St. Agnes Parish Council

Office Number:- 01872 553801
Burial Number:- 01872 553588
Email:- clerk@stagnesparishcouncil.co.uk
www.stagnesparishcouncil.co.uk

Minutes of St. Agnes Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Rooms, 17 Vicarage Rd, St. Agnes, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 4th January 2016. Minuted by C. Callaway

PRESENT: Mrs Clark (Chair) S. Herman – Clerk to the Council
Mrs Barrow (Vice – Chair)
Mr Forbes, Mr Forbes, Mrs Davies, Mr Kent, Mr Aston, Mr Bunt, Mrs Rodda, Mr Johns, Mrs Doble, Mr Lovering, Mr Child, Mr Slater, Mr Brench, Mr Drew.
ABSENT: Mrs Andrew.

1/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
Cllr Kent – planning application PA15/11674.
Cllr Slater – Local Improvements Committee item.
Cllr Lovering – Higher Bal appeal item.
Cllrs Clark, Bunt and Aston – Review of Clerk's Salary item.

2/16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION.
None received for items on this agenda.

3/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.
No members of the public requested to speak at this point of the meeting.

4/16 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th DECEMBER 2015.
The minutes were unanimously approved and were signed as a correct record. Cllrs Slater/Barrow.

5/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED BY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.
None raised.

6/16 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS.
No Cornwall Councillors were present at the meeting.

7/16 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.
Cllr Drew wished to extend thanks to those who erected the St Agnes Christmas lights this year in bad weather conditions.
Cllr Doble noted rainwater pooling at the bottom of North Hill near the Post Office.
Cllr Rodda requested an amendment to her address held on record, from Henley Close to Henley Crescent. (Clerk to action.)
Cllr Forbes had used the village's Nat West mobile bank and noted poor public support. As there was no assurance that this service would continue, Cllr Forbes agreed to draft a statement for the Bolster paper to promote the mobile bank. Cllr Bunt to chase receipt of the leaflets supplied by Nat West to advertise the service.
Cllr Child read a statement regarding Exempt Business meetings and requested that this, along with Standing Orders, be placed on the next agenda for clarification.
Cllr Lovering informed members that two Parish Councillors had visited a site which was subject to a recent planning application. At this point, Cllr Bunt noted that he had sought the Clerk's and the planning officer's advice prior to the visit, confirming that this was permitted. Cllr Lovering noted a clear explanation from Cornwall Council's planning department was needed, and requested that a senior Planning Officer attend a Parish Council meeting to advise the Council on its role and also those of a Parish Cllr in regard to the planning process. The Clerk and Chair to compile a request to Cwll Council.
Cllr Barrow had been approached by a local resident who was concerned about a forthcoming car/motorbike rally through Manor Parsley. The Clerk noted that this was the annual Land's End Trial which used the public byway. (Cllr Barrow to notify the lady.)

Signed by the Chair of the Council on the 18th January 2016.

Cllr Clark had been invited to and had attended the recent event at the St Agnes MMI to highlight what had been done there in the past and noted they were requesting suggestions for the future.

8/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllr Andrew and Cwll Cllrs Mitchell and Duffin.

9/16 ACCOUNTS.

It was decided that the cheque payable to Pear Technology would be held, subject to a re-appraisal of this service. Cllrs Forbes and Doble to liaise with Mrs Tippett regarding the burials database/digital maps.
It was also decided that the cheque payable to The Cumbria Clock Company would be held, as following repair works, the clock outside the Parish Rooms was still showing the incorrect time on one face.
Subject to these two exceptions, the accounts were approved. Cllrs Lovering/Forbes.

G. Windmill	Part payment for new cooker for Flat 17B	103783	£150.00
Cormac Solutions	Cleaning Churchtown toilets - November 2015	103784	£348.00
Cumbria Clock Co.	Repairs to clock outside Parish Rms - as agreed	103785	£1,074.00
Pear Technology	Mapper Pro Tech Support and Maplink - to Dec 2016	103786	£270.00
J. Barnes	Computer callout - Outlook problem - 3 hours	103787	£210.00
Cory Environmental	Emptying of dog bins - December 2015	103788	£83.40
EDF Energy Ltd	Metered supply to Churchtown PCs - June - Dec 2015	103789	£92.51
C Kalber	Cemetery maintenance - December 2015	103790	£1,025.00
RECEIPTS			
Car park donations	Porthtowan collection	£26.00	CAR PARKS
Car park donations	St Agnes collection (x 4 honesty boxes)	£119.75	CAR PARKS

Cllr Lovering informed members that the Cemetery gates at both sites required re-painting. The Clerk to note this at the next scheduled burial inspection.
Cllr Doble questioned the Cemetery maintenance contract with the Clerk, who agreed to check this.

10/16 PLANNING on appendix.

11/16 OPEN SPACES.

Copy of completed Open Spaces study circulated to all members for final comments in order to conclude the project.
Cllr Doble expressed concern over the significant changes and implications which were proposed in this study, noting her concern that Parish Councils may lose control of Section 106 funding. In light of this, it was agreed to delay this Council's response to the project study and place this item on the next agenda for full discussion. Cllr comments to be circulated and sent to the Clerk in readiness for the next meeting.

12/16 HIGHER BAL.

Cllr Lovering left the room.
Confirmation of information to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate regarding PA15/03956 – Mr & Mrs Rapo was circulated to members.
Cllr Doble noted some minor amendments to the draft letter which were approved. It was resolved to send the letter, together with the planning history document and two photographs to the Planning Inspector.
It was also decided, in contentious appeal cases, to request the applicant's/agent's documents containing the grounds for the appeal from Cornwall Council's Planning and Enterprise Service. Cllrs Clark/Forbes.

Signed by the Chair of the Council on the 18th January 2016.

13/16 EMERGENCY PLANNING. **CLLR CHILD**

Formal consideration of application to Cornwall Council for Government funding.
Report from the emergency planning working party.
Cllr Child noted that the next working party meeting would be towards the end of January when replies to the letter, requesting Reception Centres in all wards, would hopefully have been received.

14/16 LIBRARY/TOILET SERVICES. **CLLRS BUNT/FORBES**

Awaiting response from Cornwall Council.
Cllr Forbes informed members that there was no further update since the last meeting, but added that library and toilet services spreadsheets were expected shortly from Cwll Council.
Cllr Bunt noted that there would be a theatre group coming to St Agnes library on Friday 15th January at 7.30 p.m, tickets £5, highlighting the variety of services the library offers.

15/16 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. **WORKING PARTY**

Consideration of placing an honesty box or similar to obtain contributions towards upkeep of toilets.
Cllr Bunt had looked into the financial implications of this venture, noting a cost of £140 per honesty box, plus installation.
It was decided not to proceed as it would not be cost effective and to remove this item from the agenda. Cllrs Clark/Brench.
Members extended thanks to Cllr Bunt for all his efforts.

16/16 PORTHTOWAN PLAY PARK. **CLLR DAVIES**

Proposal that the Council pay for the park to be raked on a regular basis during the year instead of annual contribution.
Cllr Davies explained how the Porthtowan Village Hall Committee was experiencing difficulty in gaining volunteers willing to help at the play park. Members expressed concern that this Council could set a precedent by providing extra assistance to this group. Cllrs Rodda and Doble made suggestions on to ways of acquiring support in the village, such as advertising for help in the school newsletter, pre-school etc.
The Clerk had obtained a quotation from Mr Herman for raking the sand on a monthly basis, which was passed to Cllr Davies. Cllr Barrow also agreed to accompany Cllr Davies to ask the new proprietors of the Unicorn Public House for assistance in this matter.

17/16 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE – TRANSFER OF DEEDS. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Formal request that this Council considers transferring the deeds of the land at Wheal Friendly to this organisation (and possibly other areas of land maintained by the LIC on behalf of the Council), thus enabling them to explore the shafts with no risk to the Council.
Cllr Slater remained in the meeting room but did not participate in the discussion or voting on this item.
Following some discussion, it was noted that members were not in favour of transferring the deeds for Wheal Friendly, or any other land vested in the Parish Council, to the LIC. However, this Council did express support for the LIC in regard to their interest in the Cwll Council land at Wheal Kitty and noted their recognition for the LIC's good work. Clerk to write to Mr Greenslade informing him of the decision. Cllrs Forbes/Child.

Cllr Kent left the meeting at 9 p.m.

18/16 MEMORIALS – ST AGNES CEMETERY. **ADMIN**

Proposal that a site visit is held for members to view the work already undertaken and consider what further remedial work is required.
Members decided that a site visit was not necessary as they were not qualified to undertake an inspection of the Cemeteries. Cllr Johns noted that the Cemetery at Mt Hawke was being monitored as to the progress of

the work but at present no complaint would be made. Cllr Lovering noted it was the same for St Agnes Cemetery. It was resolved unanimously that Monumental Mason, Mr Tresise, be given the full list of headstones laid down by Cormac Solutions, for him to continue with the remedial work. Completion of works to be as soon as possible. Members also requested that a monthly progress report be provided by Mr Tresise during the works schedule. Cllrs Lovering/Slater.

4/16

19/16 DOWN QUAY GARDENS. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Invitation to members to join the committee at their "Christmas Get Together" at the Driftwood Spars Hotel on the 24th Jan at 12 noon.
Read and noted.

20/16 NDP UPDATE. **CLLR BARROW**

Cllr Barrow confirmed that the next NDP meeting will take place at Porthtowan Village Hall on 13th January 2016, when the Housing Needs survey would be discussed.
Cllr Doble requested that members were forwarded the minutes from the focus group meetings. Cllr Bunt to action.
Members expressed sincere thanks to all those involved with the NDP and their associated work.

21/16 REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY.

Consideration of report for submission to the South West Councils.
Cllr Lovering informed the Council that, due to the absence of one of the officers from South West Councils until 6th January, the report had yet to be submitted.
Held in abeyance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m

Signed by the Chair of the Council on the 18th January 2016.