St Cleer Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 10th February 2021, virtually

Penelope Andrews, Councillor		In attendance
Sue Harbord, Councillor	Vice Chair of Council	In attendance
Suzanne Horsfield, Councillor		
Jonathan Prinn, Councillor	Chair of Council	Observing
Clive Sargeant, Councillor		Observing
Brian Seage, Councillor		
Brian Smith, Councillor	Chair, FGPC Committee	In attendance
Tony Turton, Councillor		
Chris Ullman, Councillor		
Derris Watson, Councillor	Vice Chair FGPC	In attendance
Andy Webb, Councillor	Vice Chair of Council	
Martin Eddy, Cornwall Councillor	St Cleer, St Neot and Warleggan	
Roni Jones	Clerk In attendance	RJ
Members of the Public		4

1 Apologies for Absence



None

2 Members declarations

- a. Disclosable pecuniary interests
- b. Non-registrable interests
- c. Declarations of gifts
- d. Applications for dispensations

No interests were raised

3 Minutes of Previous meeting

To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting 11th November 2020

BSm proposed the minutes as accurate and was seconded by SH; Motion carried

4 Matters Arising

Review the ongoing closure of the village WC. A new Risk Assessment was adopted by FGPC and the ongoing closure of the WCs was proposed by DW and Seconded by PA. Motion Carried

5 Financial Report

Quarter 3 Figures (Circulated)

SWW – Allotments – a new charge was proposed by DW to raise to £8.50 per plot (from £5.50) and a motion be taken to Parish on 24.2.21. Seconded by SH. Motion Carried

Situation:

St Cleer Allotments have a water supply and tenants contribute £5.50 per annum to cover the costs

Background:

This summer has been warmer and more allotments are being actively worked as a result of changes in Parish to drive up occupancy

Assessment:

The SWW invoice has just raised significantly on the basis of the metered supply to £39 per month from £22.50 There are 56 allotments

Proposed Motion:

To raise the charge for water from £5.50 to £8.50 to cover the increased costs, Effective 1.4.2021.

6 **Insurance Broker Motion** (Circulated)

Following debate PA proposed and SH seconded that Came and Co be retained as Cyber Insurance provider; Motion carried.

SH asked that Zurich requote and that the two providers (below) be offered to Parish to vote on once Zurich's position was known:

Assessment:	£ 2,316.27 (3 year)	£ 1,996.17 (3 year)
MAIN		
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Came an	d Co		Cover Levels	Limit of Indemnity /
Area of Cover		Pen Underwriting Limited via Axa	Zurich	Sum Insured
Public Liability		£10,000,000	Public Liability	£12m
Including	Hirers Liability Libel & Slander Motor No claims	£5,000,000 £500,000 £250 each	Employers Liability	£10m
Excess & Bonus Employers' Liability		£10,000,000 £500,000	Fidelity Guarantee	£500k
Officials & Trustees Liability Employee Dishonesty Legal Expenses		£150,000 £500,000	Officials Indemnity	£10m
Personal Accid	lent	£100,000/£500pw	Libel and Slander	£500k
Including	Defibrillators & Cabinets	£5,000	Legal Expenses	£200k
Business Inter	rruption Loss of Revenue	C10.000		62501
Including	Increased Cost of Working	£10,000 £10,000	Money	£250k
	Key Person Cover	£250pw up to max	Personal Accident	£100k/£500 pw
Contents (away from premises) Money Internet & Email Crisis Management		£2,500 pa £5,000	Personal Accident – Key Worker Cover	£100k/£500 -£100pw
		£2,500 £500,000 £500,000	Material Damage Cover (All Risks)	See Schedule Attached

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l						III	surance			
	Insurer	Limit	Retention	E Theft	Premium		Tax		Total	Package
	C&C (OSC)	250K	1K	25K	£285.00	£	34.20	£	319.20	Yes

Proposed Motion:

To appoint Zurich as Parishes MAIN Insurance brokers for a term of 3 years* subject to the Parish view of the level of cover queried

To appoint Came and Co as Cyber Insurers for a term of 3 years

7 Appoint a new Fire Service Engineer

It was agreed to request a signage review of Firewatch and ask Parish to approve a 3-year contract as indicated below:

Assessment:

COMPANY		FI	RE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE
Golant Fire	£	126.00	Signage Assessment Free
Fire Safety Solutions	*		Fire Assessment £350.00
Firewatch	£	119.10	
GFS Fire	No	reply	
Marlow Fire	No	reply	

Proposed Motion:

To recommend a 3-year contract to Firewatch, subject to their offer of a Signage assessment for Parish as indicated by <u>Golant</u>. (Requested)

8 Policies Review

IT and Communication Policy some errors had been noted in this document and this had been revised. DW proposed and SH seconded the motion to recommend this policy to Parish. Motion Carried

9 Standing Items

S 137 Application – St Cleer School

BSm proposed and PA seconded that Parish be requested to support the application for £500 for the provision of 2 iPads for the benefit of children resident in St Cleer over Covid and beyond. Motion Carried

Business Plan review

SH proposed and PA seconded the recommendation that Parish adopt the business plan as appended. Motion carried

Risk Register

DW and PA proposed that the appended revised and rescored Risk Assessment be recommended to Parish; Motion Carried

Transparency Code Update

The Committee noted the revised Transparency Audit.

Workplan review

The committee noted the Clerk Workplan and suggested that PA be asked to undertake Due Diligence audit on Q1-3 once it is possible to meet in person

A change of process was recommended for Q4 requiring the 3 bank signatories review the

- Rialtas
- Bank Statement
- Invoices are in keeping

Clerk to revise the policy and bring that forward to Parish on 24.2.21. In keeping with a change to the RA all invoices were to be sent to cheque signatories as a matter of practise henceforth.

Clerk Work Plan

MEETINGS	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	Status
Parish	26	25	22	27	24	29	TBC	23	28	25	16	27	24	24	21	
Finance	12		8		10			9	FRED+Circ	11			10			
Estates		11		20		15			14			13		10		
Community Engagement	19		29	3				16				20			29	
Emergency Planning	19			3				16				20			29	
HR		18			17				21					17		
APM				13												Postponed
Clerk Leave		2-6th	9 + 14th			6-10th	1 week		5-9th		Xmas week			1 week		Not achieved
TASKS	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	
Plan next year spend					17			16	14							Achieved
Standing Orders	Agenda															Reviewed in July 2020
Financial Regulations	Agenda															Outstanding
Risk Assessment		Agenda														Achieved
Health and Safety Appraisal			Asset Survey	Date												Outstanding
Asset Register	Agenda															Achieved
AGAR / close accounts / Int and Ext Audit			Clerk	Clerk												Achieved
Finance Due Diligence Audit	Date			Date				Date		Date			Date			Outstanding
3rd Quarter outturn / Budget planning								Set Rents	FRED							Achieved
Precept										Agenda						Achieved
Estates Due Diligence Audit		Date				Date				Date		Date				Outstanding
Skate Park	17th	16/25th	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds								Outstanding
Muga																
Wifi																Achieved
CCTV																Outstanding
www																achieved
Allotments Water																Ongoing
Trees to Trethevy Quoit																Awaited
Noticeboard Sibleyback and T Quoit																
Legionella Test	Julian												Julian			ordered
Vertidraining Pitch							Sandow									ordered
Hedge Trimming	Baynes	Baynes														
Regularise Title Deeds																

2021/2022 ACTION for THE BUSINESS PLAN

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AIM(S)		OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS
Improved Connectivity at	t meetings	Install CCTV to monitor the assets	Specification to be developed
 Live stream meetings 		of the village	£2.5K is in EMR and ought to be adequate
 Access the internet at 	t meetings		
o Provide a Wi-Fi hotsp	ot for the parish and Pavilion	Install WIFI to the Pavilion	Achieved 2020
users			
Caretaker to be digitally (phone)	connected (more than just by		Achieved 2020
3. Assets of the parish to be	monitored in order to prevent	Have these systems linked	 Offer from Memorial Hall to share CCTV in relation to
antisocial behaviour and	improve accountability if this is		Horizon Horizon
an issue			
 Improve allotments 		Extend water pipe and repair fence	 Work to be costed and authorised later in the year
Respond to the request of	of the users	at St Cleer's Allotments	£2.5K is allocated and may need to be revised
Improve uptake of allotn	nents within the Parish		
Improve community facil	ities	Replace all benches within St	 Benches replaced or renovated
		Cleer, and have the new ones	Trees to Street Boundary on Sports Field, MG,
		installed on concrete plinths to	Trethevy Quoit
		manage weed ingress	Wild flower seeds into chippings at pavilion Achieved
			Sponsored Birdboxes Achieved
	cerns for road safety in St Cleer	Install mobile speed camera in St	1. Post installed
	our of drivers using the village	Cleer, cost effectively	2. Spend authorised
3. Respond to the requests	of the electors		3. Camera to be deployed
Millennium Garden		Improvement of use and access	Achieved
	ith CORMAC, major cutting, re		
surfacing and re painting ini			
Specification/ agreement to Specification			
£2.5K is in EMR and ought to Notice Boards	o be adequate	to annual annual and annual an	
		Increased engagement	
	y Engagement Strategy; increase		
village.	the parish not just in the main		
No agreement reached on ne	od citing or stratogy		
Defibrillators	ed, siding or strategy	Health and well being	Horizon AED Authorised 2021
Darite Defibrillator installed;	further site to be identified as	Equality of access	Market Inn AED moved to phone box
per motion in May 2019	idi tilei site to be identined as	Equality of access	Warket IIII AED Hoved to phone box
Based on one full cost defibril	llator ner annum		
Skatepark	par simon	Health and well being	Tender and Consultation
Refurbish		Community Engagement	Fundraising
Title Bish		Anti-Social Behaviour measure	Contracting
			Installation
Website		Up to date	Achieved
		Compliant	
Bus Shelter at Redgate		Installed	In progress
Pavilion PPM		Assessment undertaken	
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	Quotes	
	Let contracts	
Grit Bin community assessment	Plot	
	Review	
	Motion and Action Plan	
Allotment Management	Mandate from Parish to increase	Achieved
	staffing	
	JD / Person Spec	Achieved
	Implement	
CCTV at Pavilion	Specification	
	Quotes	
	Install	
Speed Camera Management	Siting schedule	
	Working Party Training	
	Data Management	
	Petition to Cornwall with data	

Revised 3.2.21

No	Risk	Outcome of risk	Risk	X	Prob	Total	RAG	Mitigation
1	Litigation and Loss	Financial incompetence	2	X	2	4		 ELI / PLI / Fidelity Guarantee / Business interruption / Accident Insurances to meet needs of the Parish Cashflow reserve of 50% precept (target) Diligent inspection regimes to community assets Due Diligence audit of inspection regimes Asset register linked to Insurance
2	Lack of financial management	Bankruptcy	2	X	2	4		 Strong Financial Regulations which are owned and delivered by a strong FGPC Clear understanding of the information presented Regular monitoring of accounting FGPC committee to include due diligence audit FGPC to hold Council to account on KPIs such as regular checks on Register of Interests Recording of income and expenditure in accessible format
3	Lack of Equality of Access	Discrimination by default or design	3	X	2	6		 Equality impact assessments on new processes Equality impact assessments on existing processes and as all procedures are evaluated Monitoring at recruitment Evidence of commitment to non-discrimination Evidence of diversity awareness at Parish Deep Dive on specific procedures to ensure equality issues are examined and responded to
4	Precept not linked to business plan	Insufficient funds to deliver Business Plan	3	х	3	9		 Each committee to have clear plans for 3 years Spending planned over that time Precept meets budget Whole Parish Council ownership of the Budget and Precept Effective amounts set aside to meet programme of asset replacement
5	HR Related Litigation	Financial impact Reputational Risk	3	х	3	9		 Use HMRC Basic Tools Diligent HR Policy Use eg Lone working policy Effective delegation Appraisal / Training Needs Analysis Training provision and recording Grandparenting system for appraisals Effective HR Committee Councillor Training Membership of SW Councils for HR Advice
6	Inadequate bank account provision	Reliance on Cheques Clerk purchasing limited	1	Х	1	2		 Use Internet based account Clerk access to the accounts Access to statements Clerk to have a purchasing card Invoices to be emailed to Authorisers

7	Bank account with excess of £85K	Financial loss	1	X	1	2	Two separate bank accounts held
8	Corruption	Litigation and financial Loss Reputational Risk	2	x	1	2	 Use of Code of Conduct Register of interest updated at least annually Diligent expression of interests in meetings Training for Councillors Provision of decision matrix for councillors in meetings Excellent practice in cross parish involvement in planning applications Appropriate purchasing and compliance with regulations (including concessions)
9	Inappropriate Procurement	Litigation and financial Loss Reputational Risk	2	X	1	2	 Clerk to manage all procurements and concessions Contracting to meet Financial Regulations Use of Procurement Organisations Appropriate purchasing and compliance with regulations (including concessions) GDPR assessment on procurement as required Contracts to manage GDPR and Anti Trafficking (require contractor compliance)
10	Breach of GDPR Breach of ICO regulations in relation to FOIs	Loss of data which harms an individual Litigation	3	X	4	12	 Adopt Data Protection Policies from DPO ICO Registration and compliance in relation to all FOIs Management of FOIs within guidelines DPO Appointment GDPR Policy and Procedures Due Diligence / Audit / evidence of governance in this area
11	Accounting malpractice Fraud	Loss of income Reputational Risk	4	X	1	4	 Introduction of Finance IT system Due Diligence audits of accounting Cross parish involvement with the AGAR Internal Audit leading to quantifiable improvements External Audit leading to quantifiable improvements Utility use monitored and reported
12	Breach of Health and Safety Law or tenet thereof	Loss of life Litigation Reputational Risk	1	X	2	2	 Staff Training Audit of all service areas / provision Due Diligence of inspections Action Plan implementation Engagement within Estates Committee Reporting to Parish
13	Prevention of Breach of Health and Safety Law or Tenet	Loss of life Litigation Reputational Risk	1	X	2	2	 Defibrillator provision and reporting to SWAST First Aid boxes regularly reviewed PAT Testing Electrical Surveys Water Temperature Surveys Fridge Temp Surveys Review Accident Book Sanitary Bin contract

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14	Mismanagement of Council Asset	Loss Litigation related to Asbestos or Legionella	2	х	2	4	 Planned and preventative maintenance regimens Regular inspection and reporting on outcomes Identified risks acted upon and mitigated Health and Safety Diligence Staff Training and sense of accountability Routine Testing and recording Improved CCTV monitoring
15	Lack of Council functionality	Lack of Governance	2	X	3	6	 Training Focus on outcome focussed discussion Use code of conduct and standing orders diligently; Challenge intimidation and filibustering. Promote appropriate transparency Promote organisational confidentiality
16	Lack of community engagement	Irrelevance and mission drift	3	X	2	6	 Live stream meetings Engage with community on surveys, social media and news Consult on key issues such as NDP / Skate Park
17	Lack of Public Confidence	Lack of community engagement	2	X	3	6	 Policy of engagement Appropriate social media output Excellent web-based information Challenge of misinformation Acts that show activity are communicated eg Car Park Replacement of benches, New Gym Equipment and work with football teams
18	Poor Moral of Councillors and Staff	Loss of Councillors, staff and contractors	4	Х	4	16	 Concentrate on the work in hand and achievements Challenge issues which lead to negative impact Record Progress
19	Scrutiny of Planning Applications	Loss of public confidence, in appropriate planning decisions.	2	X	2	4	 Formalise Planning Committee, to meet monthly to visit sites and prepare recommendation to full Council Provide guidelines to councillors Training for Clerk and Councillors Engage with Planning Dept Use of Social Media
20	Lack of training of Councillors	Poor decision making Inappropriate conduct Inefficient working of the Council	2	X	3	6	 Arrange training for Planning, Code of Conduct and Chairmanship Clerk support at meetings to maintain Standing Orders Training Needs Analysis In house training
21	Democracy impeded by intimidation	Loss of Councillors, staff and contractors Litigation	3	X	3	9	 Use of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Training of Councillors, strict adherence to the Member / Officer protocol and report breaches to the Chair, employment committee or Moderator. Use of Vexatious Customers Policy

	Harassment and Intimidation of staff and Contractors Lack of adherence to the Code of Conduct	Poor performance of duties / Time management impact Cost of lost opportunity					 Referral of incidences of Harassment and Intimidation to Monitoring Officer Referral of incidences where appropriate the Police Use of Cornwall Legal Support when required Use of Insurance Lawyers when required Protection of staff by Council
22	Parish meetings overburdened	Potential for hasty or poor decision making Pressing matters deferred	1	Х	3	3	 Circulation of papers prior to the meetings Chairman Trained TOR for all Committees Reviewed Delegated Authority Managed effectively Financial Regulations improved Motions framework to create a vote centred meeting and swift decision making Chair to prioritise Agenda where necessary to ensure matters are dealt efficiently.
23	Reputational Risk created by trolling	Strong Community Engagement	3	X	3	9	 Improve use of social media Improve use of St Cleer News / Granite Post Community Engagement TOR Influence opinion by results
24	Loss of functioning parish as a result of Councillors - interim Cornwall Tenure	Reputational Risk Risk of loss of Clerk	1	х	1	1	Manage all risks and decision making in line with Transparency Code
25	Inadequate policy and procedural framework	Illegal or less than best practice working Inefficient working of the Council Litigation	1	X	1	1	 Review core policy and procedures annually Develop procedure manual from NALC / CALC / Other Parishes FGPC to monitor progress Introduction of audit and reporting in relation to procedure, processes and governance
26	Lack of evidence of training of staff	Fully trained and competent workforce aimed at delivering the needs of the parish	1	X	1	1	 Health and safety training Manual handling training lifting and handling training Water safety training Risk Assessment Training CilCA qualification for Clerk RoSPA Inspection qualification
27	Lack of resilience of office due to clerk sickness / absence	Lack of Business Continuity	2	X	4	8	 Use of Locums / Councillor appointment (CALC / SLCC) Access to ITC Policy for locum appointment in emergency
28	Cyber security Cloud Back E mail for Councillors	Compliance with GDPR Management of Hacking Remote working and encrypted back up	4	X	4	16	 Proposal to Parish to extend Insurance to include Cyber Cover (also includes virus protection) iCloud (or similar) back up with internet provider used to provide Broadband at the Pavilion New Webmaster to provide Councillor e mails
29	Water supply at the Allotments	Compliance with water safety regulations	3.5	X	2	7	Enhancements to water supply from the mains to be addressed with alacrity.