

## ST. CLEER PARISH MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the St. Cleer Parish meeting held on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 7.00pm in the St Council Pavilion, Hockings House, St Cleer.

PRESENT: - Councillor S Harbord (Parish Council Chairman), seven parish electors (all parish councillors). The Clerk to Parish Council took the minutes of the meeting.

1) Minutes of the previous meeting – The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2017 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman with one amendment pertaining to the name of the Chair which was changed to Mrs R Dickinson.

2) Matters Arising- None.

3) Chairman's Remarks – Since our last parish meeting there have been many changes within St Cleer Parish Council. There are five new councillors, a new parish clerk and a new Chairman.

At our last parish council meeting we voted to adopt the church car park from Cornwall county council. For many years the condition of the car park has deteriorated, the white lines for parking bays have all but disappeared and the surface is desperately in need of new tarmac. The Parish Council will refurbish the car park, with the help of £8000 from Cornwall Council. This will obviously incur a cost to the parish but will ensure the village has a much needed and functional car parking facility.

St Cleer football team subject to Parish Council approval, has plans to improve the football pitch. In 2016 the St Cleer Community group donated money to provide three pieces of outdoor gym equipment at the sports field. These pieces have proved enormously popular and to build on this we applied for a grant from the National Lottery to install seven additional pieces. We were successful in this application and will receive £8900. The community group will donate the remaining one thousand pounds. The community group with the very much appreciated help of St Cleer football team will install a Petanque Court. This is Subject to planning approval.

The neighbourhood development plan is progressing well. A survey of the Parish was conducted in September 2017 last year. After the results were compiled a draft plan has been composed which will soon be ready for a second public consultation.

Well that's positive. Unfortunately, in the last six months there has been a fairly public campaign about the workings of the Parish Council by a very small minority of councillors. This is regrettable as it breaches the code of conduct and is currently under external investigation.

I feel it is essential that the Parishioners of this village know that the smooth and effective operation of your Parish Council is being hindered by the creation of a hostile working environment for both the employees and the diligent hard-working majority of the Council. This is being effectively challenged.

The time has come the diversionary and divisive tactics of one or two to cease. The Council will work in accordance with the code of Practice, Standing Orders and the Officer Member Protocol to facilitate this. As your Chair, I will do my utmost to work to improve St Cleer Parish Council. So that the Council can once again perform its duties of serving the electorate. The objective of most of your Councillors, is to serve the Parish, providing the services and facilities it needs, with respect, kindness and integrity.

4) Local Electors Questions – None.

5) Motions from Local Electors – None.

6) Date of Next Meeting – It is recommended for Wednesday 15th May 2019.

Meeting Closed at 7.10 pm ..... Chairman