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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 July 2016. Minuted by C. Callaway.

PRESENT:

Mrs Clark (Chair)

S. Herman – Clerk to the Council.

Mrs Barrow (Vice – Chair)

Mr Forbes, Mr Davies, Mrs Rodda, Mr Bunt, Mrs Andrew, Mr Child, Mr Drew, Mr Johns, Mr Slater.

ABSENT: Mr Brench, Mr Aston, Mrs Doble, Mr Kent, Mr Lovering.

273/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None received.

274/16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION.

None received for items on this agenda.

275/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Standing Orders were suspended for this section of the meeting. Cllrs Slater/Forbes.

Local resident, Jamie Roberson (Aggie Cycles), attended the meeting to address the Council on a pilot scheme to encourage cycling in St Agnes and promote 'Cornwall's first cycling village'. Mr Roberson wished to consult members on signage and cycle parking for the scheme, which included a proposal to install 2 sets of 'cycle hoop' stands in Trelawney Car Park. Various other locations for cycle stands around the village were still to be confirmed.

The Clerk confirmed that St Agnes Library Manager, Mr Ley, was in favour of the scheme.

Members wished to extend sincere thanks to Mr Roberson for taking this initiative forward and noted that it would be beneficial to extend this initiative to other villages in the Parish.

Mr Trevethan, Cwll Council's Cornish Language Lead, also attended the meeting and noted some ideas for the cycling signage to be written in Cornish as well as English. Clerk to liaise with Mr Trevethan.

Standing Orders were reinstated for the remainder of the meeting. Cllrs Slater/Barrow.

It was agreed to bring the 'Cornwall's First Cycling Village' item forward to be discussed following Mr Roberson's presentation. Cllrs Slater/Forbes.

276/16 CORNWALL'S FIRST CYCLING VILLAGE.

CORMAC is currently working for Cornwall Council on a pilot scheme to encourage cycling in St Agnes and to promote it as Cornwall's first cycling village. The scheme has had assistance from Jamie Roberson at Aggie Cycles. The plans include a proposal to install two sets of cycle stands in the 'Trelawney car park'. The provisional plans include one set outside of the Library and one set outside the Cycle Hub. There are also plans to install 'Gateway features' welcoming cyclists to St. Agnes and there is a proposal to install bicycles coated in weatherproof paint attached to a cycle stand with an attached sign. The wording on the signs is fairly open at this stage and the opinion of the Parish Council has been sought. Some suggestions noted so far:

'Welcome to St. Agnes; "Cornwall's cycling village" OR

'St Agnes Welcomes Cyclists' - please share our roads'.

Conversations have taken place between the Library Manager and Cwll Cllr Pete Mitchell but Parish Council backing of this scheme was requested.

Cllr Forbes questioned whether St Agnes could be the first village to be part of the 'shared spaces scheme' (i.e. cars/cyclists/pedestrians together).

Cllr Davies noted the broken cycle racks in Porthtowan, which Cwll Council had been unwilling to replace, and hoped that this could now be revisited under the proposed scheme.

Signed by the Chair of the Council on the 18th July 2016. *Lecker*

The Council strongly supported the initiative for St Agnes as Cornwall's first cycling village and hoped it could be extended to other wards within the Parish.

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It was also agreed that the associated signage should be printed in English and Cornish to read... 'St Agnes Parish Welcomes Cyclists'.
Cllrs Forbes/Slater. Unanimous.

277/16 BLUE WATCH.

A representative from Tolvaddon Fire Station will be attending to advise that Mount Hawke will also be adopted (in addition to Blackwater) and explain how they can help with community events.

Two on call Fire Fighters from the new Tolvaddon Community Fire Station attended the meeting and clarified the adoption of Mount Hawke village scheme. They noted that during the 12 month adoption period, they can attend up to 5 community events such as:

School events/fetes, road safety events, carry out home fire safety checks and organise a 'one stop shop'.
Cllr Rodda noted that she would liaise directly with the Fire Station regarding the arrangement of their attendance at community events and she took a number of 'Free home fire safety check' request cards to distribute in Mount Hawke.

The Fire Fighters also made members aware that the Silver Room HQs had relocated to the Tolvaddon site and would go live on 6th July 2016.

Members thanked the representatives from Blue Watch for attending the meeting and for their informative presentation.

278/16 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th JUNE 2016.

The minutes were approved unanimously and signed as a correct record.

Cllrs Barrow/Forbes.

279/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED BY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.

Regarding minute number 263/16 – Cllr Slater's Parish Cllr's report - Cllr Forbes noted that he felt it important that members were aware of the status of the L.I.C Trevaunance Cove car park (i.e. ownership/ lease details). The Clerk agreed to source information on the car park's ownership status, noting that this could take some considerable time.

Cllr Clark advised that the Staff Grievance update (minute number 272/16) would be raised at the end of the meeting during closed session.

280/16 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

There were no Cornwall Councillors present at the meeting, however, Cllr Clark read a submission on behalf of Cwll Cllr Pete Mitchell as follows:

- It looked likely that the change of use from the former Barclays Bank building to 2 residential flats would go ahead
- The foliage that Cllr Andrew had requested to be cut had been dealt with (Cllr Bunt).
- A covert speed monitoring exercise had been undertaken in Trevaunance Road.
- The white lines on the road at Barkla Shop had been requested to be re-painted.
- There would be a handrail fitted alongside the steps up at Lambourne Avenue.
- The ATM in Churchtown was due to be installed within the next fortnight.
- Cwll Council did not support the xenophobia shown following the BREXIT campaign
- Cwll Council was investigating queries over ethical investment.

281/16 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Cllr Forbes had been checking/monitoring the cleanliness of the public toilets.

Cllr Davies had also been monitoring the cleanliness of the toilets in Porthtowan.

Cllr Rodda had received a letter from Mount Hawke resident, Mrs Boeck, who had expressed concern about speeding traffic and safety in the village. Cwll Cllr Duffin had been notified and a meeting on Monday 11th July had been arranged, during which the area would be walked and speed recordings would be carried out.

Cllr Rodda had attended the recent visit to Tolvaddon Community Fire Station, as had Cllr Bunt.

Cllr Bunt had strimmed and cut back foliage at Town Hill, and around signage (as requested by Cllr Andrew).

Thanks were extended to Parishioner, Mr Steve Ridholls, who had volunteered his time and assisted Cllr Bunt.

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Cllr Bunt also informed members that the planning application for land adjacent to 'Osocozy' at Wheal Kitty had been refused.

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Cllr Johns noted that a police speed check had recently been undertaken in British Road and during the time he was at the site, Cllr Johns remarked that only 1 car was driving in excess of the 20 m.p.h limit.

Cllr Johns also expressed concern that there appeared to be no formal Parish Council representation at some village events. Cllr Clark noted that attendance is determined by invitation and further, Cllr Aston had been involved with the recent Battle of the Somme Centenary, although the event had been organised through the British Legion.

Cllr Child noted that despite the sign having been removed at Wheal Kitty, 3 posts still remained. Clerk to action removal.

Cllr Slater had attended a travel liaison meeting with Sustrans. He informed members that this was a positive meeting and Sustrans would be making recommendations back to Cwll Council, such as the possible use of the walkway on the East side of Whites Close.

Cllr Clark had attended the useful visit to the Fire Station at Tolvaddon, along with Cllrs Rodda and Bunt.

Cllr Clark also wished to extend thanks to the gentleman who promptly cut back the hedges near the entrance of Trelawney Car Park, as organised by Gossips hair salon.

282/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllrs Aston, Brench, Doble and Kent.

The Clerk noted that she had spoken to Cllr Kent who was currently unwell. Members requested their best wishes to be passed on to him.

283/16 ACCOUNTS.

Accounts approved unanimously.

Cllrs Slater/Forbes.

M Herman	Cutting at Mithian allotments (plots and both ends)	103917	£80.00
Mt Hawke			
Methodist	Hire of Chapel for NDP meeting	103918	£15.00
			NDP BUDGET
Duchy Cemetery's Ltd	Interment at St Agnes Cemetery (re open)	103919	£390.00
	Response Plus Service - Housing Needs Survey		
Royal Mail Group	(NDP)	103920	£102.14
			NDP BUDGET
Benchells Plumbing	Unblock drains from Flat 17B and supply/install valves at Mithian allotments	103921	£112.89
Aston Scott Insce	Policy annual renewal for buildings cover - Museum	103922	£981.71
Cormac Solutions	Cleaning of Churchtown P.Cs - April & May 2016	103923	£1,268.90

RECEIPTS

Bookworms	Hire of Parish Rooms x 6 bookings @ £8	£48.00	GENERAL
Car park donations	St Agnes collection (x 4 honesty boxes)	£492.79	CAR PARKS
Parishioner	Headstone	£70.00	BURIALS
D Tresise & Sons	1 x Headstone @ £70 and 1 x Inscription @ £35	£105.00	BURIALS
Car park donations	Porthtowan collection	£72.00	CAR PARKS
Car park donations	St Agnes collection (x 4 honesty boxes)	£143.16	CAR PARKS

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284/16 PLANNING on appendix.

285/16 LIBRARY/TOILET SERVICES/ CHURCHTOWN TOILETS.

Update report from Cllrs Forbes and Bunt.

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Cllr Forbes noted that there is to be a Toilets Working Party meeting on Tuesday 12th July in the Parish Rooms. Agenda to be circulated later this week.

286/16 LEASE OF BLACKWATER PLAYING FIELD.

The response from the Blackwater Trust's solicitors is that they are not agreeable to the removal of the word "substantial" in their proposed amendment regarding the Council's right to forfeit the Lease. The original wording in the Lease was that the Council would have a right to forfeit the Lease if "the tenant is in breach of any of its obligations in this Lease". The Trust's solicitors then requested amendment by stating "the tenant is in substantial breach of any of its major obligations in this Lease" and we countered it by saying that we did not agree to "substantial".

The Council's solicitor believes that we have met the tenant part way by limiting the operation of this to "major obligations", but requests its views.

The Trust's solicitors have also asked again for indemnity cover, which this Council previously declined to cover.

It was unanimously agreed that this Council would adhere to its previous decision, making no amendments. Cllrs Forbes/Drew.

287/16 NDP UPDATE.

CLLR BARROW

Cllr Barrow noted that the next NDP meeting is to take place in Mithian on Wednesday 6th July 2016.

288/16 BOLSTER ITEMS.

NDP update – to be provided by Cllr Bunt.

Tolvaddon Fire Station Blue Watch – adoption of Mount Hawke village.

The Clerk left the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

289/16 PA15/03285 - LOWENA HOMES, Holly Grove, Blackwater.

Proposed residential development for 36 dwellings at Land adjacent to Holly Grove, Blackwater (outline application with all matters reserved). Open for Comment.

Holly Grove, Road From Grove Farm To Junction At Meadowside, East Hill, Blackwater, Truro.

Advised that the above application will be going to the Planning Committee on 25th July 2016.

Read and noted.

The Chair further noted that application PA15/00455 – Land North East of Grove Farm (55 proposed new dwellings) would also be going to the Planning Committee on the same date.

Although unable to attend herself, Cllr Doble was preparing a paper on this Council's objections to both applications, with Cllr Clark representing the Parish Council. A Blackwater resident was also to attend and speak at the Planning Committee meeting.

290/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council has the power to RESOLVE that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

Reason – Discussion involving staff grievance.

Resolved. Cllrs Drew/Forbes.

291/16 GRIEVANCE.

The Chair advised that the staff grievance hearing was going ahead on Wednesday 6th July, with a panel of Cllrs Brench and Johns and Mr Morgan of South West Councils, along with a note-taker. The Chair had confirmed with S.W.Cs that the panel can consist of just 2 members. Mrs Herman would attend with her Union

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representative and Mrs Tippett with her own representative. Recorded thanks to the Chair were noted by Cllr Barrow for her time and effort.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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