

PROBUS PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES PREPARED BY THE CLERK TO PROBUS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Probus Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th May 2022 at 7.00pm in Probus Village Hall. The Chair of the Parish Council - Councillor Nicholas Gillard presided.

Members of the Council Present: Cllrs. W Sutherland, N Glasson, B Fogerty, A Cook.

Also in attendance: Elected Divisional Member – Cornwall Councillor Karen Glasson, Clerk to Probus parish Council, Chair of the Village Hall – Nicola Hughes, Probus Churchwarden – Andy McCartney, Probus Parish Church Curate – Paul Salaman, Community Link Officer for Cornwall Council – Helen Nicholson, Chair of Probus News – Sheila Bing, 2 representatives of Tregony View management committee, 5 members of the public.

- 1. Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone and provided some background on annual parish meetings. He continued to say that this is an informal event aimed at engaging the residents in the future development of the parish obtaining feedback from the community.
- 2. Introduction and Apologies:** The attendants introduced themselves. Apologies received from the Council members: Cllrs Tofts, Quinlan, Faull, Goldsworthy, Dutton.
- 3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 18th May 2022.** The minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting held on the 18th May 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr B Sutherland, seconded by Cllr N Glasson and agreed by those who attended the meeting.
- 4. Chairman's Report:** The Annual Parish Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

In summary, last year was a year of change for the Parish Council, with some councillors standing down and new councillors coming in. A new clerk was appointed, two other employees of the council include public convenience attendant and litter picker/weed controller.

The council provided support and funding for the coronation event, further grants were allocated to Probus News, Village Hall and Playing Field.

Other areas of spending included Platinum Jubilee, maintenance of verges and open spaces, additional CCTV equipment, relocation of portacabin which was on loan to Probus Surgery.

The Council also manages reinstatement of the damaged Jubilee Lamp, reviewing and consulting on planning applications, as well as providing support to Tregony View residents committee.

- 5. Accounts for the year ending 31.03.2022 and precept:** Included in the annual report circulated prior to the meeting.

A summary of the annual finance report was included in the Annual Report, circulated prior to the meeting. The total annual income for the year 22-23 was £85,834.69, and expenditure £76,672.72 It was clarified that the surplus of income was mainly due to additional CIL money which needs to be spent on specific projects, any unspent funds will be carried forward.

6. Cornwall Councillor's Report: Cllr K Glasson reported that it was a busy year across all wards. In total over 600 queries were handled: anything from people desperate for housing to issues with devolution deal, she added that no level 3 devolution deal is going ahead, which means there will be no centrally appointed mayor.

She was pleased to inform that Cornwall Council now purchased 4 houses at Tower Parc development for social needs and have already accommodated families in them. There are plans for purchasing more social housing outside of Probus.

She continues to provide support for S106 funded projects and introduction of 20mph scheme.

7. Annual Police Report: No report received.

8. Reports from community groups or organisations:

Probus Village Hall – Nichola Hughes – the chair of the village hall reported that the village hall is run by a small group of volunteers and employs one person. It currently has a vacancy for a social media and marketing specialist as well.

Recently, the village hall managed to cut the running costs down by investing in solar panels, introducing new booking system – Hallmaster and remote controls for the heating system.

Some areas of the hall were redecorated, and furniture was donated by Cornwall Council. There is also a plan to update the sound system.

The addition of portacabin resulted in generation of immediate extra income. However, there is a leak in the roof, the repair cost of which was estimated at £18,000.

An expression of interest for a grant was submitted under the Community Business growth and levelling Up scheme.

Probus News Magazine: Sheila Bing – the chair reported that for 11 months of the year they have, with the help of volunteers, delivered the magazine to over 1100 houses which enabled people who recently moved to the village to access trades and services.

The “What’s on” page informs every household of events within the village and allows those without access to Facebook to receive information.

The magazine was upgraded to full colour with interesting articles and is also posted online, so that anyone, anywhere can view it.

She thanked the parish council and loyal advertisers for their continuous support.

Tregony View Resident Committee – The committee has been formed with 10 residents to take issues with the green space in Tregony View which incorporates phase 1 and phase 2 (Tower Parc). The committee has a constitution and consists of a chair, a vice chair, treasurer and secretary. Councillor Karen Glasson and councillor Nicholas Gillard also attend the meetings on an advisory basis. The committee feels that the communication between Wainhomes and Blenheims (the management committee) and Probus Parish Council have vastly improved since the formation of the committee now that the estate has a united voice.

Some of the things the committee have discussed and actioned so far:

The management charges, the configuration of the annual bill and accounts as well as the management and delivery of the grounds contract with Blenheims.

Had meetings with both Wainhomes and Blenheims to discuss the state of the field and trees thereon. Since the meetings, the Green has been cut regularly, so it's now in a much better state.

There has been an e-mail and telephone conversations both with Wainhomes and Blenheims regarding the play area, which is awaiting ROSPA and the committee feel will fail the inspection, due to having boulders as play equipment, the entrances face the road, and the fact that trees have been planted around the perimeter thereby restricting motorists views. They hoped to ask ROSPA to have a pre look at the play area so they could pre-empt whether additional work would be needed on this before any handover for phase two.

After works to the green and bridleway between Parkengear and Tregony View, the bridleway was left with a huge pile of mud making a wall - after communication from the committee a stone wall was built, making a vast improvement.

They are aware that the road leading to Tregony view has a 20 mile per hour speed limit and had asked whether the estate road can also be 20mph. A couple of residents have raised concerns about cars speeding both on the road and through the state. The committee are considering carrying out a speed watch, however, we have been informed that there Cornwall Council has approved a scheme for making villages 20 mph throughout the county. A public consultation for the proposed 20mph in Probus is due to start in June.

Following several comments regarding the danger accessing and exiting the A30, they have raised the issue with Probus Parish Council to see whether there is anything that can be done. However, this is almost certainly going to have to be discussed with Cornwall Council. Councillor Karen Glasson requests that any issues i.e. near misses concerns our emails to her directly.

A couple of the committee met and joined the property manager from Blenheims to carry out a scheduled inspection around phase one (Tregony View). This highlighted several issues with the trees planted on the green and noted 4 that needed replacing and others requiring attention.

The handover of the complete grounds maintenance for Tower parc is scheduled to be done in June/July this year. The committee has organised that the chair and a member resident from Tregony view and Tower parc form part of the walk around that day to highlight areas that they're not happy with.

Probus Church – Curate Paul Salaman reported that the year end report was produced for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and a copy is available on Probus Church website.

In general, things are looking up since 2020 and there had been increase in terms of people attending and income. Youth and children also being involved and there are regular activities and groups for the residents held at the church:

- Tower tots and Little lights.
- Messy church.
- Coffee mornings
- No one goes hungry.
- Churchyard project

Andy McCartney – churchwarden continued to say that there is a misconception that the church is subsidised by the Diocese. The average annual bill for the church is in the region of £20,000, of which historically £10,000 is the running costs and the remainder is the upkeep and maintenance.

Majority of income needs are covered by volunteers, however, there are larger capital projects that need attention. The roof is in dire need of repair and is estimated to cost £300,000. Last year the church raised £36,000 and spent £39,000.

He added that the church is an important and valuable asset of the community, and as such needs to be preserved and supported.

Probus parish Players – Nichola Hughes reported that the group is ran by 11 volunteers and besides the annual Pantomime the group also organizes such events as breakfast with Santa, musicals and comedy nights.

The annual costs are in the region of £12,000. Last year the curtains were replaced at the cost of £2000, and as mentioned previously there are plans to update the sound system.

Last year 900 tickets were sold for Alladin. Next year Sophie Baker will be directing the play Little Mermaid.

School Liaison – Cllr Tofts not present but submitted a written report stating that last year she linked with the school on a regular basis and on specific themes such as the tree planting hosted by Probus Environmental Action Team and the diamond Jubilee committee.

The Diamond Jubilee committee of Probus Parish Council paid for the circus skills workshop as part of Queen Elizabeth II platinum jubilee.

Probus fun week – Tammie Moore (not present) submitted the following written report:

The Coronation Weekend was a wonderful success and a memorable occasion that will be remembered in many years to come by the Probus Community.

The Weekend began at the Comrades Club on the Saturday afternoon, where 60+ children came rushing through the doors with their families, eager to participate in Crown Making, Lego designing, rock painting and such activities, a competition was held for each category and the winning participants were awarded with memorable king's coronation trophies at the Coronation Street party the following day.

On the Sunday morning a group of volunteers started appearing from all directions of the village, ready to help set up the Coronation Street Party. The atmosphere was electric with live music, delicious cakes and the sounds of people chatting and laughing. There was something for every age group to enjoy and the Feedback has been overwhelming.

As these were "free to attend" events, I feel it was very well attended and inclusive of all families and ages in the village.

Probus Fun Week are very grateful for the opportunity to fundraise at the Street Party and this money will help towards offering more "Free to attend" events to the village in August at the Fun Week.

I am very thankful and grateful for the full support of Probus Parish Council, The Hawkins Arms and all the volunteers that made this weekend so successful.

No other reports from the community groups or representatives.

A resident raised an issue with grass cutting along A390. The chairman suggested to discuss the matter with the clerk.

Another resident queried the introduction of 20mph limit. Cllr Glasson explained that there will be a public consultation in June. Consultation completed in Falmouth and Penryn showed that 83% of the respondents were in favour, 76% - in Camelford.

The limit will be enforceable by police in the same manner as the current limits.

She further added that there are a lot of publications available on Vision Zero Southwest, and the resident was welcome to get in touch with her for further details and information.

11. Topics & issues to be addressed in the year ahead –

- The S106 funded works at the square are underway and after initial delay due to COVID and issues with sourcing materials are scheduled to be completed within 2 to 3 weeks.
- The Jubilee lamp repair is planned to start on the 27th of August and it is anticipated that it will be completed within 4 weeks. The work will be carried out by a local firm.
- Consultation on introduction of 20mph limit in the village – covered earlier.
- Neighbourhood Development plan – Making a start
The Chair stated that the Parish council has a long standing commitment to the NDP. The Parish plan was written in 2006 and needs to be reviewed. NDP needs to be driven by the residents and would require a group of interested residents to move this forward.

A resident of Probus for 40 years commented that there is currently no provision for businesses in Probus. Businesses are driven away to industrial estates, and as such take away employment opportunities. Businesses should be integrated if suitable land becomes available.

Helen Nicholson offered her assistance with moving NDP forward as she has extensive knowledge and experience in this field.

- Community Business Growth & Levelling Up - The chair explained that this is Cornwall Council led process aimed at distributing developing funds. Any projects financed under the scheme need to be completed by March 2025.

An expression of interest was submitted by the village hall and full application is underway.

12. Questions, comments and recommendations from the residents – No further questions

The Annual Parish Meeting 2023 closed at 20:34hrs.

Signed Chair of Probus Parish Council

Nicholas Gillard

Dated

24th May 2024