

**MINUTES – Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

- 23/209 Councillors present**  
Cllrs R Chapman (chair), H Ferguson (vice chair), A Stacey, A Pooley, K Cann and J Chapman. Also present, five members of the public and S Cleave, clerk.
- 23/210 Apologies for absence**  
Cllr E Reynolds – family sickness; Cllr D Fairman.
- 23/211 Declaration of Interests**  
None.
- 23/212 To receive and approve minutes of last meeting**  
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on October 10, 2023.  
**Proposed: H Ferguson      Seconded: A Stacey      Votes: Five in favour, one abstention**
- 23/213 Co-option of councillor**  
Councillors proposed to co-opt Mr Ian Johns onto the council.  
**Proposed: A Stacey      Seconded: J Chapman      Votes: Unanimous**
- 23/214 Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)**  
One member of the public (MOP) said people had asked why the bin opposite the Workman's Club had to be removed. Someone had been emptying it, and they went on holiday for two weeks and it was overflowing in this time. She said this shows the need for a bin. The MOP asked if the council would consider taking the bin on. This will be placed on the January agenda. The chair did note that there is a bin on the opposite corner.  
Another member of the public presented the council with some figures relating to the budget. He claimed the council was spending too much money.
- 23/215 County Councillor report - Cllr Dominic Fairman**  
Cllr Fairman was not in attendance but emailed a report. This included information on the Walk to School route. He said the results of the consultation will be first presented to one of the Scrutiny Committees. He has sought assurance that the Cabinet member will walk the Delabole route before she makes any decision, and she has confirmed that this is still her intention. Traffic Scheme – Cllr Fairman said he has seen some of the draft proposals - it looks like a viable scheme that he hoped would get public support. Once the scheme is finalised there will be a drop-in style public consultation in the village alongside the normal online option. Citizens Advice – Cllr Fairman pledged £200 of his Community Chest towards their work in the parishes he represents. Christmas Lights – Cllr Fairman is also supporting the Delabole Christmas Lights with £200.
- 23/216 Clerk's report**  
The clerk's report was noted. The benches for Slate Close were discussed and it was agreed for a paved area to be put down.
- 23/217 Consideration of planning applications**  
PA23/07924 – Dropped kerb and access over footpath. 76 High Street, Delabole.

Councillors raised no objection to the proposal.

**Proposed: A Pooley**

**Seconded: K Cann**

**Votes: Unanimous**

PA23/07146 – Proposed first floor extension over existing flat roof single storey and infill ground floor side extension. St Antonys Cottage, Poldark Road, Delabole.

Councillors raised no objection to the proposal.

**Proposed: K Cann**

**Seconded: A Pooley**

**Votes: Unanimous**

PA23/08522 – Change of use from Doctors Surgery to single dwelling. Currently a single storey building which they plan to make into a two-storey house. 46 High Street, Delabole.

Councillors raised no objection to the proposal.

**Proposed: H Ferguson**

**Seconded: J Chapman**

**Votes: Unanimous**

**b. To consider any other consultations received since publication of the agenda.**

None.

**c. To note planning application decisions**

None.

**23/218**

**Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council budget briefing slides; road closure information – Medrose; road closure information – Higher Trethern Farm.

**23/219**

**Skatepark Project**

Jo Harris and Zoe Burnard attended and gave an update on the project. They have sought some prices. One asked for an upfront site visit fee of £600 (which would be taken off the final cost of the project). They have been sent some links of examples coming in around the £45,000 budget. They are waiting to hear back from some others. They said they wanted to see it through and will come back to the parish council in January.

**23/220**

**Grant request**

Nickiey Hatch and Karen Robson from the Christmas lights committee attended following the submission of another grant application. Karen said the poles were progressing and they hoped to have them in place in the following week. They had plans to piggyback the electricity from the playschool. The chair said the council was waiting for a few updates before part two of the original grant request was paid. Karen said they had had a meeting with two councillors, and everything was in place to move forward. They were asked how much the committee has raised this year, and it was in the region of £800 from the fun day and the quiz. They have spent £1,400 on lights this year. It was noted that storage is an ongoing issue. Karen withdrew the new grant application and the council proposed to pay the second instalment of the initial grant request - £617.20.

**Proposed: A Stacey**

**Seconded: K Cann**

**Votes: Unanimous**

**23/221**

**CCTV**

The clerk gave an update to the council on the CCTV project.

**23/222**

**2024 meeting dates**

Councillors discussed the meeting dates for 2024, which will alternate between three venues – St John's Church, Delabole Methodist Church and Delabole Fire Station. It was proposed to accept these dates, including a meeting in July. All dates are subject to change. These will be uploaded to the website.

**Proposed: H Ferguson**

**Seconded: R Chapman**

**Votes: Unanimous**

**23/223**

**Citizens Advice**

Councillors discussed a grant for Citizens Advice, following the presentation received at the October meeting. It was decided not to give a grant as Cllr Fairman has donated on behalf of his parishes.

**Proposed: K Cann**

**Seconded: A Stacey**

**Votes: Unanimous**

**23/224**

**Park gate**

Cllr Pooley said that apart from the double gates, all three other gates to the playing fields are always open. The middle gates are currently locked, and people climb the planters by the middle gates and damage them trying to get into the playing field. He proposed to have one of the gates open.

Councillors discussed alternatives, such as bollards or barriers, but it was felt that cars and motorbikes could get in and damage the field. Cllr Pooley said the planters were rebuilt and now they are damaged again. There was not much support for opening one of the gates and Cllr Pooley rescinded his proposal. It was decided to leave the gates closed.

**23/224**

**Budget**

The council's budget for 2024/25 was discussed. As well as running costs, the council has, this year, had to pay from reserves for several items and projects (including the damaged cemetery wall, the new Wallgate hand washing unit in the toilets; three speed monitors; a donation to the school towards the school crossing patrol, CCTV and replacement benches). A budget recommendation of £58,798.57 was proposed, with a precept ask of £50,400 (a 5% increase on last year). The shortfall would come from the reserves. This would equate to a charge of £79.45 for a Band D property.

**Proposed: K Cann**

**Seconded: A Stacey**

**Votes: Unanimous**

As there is no school crossing patrol in place at the school, it was proposed to write to Aspire Academy to ask for the money back.

**Proposed: A Stacey**

**Seconded: H Ferguson**

**Votes: Unanimous**

**23/225**

**Finance**

a. Councillors noted the balances of accounts as accurate for November 8, 2023.

**Bank balance (November 8, 2023) £86,876.14**

b. Councillors noted the income received.

Name	Budget line	Payment method	Value
None			

c. The below payments were noted and authorised.

Budget line	Payment – November	Total
Staff wages	Staff wages (October)	£1,744.52
Pension Fund	Cornwall Pension Fund (October)	£155.58
Office	Clerk mileage, stationary for cemetery files, Amazon ink	£69.79
Hall hire	St John's Church – hall hire November meeting	£15.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Barrelled Locksmiths - new lock for toilets	£25.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Direct 365 – toilet paper	69.52
Office	3 mobile phone	£5.89
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Suez – cemetery bin	£69.16
Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths	Growing Concern (October)	£1,752.00

Maintenance, utilities & supplies	British Gas – electricity toilets	£289.15
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity	£64.81
Wreath	Royal British Legion – wreath	£25.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Andrew Stacey – park gate key for the police	£4.75
Grant	Delabole Christmas Lights committee – second part of previously agreed grant	£617.20

Councillors proposed to accept the accounts.

**Proposed: H Ferguson**

**Seconded: K Cann**

**Votes: Unanimous**

**23/226**      **Agenda items for next meeting – January 9, 2024, Delabole Fire Station**  
Bin opposite Workman's club.

**23/227**      **Exclusion of members of the public and press To resolve that under s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely discussion of confidential information.**  
Councillors discussed land options in the village.

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