

Delabole Annual Parish Meeting – May 10, 2022

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Apologies**
None received.
2. **Introduction and welcome by the chair, Cllr Ro Chapman**
Cllr Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. **Annual report on council business by Cllr Chapman**
A copy of Cllr Chapman's report will be posted to the website. In it she acknowledged there have been many areas to address and follow up from the previous council. Over the last year, the council has considered and commented on 23 planning applications. The council has been represented at monthly meetings of the Camelford Community Network Panel. Like all organisations, finances are stretched. Safety regulations have been followed for the park equipment, which is inspected regularly and repaired when necessary. The grass cutting, footpath and weed control contract is extensive and undertaken to a high standard by the council's contractor. There have been many requests for funding support including the churches, the youth group, school and proposed skatepark. The first year accounts are in the process of being audited and will be published in due course. The chairman also thanked the clerk for meeting the demands of the role.
4. **Cornwall Councillor's report – Cllr Dominic Fairman**
Cllr Fairman said there are few times that he is able to take credit for something, but he takes some credit for Delabole becoming its own parish council. He pushed for it since 2016, and although not popular with the parish council then, it's taken a long time to persuade the community it is the right way to go. Most credit, he said, should go to the parish council itself, and to the councillors for stepping up and embracing the role. He said all councillors had settled into the role well, and the council is open and transparent. He also thanked the clerk for her work. Cllr Fairman said the community was better off for having its own parish council. He looked forward to working with the council for the next three years at least.
5. **Reports from parish organisations**
Cllr Mike Dodd from Camelford Police Station attended. He and PC Lee Skinner make up the Camelford team and as well as Delabole they also cover Michaelstow, St Teath, Crackington, Warbstow, St Clether and Camelford. The bulk of their work is surrounding safeguarding. Response is dealt with from other stations. A few years ago there were three PCSOs at Camelford, but the PCSO numbers were cut nationally. He said they were still working and still patrolling. He urged the council to report any issues such as vandalism in the park, as they are driven at their meetings to where things have been reported. PCSO Dodd gave the council advice on CCTV options for the park.

Reports were received from Delabole Carnival, Delabole Youth Club and the Hospital Car Service – these will be uploaded to the website.

6. **To invite the public to raise any matters of interest. Please note, those who have written in with prior notice that they would like to speak will be heard.**
Three members of the public were in attendance. One member of the public said the council was doing a reasonably good job, but he would continue to voice his opinion.
7. **Any other business**
None received.

The meeting closed at 7.21pm.