

St Teath Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of St Teath Parish Council held on Tuesday, 2nd July 2019 in the St John's Church Room, Delabole at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. R Lyle (Chairman), P Homans, L Rose, A Stacey, J Richards, N Turner, G Heard, G Ellis, C Keat. Cllr W Kitto arrived at 7.20pm.

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)
Cllr D Fairman (Cornwall Council)
One member of the public

The Chairman reminded everyone about the use of mobile phones and laptops during the meeting, and that devices could be used for reference to the meeting, but nothing else.

Item No		Action by
1	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs T Kingdon (Vice Chairman), D French.	
2	Declarations of Interest – To receive registered and non-registered disclosable interests and non-registerable interests. To advise of any dispensations granted in line with the Code of Conduct. To declare any gifts over the value of £25.00 None declared at this stage of the meeting.	
3	Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak on items on the agenda or raise items for future agendas (Meeting then closes to the public). The gentleman, on behalf of a local landowner spoke about proposals for a potential development on land behind Rockhead Street, Delabole (off Trecarne Gardens); seeking local advice from the Parish Council. An exact acreage of the development was not known and a financial analysis had not yet been completed. Aspects of the development had also not been confirmed and the gentleman was seeking what type of housing need the village required (older residence bungalows / young peoples homes etc). A discussion was although the Council were unable to influence a proposal and could not make any comments until a formal planning application was received. The gentleman was encouraged to canvas the community.	
4	To adopt and sign the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 4th June 2019. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4 th June 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr J Richards, seconded Cllr L Rose and unanimously agreed.	
5	Clerks Report. Councillors noted the Clerks report. Item b) New notice boards. Cllr J Richards suggested the new notice board in Delabole be fixed further along the path nearer the lower entrance to the park, along with relocating the general public notice board in the same place. Item e) Cllr D Fairman offered to chase Cornwall Council for the return of the licence for Water Lane, Delabole.	Clerk DF

	Item f) Cllr P Homans offered to source some stone having obtained the trees for Slate Park.	PH
	Cllr W Kitto arrived.	
6	County Councillor Report – Cllr D Fairman presented his report. Cornwall Council were awaiting the outcome of the Ombudsman’s report for the bus passes for children at Delabole. The Camelford Community Network was setting up a working group to address Climate Change and invited parishes within the network to get involved.	
7	Planning – to receive recommendations from the planning committee and decide on responses to Cornwall Council in respect of planning applications. To consider any applications received between the publication of the agenda and the meeting. a) PA19/05297 Mrs Sophie Broadhurst, Briar Lodge, Treroosel Road, St Teath – Variation of condition 3 of PA16/05169 (replacement of 8.5m static caravan with cedar clad garden chalet within rear garden). The Council resolved to make “no comment”, proposed Cllr P Homans, seconded Cllr N Turner and unanimously agreed.	
8	Play Areas:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delabole Park – to report on matters requiring attention. Nothing to report. It was noted that Cllr P Homans had received a donation of trees, to be planted. ○ Reports from weekly inspections, and identify any work required. No matters requiring attention. ○ To receive comments from the Open Spaces Committee on matters identified in the ROSPA inspection reports for Delabole Park, St Teath Play Area and St Teath Village Green. (rubber surfacing at Delabole Park to be discussed as a separate item). Cllr W Kitto reported on the items identified in the ROSPA report in relation to the equipment on the Green at St Teath; and costs were being sought for the parts required. Equipment that cannot easily be repaired will be removed or cordoned off. ○ To resolve by the majority vote to rescind the motion from the previous meeting “that the Schoolscapes quote for the repair to the rubber surfacing in Delabole Park be accepted and the company instructed to carry out this work”. The motion was rescinded, proposed Cllr N Turner, seconded Cllr G Ellis and agreed by the majority of seven. Three Councillors did not support this vote. Cllr G Heard notified the meeting that the vote held in the previous meeting was democratic and a motion was carried by ten; stating that Councillors should think carefully before voting as this was the second time in the last few meetings where motions were put back on the agenda after a decision had been made. Cllr P Homans asked Councillors to consider the children’s safety. Some Councillors felt they had been misinformed. The Clerk reported that rescinding a motion was not normal practice and should only be done if additional information or a change in circumstances permitted an item to be placed back on the agenda; informing the Council that members should make themselves fully aware of any matters prior to a meeting and before voting and she could always be contacted to clarify things. The Chairman 	

	<p>asked all Councillors to work together and reminded them that the Council was one corporate body and there was no “us and them” divide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To discuss the repairs required to the rubber surfacing in Delabole Park and decide on a way forward. It was proposed by Cllr N Turner, seconded by Cllr A Stacey and agreed by the majority of six that further quotes be obtained. Four Councillors abstained. The Clerk notified the meeting that two other companies had already been contacted and did not wish to quote for the work required. Schools paes will be notified that the previous instruction to go ahead with the work following the decision at the last meeting will be placed on hold until further notice. The Chairman also offered to contact the company. 	<p>Clerk RL</p>
9	<p>Finance / Staffing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive and resolve to pay accounts as circulated. The accounts had been verified by the Chairman prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr G Ellis, seconded by Cllr L Rose and unanimously agreed the accounts be paid. The bank account balances were also presented and the Chairman notified Councillors of the level of reserves as recommended by the auditors. b) To receive a report from the Finance Committee on the 2018/2019 Audit and the completion of the Annual Accounting Statement. The accounts and annual statement were copied to Councillors. The Committee had approved the accounts and completed the Annual Statements, as required. Cllr C Keat will place a copy of the accounts on the Parish Council website. c) To resolve to pay the annual maintenance charge for the defibrillator at St Teath. It was proposed by Cllr N Turner, seconded by Cllr J Richards and unanimously agreed that the costs be paid. d) To consider a request from the Planet Park Residents Association to pay the annual cost for their defibrillator and make a decision. It was proposed by Cllr N Turner, seconded by Cllr J Richards and unanimously agreed that the costs be paid. 	
10	<p>Correspondence – to receive correspondence list – for information only. The correspondence was noted.</p> <p>Item b) Cornwall Council Governance Review for Cornwall. At this point of the meeting Cllr D Fairman presented the Council with the draft of the form he had completed and asked the Chairman to authorise it. Differences of opinion were expressed by Councillors in splitting the parish. The Clerk reported that the Boundary Commission may not support the recommendation of Cornwall Council (similar to not supporting the number of Cornwall Council wards) and may not allow St Teath to stand alone. Cllr Fairman did not believe this was correct. A vote of seven in favour, one against and two abstentions confirmed the form, completed by Cllr Fairman, be submitted.</p> <p>Item k) Ocean Housing – public consultation for a development in St Teath. Cllr N Turner felt the timing of this event for Councillors was poor.</p> <p>Item l) Cornwall Council Rural Housing Enabler. Councillors felt there was no requirement to meet with the Rural Housing officer.</p>	

11	<p>Footpaths –</p> <p>a) To receive information on any unrecorded paths within the parish and resolve whether or not to register these by the deadline on 2026. No paths reported.</p> <p>b) Inspection of footpaths and identify work required. It was agreed that the current contractor was doing an excellent job in trimming the public rights of way. The contractor will pass information onto the Clerk for the routes that require new signs or stiles.</p>	Clerk
12	<p>Delabole Cemetery – to open quotations to extend the path and appoint a contractor. No quotations had been received for this meeting. Item deferred. Cllr A Stacey was awaiting a second quotation. Cllr P Homans reminded the meeting that the two speed ramps in Vell Lane could be done at the same time as the cemetery path.</p>	
13	<p>Delabole Post Office – to discuss the imminent closure of the post office, the impact on the community and the future of post office services in the parish / area and decide on actions to be taken. A letter from the Post Office had notified of a temporary closure and it was noted that the date had been set for the 1st August 2019. Councillors were unaware of any business in the village prepared to take on the post office services. The mail would be sorted at another local office. Cllr D Fairman advised that a mobile post office was not an option.</p>	
14	<p>Parish Council Notice Boards – the two new boards have been received. To resolve whether or not to publish information on any additional notice boards in the parish. It was agreed that the two new notice boards be designated as the only boards used for Parish Council purposes and no other boards in the parish. Proposed Cllr G Heard, seconded Cllr G Ellis and unanimously agreed.</p>	
15	<p>To resolve to investigate the options of a Neighbourhood Plan for St Teath parish. The Clerk reminded Councillors of their decision in September 2018 to defer a Neighbourhood Plan until the future of the parishes had been confirmed following the review by the Local Government Boundary Commission. It was however noted that the groundwork for a plan could be established and contact details were available for Cornwall Council staff to assist in this work. The Chairman stated that this should not be a rushed decision and further information should be obtained before the Council decided to resolve the matter.</p>	
16	<p>To receive reports from Committees on matters significant for this meeting. The Finance Committee had reported on their meeting held prior to this meeting. No further Committee reports.</p>	
17	<p>To arrange dates for Committee Meetings, if required. To be arranged, when required.</p>	
18	<p>Items for the next agenda – to advise of items for discussion at the next meeting – for information only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To review the structure of Committees. ○ Traffic calming / traffic lights in Delabole to control the speed of vehicles. ○ Delabole Clock – repairs and annual maintenance contract costs. 	

	<p>Parish Matters noted :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parking – Cllr A Stacey asked that an item “no parking on pavements” be placed in the Parish Council report for the next parish magazines. ○ Cllr G Ellis felt a complete revamp of the Delabole Park was something that the Parish Council should look at in the future. (Cllr N Turner had previously offered to look at grant funding packages and option for this site). ○ Overgrown hedges in the main road and Pengelly area of Delabole. ○ The perspex window in the bus shelter opposite the Bettle & Chisel at Delabole had once again been damaged. 	NT
19	To advise of the date of the next Full Council Meeting. Tuesday, 3 rd September 2019	
20	To close the Meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.	

Dated: 3rd September 2019

Signed: