

## PROBUS PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Probus Parish Council held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 in the Probus Village Hall at 6.00pm.**

**Members Present.** Cllrs. N Gillard (Chairman), S Dalton, W Sutherland, R Tofts, L Deards, N Glasson, M Maskill.

**Also attending.** Cllr Karen Glasson (Cornwall Councillor)  
Mr Paul Quinlan  
One member of the public

**22/211 Apologies for absence.** Councillor Goldsworthy

**22/212 Declarations of Interest Register both registerable and non-registerable under the Code of Conduct (to declare interests on agenda items), to issue dispensations if required and to declare gifts over £50.**

No declaration related to agenda items

No gifts received

**22/161 Public participation (15 minutes).** Editor of Probus News, John Denyer, raised 4 questions from Probus News to the parish council which were read at the meeting and served in writing

Question 1: Previously, the PPC meeting schedule for the year ahead was published on the council website. This was useful and allowed residents to plan and prepare for any meetings they may wish to attend. Currently, the date for the next meeting is only made public when the minutes or the agenda are published online, sometimes only giving residents 7 days to prepare to attend PPC meetings. Can you revert to publishing the full schedule of PPC meeting dates in advance?

Question 2: Regarding the article in the September Probus News magazine, can the Parish Council answer 2 questions raised?

- a. With such an ardent objector within the Parish council planning committee, how can we (residents of Probus) be confident that all the councillors had an open mind during discussions and that no inadvertent peer-pressure has been put on those councillors who didn't have, or didn't register a personal interest, yet voted to object to the development?
- b. When Allen's Meadow was discussed at the PPC planning committee on 25 May 2022, the councillor who lives on the same road, close to the proposed entrance to the development, and who obviously be impacted by it, didn't declare an interest, and was allowed to vote against it. Why was that?

Question 3: Can you provide an update on the proposed neighbourhood development plan for Probus?

It was agreed a written reply would be supplied following the meeting.

**22/213 Co-option of councillor. To consider one application received and agree that any remaining vacancy continues to be advertise, and the item be removed from any further agenda until an application is received.**

Councillor Gillard confirmed the application from Mr Paul Quinlan was emailed to all councillors to review. Councillors were asked if they had any questions for Mr Quinlan. Councillor Sutherland proposed the co-option, this was seconded by Councillor Tofts, all were in favour. Councillor Gillard welcome Mr Paul Quinlan on board. The meeting paused whilst Mr Quinlan signed the declaration of acceptance of office and register of interests as required by s29(1) of the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Quinlan then joined the meeting

**22/214 To consider and resolve to exclude press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

Councillor Gillard proposed and this was seconded by Councillor Sutherland, all were in favour.

Councillor Karen Glasson left the room.

**22/215 To receive a report from the staffing committee on the probationary period of employment for the clerk, and the future of the position.**

A confidential discussion took place which is not for publication.

**22/216 To close the meeting.** There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.35pm