

ST CLEER PARISH COUNCIL

EXO Meeting of the Full Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council held on July 20th 2022

Minute no		Action
	<p>Persons Present: Cllr. B. Seage, Cllr. S. Harbord, Cllr. B. Smith, Cllr. K. Johnson, Cllr. L. Price, Cllr. S. Horsfield, Cllr. I. Morris, Cllr. P. Andrews, Cllr. N. Emms In Attendance: E. Luther, Clerk/RFO Members of the Public: 0</p>	
128/7	<p>To Elect a Chair, and, if necessary, a Vice Chair The Clerk asked if anyone was interested in standing as Chair. Both Cllr. Price and Cllr. Johnson indicated their interest. However, Cllr. Price withdrew his interest on seeing that Cllr. Johnson was to stand. Cllr. Johnson suggested that Apologies should be done first, so they were and are as below. Cllr. Johnson took the chair. Cllr. B. Seage remained as Vice Chair.</p>	
129/7	<p>Apologies: Cllr. C. Sargeant Absent: Cllr. S. Abernethie, Cllr. J. Colenzo</p>	
Recess	<p>Cllr. Johnson asked for a brief recess in order to hold a brief discussion with the Clerk, Cllr. Seage and Cllr. B. Smith. These four aforementioned people left the room in order to talk in private. Upon their return, Cllr. Johnson announced he would be changing the order of the agenda. He then moved on to Dispensations and Interests.</p>	
130/7	<p>To Receive any Declarations of Interest from Members/Dispensations Cllr. Morris declared an interest in the allotments but was invited to take part in discussions where there would be no vote.</p>	
131/7	<p>Allow up to 15 Minutes for the Public to address the Council No members of the public were present.</p>	
132/7	<p>Chairman's Announcements Cllr. Johnson began by saying he was very concerned that September and October were fast approaching and we would need to prepare next year's budget in November. He continued by saying that he felt the council was in the worst position that it had been for five years. This was due to the lack of committees and any current replacement, and also to the non-compliance issues raised in the 2021/22 AGAR, and, in addition, the fact that the Audit Challenge of the 2020/21 AGAR was still outstanding. Cllr. Johnson said he felt the council was in a pretty perilous state. He explained that the areas he wished to focus on for the remainder of this financial year were Honesty, Openness and Engagement. He stated that finance had to be at the heart of everything we did and should be the first thing on the meeting agendas and the major focus of the council. Equally important was a focus on the employment and deployment of council staff to avoid a repeat of the past. He praised the current Clerk for doing a good job even though she had inherited a "pretty broken set of toys" and a "pretty broken AGAR system". He finished by explaining to councillors that he would be changing the order of the agenda, and the first two items would now be agenda items 7 and 18, namely the Speed Camera Motion and the Closed Session item.</p>	

133/7	<p>Motion: To proceed with the live test of the speed sign and have the council decide which location should be adopted for the initial trial.</p> <p>Cllr. Price explained that he had got the speed sign fully working and that the council had more than had been originally assumed, including five batteries. He said the issue now was to decide where the sign should be placed. Councillors made a number of suggestions. Cllr. Price said he thought that the best two options were in Fore Street opposite the garage or on the road outside the sports pavilion. However, he explained that because that road was single-track he wasn't sure what would be the correct placement of the sign in order to apply by the regulations. He said that technically it could be on the wrong side of the road but he couldn't find confirmation this was correct. A position near Caradon View was suggested, and it was pointed out the sign could then be moved to other positions.</p> <p>Amendment to the Motion: to place the speed sign at Caradon View for two months</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Price, Seconded: Cllr. Smith</p> <p><i>Carried</i></p> <p>To RESOLVE to approve the Motion with the above amendment:</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Price, Seconded: Cllr. Smith</p> <p><u>Carried</u></p> <p>Cllr. Andrews thanked Cllr. Price for the work he had carried out on this. This work is being done on a voluntary basis by Cllr. Price acting as SW Locks and he has done his own risk assessments.</p>	
134/7	<p>Motion to restrict meeting and exclusion of the press and public for a closed session under the 1960 Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) act s1 (2)</p>	
135/7	<p>Clerk's Report, including crime figures from PCSO Edser</p> <p>The clerk reported that between 1/6/22 to 30/6/22 there had been 3 crimes in the St Cleer area that are disclosable: Possession of offensive weapon; Theft of signs; and Criminal Damage. In addition, since PCSO Edser's last update a section 59 anti-social use of motor vehicle warning has been issued to an individual who has links to St Cleer and had been reported by St Cleer residents for their lack of driving skills.</p> <p>The clerk continued her report by reminding residents of the co-option opportunity with the parish council, and encouraging anyone who might be hesitant to apply, stressing that parish councillors were a diverse mix of people and applications from a variety of eligible people would be welcomed.</p>	
136/7	<p>Finance Report: to July 20th 2022</p> <p>To Resolve to adopt the Finance Report as above, and to authorise payment of accounts outstanding.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Smith, Seconded: Cllr. Seage</p> <p><u>Carried</u></p>	
137/7	<p>Allotments – discussion of ideas relating to the allotment management</p> <p>Cllr. Morris stressed the importance of setting a price for the allotment rent and water in good time so that the charges were known by January. He explained that for the last two years, the council had been effectively subsidising the allotments, and so it was important to set an appropriate charge in order that the allotments were self-funding. Cllr. Morris explained the rent should also give some contingency funds in order to cover necessary repairs, including decaying fencing and putting hardstanding at the allotment gate. Cllr. Johnson suggested price-setting in September. The Allotment Agreement was also discussed and the clerk said that it was important it be crystal clear so that nothing was open to interpretation.</p>	
138/7	<p>To RESOLVE to Authorise Pitch Guru to Carry Out Two Pitch Cuts for the following month</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Johnson, Seconded: Cllr. Smith</p> <p><u>Carried</u></p>	

139/7	<p>To RESOLVE to give the Clerk authority to contact C Gubbins in order for them to obtain and fit a replacement Watchman sensor for the pavilion oil tank</p> <p>The Clerk explained that the Watchman sensor that monitored how much oil we had left in the tank at the pavilion was malfunctioning and needed replacing. She asked for authorisation to contact C Gubbins to arrange this.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Johnson, Seconded: Cllr. Smith</p> <p><u>Carried</u></p>	
140/7	<p>Cemeteries Grants: To note the accounts provided; to discuss the application(s); and for the Chair to decide whether the grant(s) should be paid.</p> <p>(Cllr. Morris excused himself as he needed to leave at 9.30pm. All other councillors remained). Cllr. Johnson said that he had not yet satisfied himself that there was a legal mechanism for the council to make these payments. Cllr. Seage says he believed we have a duty to help maintain the burial grounds for the benefit of local families. Cllr. Johnson said that he believed making these payments under Section 215 would be a mis-application. He said he agreed with what Cllr. Seage had said but that there wasn't a mechanism to make the payments that he could find. He also said that the Dissenters Cemetery had a reasonable amount of money in their accounts, but Cllr. Smith pointed out that that money also had to be a buffer to deal with unforeseen expenses. Cllr. Johnson said he wasn't comfortable to unilaterally make the decision. He said we should ask CALC what their view was about mechanisms under which such payments could be made. He said that he had found mention by NALC in 2021 of closed churchyards but no mention of <i>open</i> churchyards. Cllr. Johnson said he would email CALC and ask their advice.</p>	Cllr. K. Johnson
141/7	<p>The Following Items were Rolled over to the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings held on: June 8th 2022 and June 22nd 2022 ii) Update from the Mowing Contract working group iii) To Discuss Replacing the Trethevy Green signs using the Cornish Heritage Grant iv) To Discuss whether to replace some committees with working groups and/or to subsume the committees into the Full Council meetings v) To Receive an Update on the ongoing Policy Reviews 	
142/7	Meeting Closed: 9.50pm Date of Next Meeting: July 27th 2022	