

# ST CLEER PARISH COUNCIL

## EXO Meeting of the Full Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council held on November 9th 2022

Minute no		Action
	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs. K. Johnson, L. Price, S. Horsfield, S. Harbord, B. Smith, B. Dupreez  <b>Absent:</b> Cllrs. P. Andrews, J. Colenzo, I. Morris, C. Sargeant, N. Emms  <b>In Attendance:</b> E. Luther, Clerk/RFO  <b>Members of Public:</b> 0</p>	
244/11	<p><b>To Receive any Declarations of Interest from Members/Dispensations</b>  None</p>	
245/11	<p><b>Allow up to 15 Minutes for the Public to address the Council</b>  None present</p>	
246/11	<p><b>Chairman's Announcements</b>  The Chair, on behalf of the Parish Council, began by thanking the people who had helped tidy and renovate the War Memorial, flagpole and surrounding area for all their hard work. He then announced the resignation of Cllr. Abernethie, explaining that the resignation had been sent to the Clerk rather than the Chair as Standing Orders demand. It had been forwarded on by the Clerk. Due to this, the council voted to approve Cllr. Abernethie's resignation and accept it officially:  <b>To RESOLVE to accept the email of resignation sent to the Clerk by Cllr. S. Abernethie as valid</b>  Proposed: Cllr. Johnson, Seconded: Cllr. Smith  <u>Carried</u></p> <p>The Clerk will now inform Electoral Services and a Casual Vacancy Notice will be issued in due course, along with one for former councillor, B. Seage, who resigned recently.</p>	Clerk
247/11	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b>  The Clerk began by reporting that the defibrillator outside the pavilion had now been mended. She said that she had received the invoice for the defibrillator package contract from SW Ambulance Service and that once this was paid that would ensure we have a functioning defibrillator for the next four years. She continued by saying that she had also received invoices for the materials used by the volunteers in the War Memorial/Flagpole redecoration, which had already been approved for payment.  She then reported that there was a problem with the lock on the door of the cleaning cupboard at the public toilets in addition to the rotting and deterioration of the door body. This won't affect members of the public at all as the toilet entry door is fine. The Clerk said she had received a quote of £720 for a replacement UPVC door, inclusive of VAT and fitting.  She then said that she had obtained online access to two of the three South West Water accounts and read off the balances: the pavilion was last paid by DD of £60 on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, and is £85.40 in credit; the allotment water was last paid by DD of £39.50 on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. This DD has been suspended by SWW due to the credit on the account. The clerk said she had asked for a refund of this credit, but there was some confusion about the meter serial number and reading so she had emailed SWW. The public toilet account is still inaccessible but the clerk will pursue this with SWW, and, in addition, has requested bills for all three accounts.  She ended by saying that the adult FC had paid their invoice of £500, but the council was still awaiting payment from the youth FC of £675. However, she hoped this would be paid very soon. She finished by saying that the cleaning locker for pavilion users has been emptied and she has all the cleaning materials ready, awaiting collection by the caretaker.</p>	
248/11	<p><b>To Elect a Vice Chair, if appropriate</b>  This item was deferred to the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting</p>	Deferred

249/11	<b>Budget 2023/24</b> The clerk reported that spending was down this year compared to the budget. She said she could see no reason for an increase in the precept amount, but that wasn't a promise as new matters might arise. The Chair gave a brief introduction to the budget setting and then councillors examined the Earmarked Reserves as they hadn't been amended for a couple of years. Each item on the ERM was discussed and a new figure decided for it, either paying in more money, reducing the amount, or keeping it the same. These new amounts will be approved at the November 23 <sup>rd</sup> meeting.	
250/11	<b>Matters Arising/Date of Next Meeting</b> No further matters. Next meeting is on Wed 23rd November  <b>Meeting Closed: 9.10pm</b>	