

# ST CLEER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council held on March 22nd 2023

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| 1 | <b>Persons Present</b><br>Cllrs. Johnson, Sargeant, Dupreez, Horsfield, Emms, Price, Morris.<br>C.Cllr. P. Seeva   |  |
| 2 | <b>Receive any Declarations of Interest from Members/Dispensations</b><br>Cllr. Morris stated he had an interest in the allotments.  |  |
| 3 | <b>Allow up to 15 Minutes for the Public to address the Council</b><br>No members of the public present.   |  |
| 4 | <b>Chairman's Announcements</b><br>Cllr. Johnson answered a question from Facebook asking what the council had done in the past year. He said the grounds maintenance contract had been ended, saving thousands of pounds p.a. He also said that the fact the council was on track to end the civic year with approx. £152,000 in the bank showed that the budget preparation done in November 2021 was not effective. He contrasted that with the reduction in precept the council had requested for the civic year 23/24 and the associated reduction of the burden on parish residents of approx. 28%. He said that very few other parishes had achieved such a reduction and added that this was all without a reduction in services. He also mentioned the resignation of the caretaker and the contract cleaners who had been employed on a trial basis to take over some of the former caretaker's duties, which, again, had led to a financial saving.<br>He went on to mention the delivery of a functioning speed camera and the Go Pro camera. He said the Cornwall Council audit had been concluded and a draft report produced. |  |
| 5 | <b>Update from C.Cllr. Phil Seeva</b><br>C. Cllr. praised the council for their progress. He went on to mention the 5% Council Tax increase; the Mayor for Cornwall decision which has been pushed back. He said that there was no update regarding the planning application for the Hunt kennels. Cllr. Price asked about Space Cornwall and if there were plans for the site if it failed. C.Cllr. Seeva said as far as he knew there would be a launch later in the year. Cllr. Price continued by asking about wind turbines and the fact that they were capped, thereby not being used to maximum.  |  |

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| 6  | <b>Clerk's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Unity Bank papers are ready for the new signatories to sign.</li> <li>ii) The possibility of investing council money in a Cornwall Council Call Account, for which the council would get some interest.</li> <li>iii) The crime figures are as follows: one crime each of Public Order; theft; criminal damage.</li> <li>iv) She mentioned that the JLA fire safety checks had been done and that she had used exigent spend to replace a fire extinguisher and fire blanket as recommended by the fire safety company.</li> <li>v) She informed the council that changing broadband suppliers would save the council money. As an example, she said using Wildanet would save approx. £30 pcm.</li> <li>vi) Co-option update – the co-option will take place at the April meeting.</li> <li>vii) Reports to the police about a man allegedly behaving strangely in the local area.</li> </ul> |          |
| 7  | <b>Finance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To note the total balance of £152,460.99 in PC bank accounts on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 consisting of:<br/>Unity Current: £54,559.85<br/>Unity Deposit: £28,239.59<br/>HSBC Current: £39,116.39<br/>HSBC Deposit: £30,545.16</li> <li>ii) To note the Bank Reconciliations for the above four accounts at February 28<sup>th</sup> 2023</li> <li>iii) To Note the Deep Dive check of the 9 Month figures performed by Cllr. S. Horsfield.</li> <li>iv) Finance Report and Payment Schedule to Mar 22nd 2023:<br/><b>To RESOLVE to adopt the Finance reports as above, and to authorise payment of any accounts outstanding as listed, excepting the non-clerk staff salary.</b><br/>Proposed: Cllr. Johnson, Seconded: Cllr. Price<br/><u>Carried</u></li> </ul>  |          |
| 8  | <b>Co-option Update</b><br>See Clerk's Report above  |          |
| 9  | <b>Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To discuss how to fill the blanks to fit the council's needs.</li> <li>ii) To RESOLVE to adopt the Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations with the above adaptations.</li> </ul>   | Deferred |
| 10 | <b>To RESOLVE that the parish council validates the Assets Register</b><br>Cllr. Horsfield raised legibility of the current Register and Cllr. Price said he would produce a pdf version and circulate it as the final version for people to respond to if they had any issues.  |          |
| 11 | <b>Motion: To RESOLVE to Engage QS services as detailed at a cost of around £1000</b><br>Proposed: Cllr. Johnson, Seconded: Cllr. Price<br><u>Carried</u>  |          |
| 12 | <b>To Discuss the Neighbourhood Plan</b>   | Deferred |

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| 13 | <p><b>To discuss and approve the revised Allotment Rules as circulated</b></p> <p>The approval was deferred. There was a brief discussion of timings of allotment payments as if they were paid too early, they appeared in the wrong financial year. The clerk said she would speak to Rialtas accounting about this. She also reported that she had had Rialtas do a check and correction of some minor issues she'd found in the year's account. She had had this done prior to the End of Year shutdown in April in order to ensure a smooth shutdown at End of Year.</p>  | Deferred |
| 14 | <p><b>Coronation of King Charles III</b></p> <p>Cllr. Horsfield is involved in planning with local communities. She suggested the parish council could provide some small prizes for children.</p>   |          |
| 15 | <p><b>Planning Applications and Associated Matters (if time permits):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>PA23/00502</b> Bre Garn View Fore Street St Cleer PL14 5DA<br/>No comments made</li> <li>ii) <b>PA23/01362 Golitha Falls Draynes Bridge PL14 6RY</b><br/>The council believes there can be no retrospective exemption to a Tree Preservation Order</li> <li>iii) <b>PA23/00674: EN23/00304</b> – Redgate alleged contamination<br/>Cllr. Johnson said there was a possible link with the removal of a chicken shed at Penhale and there was an enforcement case relating to the alleged contamination.</li> <li>iv) <b>WITHDRAWN: PA18/10144</b><br/>Cllr. Johnson highlighted the withdrawal of this application to build 9 houses.</li> </ul> |          |
| 16 | <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>None</p>  |          |
| 17 | <p><b>HR Update</b></p> <p><i>*Motion to restrict meeting and exclusion of the press and public for a closed session - 1960 Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) act s1 (2)* (if required)</i></p>  |          |