the Parish Council.

#### **21/030 Finance.**

- a) To receive the financial statement of accounts for the year to date, budget sheet, bank reconciliation and to approve payments.

Payments schedule circulated to members totalling £3994.88 for February, monthly forecast sheet against projected and expenditure to budget. Bank reconciliation also circulated.

BACS	Cornwall Council- Dog bin emptying	£299.28
BACS	Kernowek Gardeners Ltd- grass cutting	£870.00
BACS	Mr N Gillard- Land registry	£12.00
BACS	SWW- toilets	£8.95
BACS	Mr A Inglefield- Play inspections	£140.00
BACS	Phone, Zoom	£26.20
BACS	Staff salaries, expenses & pension	£1,845.62
DD-21 Feb	Cheaper Waste	£59.40
DD- 28 Feb	EDF-Toilets	£9.00
DD-28 Feb	EDF-MUGA	£27.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,297.45</b>
	Payments between meetings:	
	No One Goes Hungry (from ear-marked)	£487.45
	Basketball Hoops (as approved Jan meeting)	£209.98
	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>£3,994.88</b>

Proposal by Cllr Blayney to approve February payments, seconded Cllr Sutherland, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**. Expenditure to budget, bank reconciliation and monthly forecast noted.

2 Councillors checking invoices monthly against bank account as part of Internal Control checks.

To note that 2 receipts are still outstanding for Environmental cuts and Footpaths, invoices were submitted on 12<sup>th</sup> November and have been chased on numerous occasions.

Proposal by Cllr Gillard a letter of complaint is written if payment is not forthcoming, seconded Cllr Saunders-Fern, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

**21/031 Weed Controller** – to consider & resolve to delegate a Cllr to assist Clerk with interviewing for post and purchase of workwear/equipment to include possible sponsorship (draft letter circ.), to approve assoc. expenditure.

Documents circulated with the agenda.

Cllr Dalton stated he is happy to assist with interviewing and purchasing of equipment. Cllr Dalton would like to get sponsorship for weed controller. Cllr Gillard queried sponsorship, overall, he is not in favour, as he wasn't sure if the potential sponsor sold weed killer. He felt the Parish Council would be better to do this independently. Cllr Dalton stated a certain part of their job would be the 2 Jubilee Gardens and he felt it would be beneficial. Cllr Maskill felt combining the two maybe the way forward, not necessarily having a sponsor

on the back of a jacket.

Proposal by Cllr Dalton to delegate himself to assist Clerk with interviewing for post, and purchase of workwear/equipment up to £150, not to go ahead with sponsorship at this stage, seconded Cllr Saunders-Fern, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

**21/032 S106- Sustainable Transport Options-** to receive update from Working Group, and approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

Safety report on A390- noted.

Second safety report commissioned for crossings on A390 by Sustainable Transport Group is still outstanding; will bring to Council when received.

Fingerposts outside of the Church, waiting for Cormac on whether Listed Building Consent is needed as close to the Church. Cllr Faull queried whether the cobbles are listed; Cllr Budden stated they were unmaintained Highway, unsure on listing status.

Responses from residents of The Square consultation- over-riding responses are preference for option 3. The Chairman stated that all opinions favour option 3 but with additions. Cllr Gillard agreed they have all raised other issues and agrees the Sustainable Transport Group need to look at in more detail and respond. Cllr Budden stated they will look at them on Wednesday, Clerk to update residents who have written in.

Draft Terms of Reference for the Working Group circ. prior to the meeting.

Terms of Reference: Proposal by Cllr Maskill to approve Terms of Reference as written, seconded Cllr Faull, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

**21/033 Railings in The Square-** to consider and resolve obtaining quotes for repair and repainting.

Proposal by Cllr Sutherland to approve obtaining quotes for repair, seconded Cllr Faull, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

**21/034 Village Hall report-** update from Village Hall representative.

Cllr Goldsworthy reported the hall has received 3 tranches of Government funding and will be used for ongoing expenses. Once Covid restrictions ease will look to start taking bookings. At present the hall is being used for a Community Larder for 4 days a week, 2 hours, free of charge. Blood Donors will be using for one day and it has been booked for the Election.

Community Larder has requested a container in the car park, they will be making a formal request to the Parish Council.

Clerk has emailed the Village Hall lettings secretary making a tentative enquiry regarding holding physical meetings once legislation changes on 7<sup>th</sup> May. These will possibly need to be held in the main hall as social distancing will probably still be in place.

Cllr Goldsworthy reported that the main hall is booked on Mondays, but if it was a problem they can explore with the other users. Unsure if other users are coming back. Cllr Gillard queried whether this change could be just temporary

during Covid and we advertise it.

Proposal by Cllr Gillard, to change Parish Council meetings to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from May to September on the proviso we are back to physical meetings, seconded Cllr Sutherland, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

**21/035 Risk Assessments-** Play Area to note Risk Assessment.

No new issues raised- noted.

**21/036 Holy Well-** to consider and resolve contacting contractor to ensure no work is needed to the area before he starts in March/April.

Cllr Gillard reported Holly tree is trimmed, and contractor due in at the end of March.

Proposal by Cllr Gillard that himself and the Clerk delegated to arrange tree trimming, seconded Cllr Sutherland, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

**21/037 Christmas 2021 proposals** -to receive update from Cllr Budden on quote for fitting unmetered supply.

Cllr Budden reported his work is very busy and he no longer has the time, request for Cllr to continue with this project.

Other Cllrs to consider if they would be happy to take this project on and to contact the Chairman.

**21/038 Play Area-** update on further noise mitigation to skate ramp, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

Cllr Budden reported the mitigation would be approx. £180, this is filling the void with foam. Cllr Budden felt this falls under the initial works and we go back to Cornwall Council. Builder will undertake this work when he comes to rectify the gaps in the boards. Cllr Gillard felt it should not come out of the S106 money. Cllr Gillard also felt it should be noted that the Parish Council's position is that the work we are doing is to repair the skate ramp, and not because of any noise. There is no formal acknowledgement that there is a noise issue, if residents feel there is a noise nuisance, they should take it up with the EPO. The Chairman clarified that a conversation had taken place and there was no admission of noise, she accepted she had moved in by a play area and did not expect it to be quiet, she stated it was a lower tone. Cllr Budden stated not admitting any liability.

Proposal by Cllr Budden approve work up to £250 delegated to Cllr Budden & Clerk from Play Area budget, seconded Cllr Gillard, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

**21/039 Probus Football Club-** to consider if the Parish Council would support moving the Playing Field and Village Hall to a new larger location. Probus Football has outgrown the current recreation field, to discuss.

This item has come from Mr Smith via the Playing Field Committee. Cllr Maskill stated this came out of the discussion to revamp the pavilion. Mr Smith will

need to make further enquiries to both the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee with his idea before the Parish Council would be able to comment. The Parish Council understands the Football Club has outgrown the current field.

Cllr Maskill stated what has inspired is an idea for the future, just to see what people's initial thoughts were before Mr Smith spent a great deal of time working up a project no one was supportive of. The one thing in the immediate future is an additional pitch, for the junior team, possibly temporarily, which is of immediate concern.

**21/040 Wildflower planting-** to consider and resolve quote, to approve assoc. expenses (if any).

To defer.

**20/041 Bus Shelter Fore Street-** Chairman to report on issues and action taken to date.

Bus Shelter leaking in back corner which caused ceiling to drop. The damaged ceiling has been removed by handyman, and the Chairman has replaced with plywood. Gutters and downpipe were blocked so cleaned out and hole under slates filled with expandable foam. The Chairman reported the walls are very damp and feels further work may be needed; to place on future agenda.

**21/042 Covid-19-** to consider changes in legislation and impact on Parish Council, if any. Covid-19 legislation ceases on 6<sup>th</sup> May, CALC are lobbying for an extension. Cllr Maskill stated that Robert Jenrick MP is already considering extending the legislation.

Cllr Budden stated that as Council we have embraced the Virtual Meetings and Covid is not going anywhere and it would be foolhardy to meet before it is safe. Proposal by Cllr Budden to lobby MPs to continue to hold virtual meetings, seconded Cllr Gillard, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

**21/043 To seal ERBs-** to resolve to seal ERB 43 & 44 for Probus Cemetery.

Proposal by Cllr Sutherland, to seal ERBs 43 & 44, seconded Cllr Gillard, carried. The above was duly **resolved**.

**21/044 Correspondence**

- a. Various emails circulated to members on receipt for information, noted.

**21/045 Items for future Agenda.**

- Consultation with residents re seating at Bosnoweth
- NDP- for future once White Paper has gone through Government.
- Speed-watch
- Porta-cabin review of use (December agenda)
- Meeting with Trewithen re 1 footpath and land.
- Climate Emergency Grant
- SSE quote
- Bus Shelter Fore Street (June agenda)

**21/046 It was agreed the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
(Virtual unless legislation changes).**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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