

St Teath Parish Council

Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of St Teath Parish Council held on Tuesday, 3rd November 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. R Lyle (Chairman), N Turner, W Kitto, D French, G Heard, P Homans, L Rose, A Stacey, M Upsall, J Richards, C Keat.

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)
 Cllr D Fairman (Cornwall Council)
 Seven members of the public
 Stephen Taylor (CC Governance Review Officer)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting stating that anyone recording the proceedings needed to declare this. He also advised the meeting that the order of the Agenda would change slightly to accommodate Cllr D Fairman and Stephen Taylor to enable them to participate and leave. Therefore, Agenda items 1 – 7 would be discussed, followed by Item 16. The remainder of the agenda would be in order as recorded. Minutes recorded in order of the agenda.

Item No		Action by
1	To receive apologies for absence. None.	
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. Cllr R Lyle declared an interest in Agenda item 10a) Accounts.	
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 Chairman invited the members of the public to address the council, if they so wished and stated that public comments would be addressed but Councillors were not obliged to answer at this meeting. Matters raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A lady invited by Cllr Fairman to join the Shadow Council stated she was listening to proceedings. 	
4	To adopt and sign the minutes of the Zoom Council Meeting held on the 6th October 2020. The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 th October 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr A Stacey, seconded by Cllr M Upsall and unanimously agreed.	
5	To adopt and sign the minutes of the Zoom Finance & Staffing Meeting held on the 27th October 2020. The minutes of the meeting held on the 27 th October 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman; proposed by Cllr P Homans, seconded by Cllr G Heard and agreed by those who attended.	
6	Clerks Report – for information only. Noted. It was agreed that a card is sent to the parishioner who helps empty the park bin every week. Cllrs. P Homans or A Stacey offered to lay the Remembrance Sunday wreath at Delabole. Mrs Pearl Pluess MBE had been asked to lay the wreath at St Teath.	

	A request for a financial donation from Delabole Carnival Committee will be placed on the agenda for a future meeting. Cllr A Stacey declared an interest and abstained.	
7	County Councillor Report – Cllr D Fairman. Reported under item 16 of this meeting.	
8	<p>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. Cllr P Homans gave a report from the planning committee.</p> <p>a).. PA20/08297 L & A Hartley and Outlaw, 64 Pengelly, Delabole – Proposed first floor extension to side of building over existing ground floor. Support – proposed by Cllr N Turner, seconded by Cllr P Homans and agreed by the majority. Cllr C Keat abstained.</p> <p>b) PA20/08487 Mr David Woods, Church House, Whitehall Road, St Teath – Works to remove branches from two beech trees within a conservation area. Agreed to make no comment on this application as the planning officers would make the decision based on the conservation area. Proposed by Cllr P Homans, seconded by Cllr R Lyle and unanimously agreed.</p>	
9	<p>Play Areas:-</p> <p>a) Delabole and St Teath Parks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Inspections and to identify any work required. Cllr R Lyle had inspected the parks with no issues found although it was noted that the swings at Delabole did squeak in wet weather conditions. Cllr G Heard agreed to once again apply some grease to the fixings. The parks were now open. 	
10	<p>Finance / Staffing:</p> <p>a) To approve the payment of accounts as circulated to Councillors. The Chairman had received the invoices and accounts prior to the meeting, Councillors had received a copy of the payments. It was proposed by Cllr C Keat, seconded by Cllr A Stacey and unanimously agreed the accounts be paid.</p> <p>b) To receive and approve the report and actions recommended by the Finance & Staffing Committee following their meeting on the 27th October 2020. It was proposed by Cllr P Homans, seconded by Cllr R Lyle and unanimously agreed the recommendations by the Finance & Staffing Committee be accepted; and actions taken where required.</p> <p>c) To arrange a meeting of the Finance & Staffing Committee to discuss the 2021/2022 precept. Meeting arranged for 6.00pm on Tuesday, 8th December 2020.</p> <p>d) To discuss a request from St Teath PCC for a financial donation. Agreed to give the annual donation towards the upkeep of the burial ground; proposed by Cllr P Homans, seconded by Cllr R Lyle and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>e) To agree to purchase some flowers to thank the cleaner for keeping the public toilets open during the Coronavirus pandemic when other facilities have been closed. Councillors appreciated the work of the cleaner during the pandemic and agreed to purchase some flowers up to the value of £25.00. Proposed by Cllr N Turner, seconded by Cllr G Heard and unanimously agreed.</p>	Clerk

11	Correspondence – to receive correspondence list – for information only. Noted.	
12	Memorial for the late Ryan Saltern – to look at a location for a permanent memorial in St Teath. Cllr G Heard will speak with the family and meet with Cormac to look at a location along Trewenna Hill, St Teath.	GH
13	Climate Change (agenda item requested by a parishioner) To report on the actions taken by the Parish Council. The Chairman stated this item was deferred until the next meeting. The lady asking for this to be placed on the agenda was unable to attend the meeting.	
14	Briar Close and Brambleside, St Teath – to resolve to request that road marking be installed on the adopted highway and discuss actions to manage and protect the children playing in the road. Cllr W Kitto offered to speak with the Cornwall Community Land Trust and Cornwall Council to identify the problems and discuss the possibility of road markings.	
15	Footpaths – to report any work outstanding / required. Cllr G Heard reported that the old metal gate located on the path at Vell Lane had gone missing. It was also noted that a slate stile in this area has been blocked by a fence. The Chairman suggested that photographs be taken and forwarded to the Clerk to action.	Clerk
16	<p>Local Government Boundary Review – update, if available from the Cornwall Council meeting held today. To look at maps containing the proposed new boundaries for St Teath and Delabole parishes and agree a response to go back to Cornwall Council.</p> <p>The Chairman updated the Council on the Zoom meeting held on the 2nd November 2020 with himself, the Clerk, Cllr G Heard, Cllr D Fairman and Stephen Taylor (Governance Review Officer). The recent letter sent to various people was a decision made by the Staffing & Finance Committee and circulated to all Councillors before sending; and nine Councillors replied giving their consent for it to be sent. The Chairman apologised to Cllr Fairman and Stephen Taylor for not including them in the email circulation although they had both received a copy. Contents of the letter had been discussed at the meeting on the 2nd and a compromise agreed at the time. Cllr Fairman had asked for the letter to be retracted. It was proposed by Cllr R Lyle, seconded by Cllr N Turner and supported by the majority of five that the letter be rescinded (Cllrs. RL, NT, WK, AS, CK). Cllrs. G Heard, P Homans, L Rose and J Richards were against retracting the letter; and Cllrs M Upsall and D French abstained.</p> <p>Cllr L Rose stated that the Clerk had followed instructions from the Staffing & Finance Committee in compiling and sending the letter concerned. He would support the way forward for the council when the letter was withdrawn but did not agree it should be retracted. At the Zoom meeting on the 2nd November Cllr Fairman stated that he was happy for the Delabole ward councillors to sit on the shadow council if the letter was withdrawn; but at this meeting said he would be happy to work with any Delabole ward councillors who were happy to work with him. Cllr G Heard challenged this comment stating that his statement was not what he had agreed the day before. Cllr Fairman had previously given the names of the members of the public he had contacted to join the shadow council and he had now asked Cllr M Upsall to join the group. The shadow council was not a voting body but a group formed to oversee the setting up of the new parish council. Cllr L Rose highlighted his concerns in passing confidential matters relating to staff etc to the shadow council who were (except for Cllr UPSall) general members of the public with no governance control.</p> <p>Cllr A Stacey had been approached by a resident who had expressed an interest in being a member of the shadow council but had not been contacted by anyone. Cllr Stacey will pass the details on to Cllr Fairman.</p>	AS

	<p>Cllr Fairman explained his selection process for the shadow council and had asked the Clerk at Camelford Town Council to steer the group that required no formal clerking.</p> <p>Cllr Fairman said he would receive the precept request letter for the new Delabole council.</p> <p>Stephen Taylor left the meeting at this point stating that he was happy to work with the existing Clerk and Cllr Fairman. The time being 7.45pm.</p>	
17	<p>To suggest a name for the new development being constructed by Gilbert & Goode at North Road, St Teath . Councillors had no suggested names for this development. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the public to make suggestions.</p>	
18	<p>Dog “we’re watching you” posters. To discuss the purchasing of 5 posters at the reduced cost of £10 each. A member of the public had offered a financial donation to pay for five of these posters. It was proposed by Cllr R Lyle, seconded by Cllr A Stacey and agreed by the majority that the parish council purchases the posters initially and the donation be paid into the parish council account. Cllr P Homans and L Rose were against this decision and Cllrs G Heard and J Richards abstained.</p>	
19	<p>Agenda Items for the next / future meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Climate Change. ○ New Play Equipment for St Teath and Delabole and the Delabole Skateboard project. ○ Community Network Highway Scheme and the Delabole Traffic Calming Proposals. 	
20	<p>To advise of the date for the next Full Council Meeting – It was agreed to hold the December 2020 meeting on Tuesday, the 8th. One week later than normal.</p>	
21	<p>To close the Meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed to the public and Councillors were invited to remain for a closed session to discuss Councillors actions. The time being 8.30pm.</p>	

Dated: 8th December 2020

Signed.