

## St Teath Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of St Teath Parish Council held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in the St Teath Community Room at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs. T Kingdon (Chairman), G Heard (Vice Chairman), P Homans, J Richards, N Turner, W Kitto, C Keat, R Lyle, G Ellis, L Rose.

**Also attending:** Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr D Fairman (Cornwall Council)  
Eighteen members of the public.

Item No.		Action By
134	<b>Apologies for absence</b> were received from Cllr. A Stacey, D French.	
135	<b>To hold a discussion and possible vote of potential no confidence in the Chairman.</b> Following the way in which Councillors conducted themselves at the last meeting and comments written, the Chairman had placed this item on the agenda and left the meeting to allow Councillors to hold a debate. Cllr G Heard chaired this item and invited Councillors to comment, to which they responded. It was proposed by Cllr P Homans, seconded by Cllr R Lyle and clearly stated that the Council had every confidence in the Chairman and wished her to continue in the role. This was unanimously agreed and Cllr T Kingdon was invited back into the meeting. Cllr Kingdon thanked Councillors.	
136	<b>Protocol at Meetings – the Chairman to remind Councillors of the protocol to speak through the Chairman, the procedures for voting and abstentions. To reiterate that the Parish Council will act on the majority vote carried and Councillors are required to respect this and work together, as the elected corporate body representing the parish.</b> The Chairman felt the last meeting was difficult, stating Councillors did not represent themselves in the appropriate manner in a public meeting. She encouraged Councillors to vote if there were no justifiable reason to abstain. The Parish Council decisions were to be respected. The council had a good variation of Councillors, with excellent attendance and needed to work together.	
137	<b>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 £25,000.</b> None declared at this stage of the meeting.	
138	<b>Public Participations – 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).</b> The Chairman invited the members of the public to address the Council, if they so wished. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Zoe, on behalf of the skate park committee updated the Council on the project asking if they would make a contribution to support any grant funding applications. It was confirmed that an amount of £5,000 had been suggested by the Finance Committee for this purpose. Good Energy had been approached and although they could not support the skate</li> </ul>	

	<p>park this year they had said they would look at the project in the future if the scheme had progressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Water Lane had met with Cllr D Fairman and raised their concerns about aspects of the proposed car park (agenda item ) in particular the entrance and agricultural gateway. Cllr Fairman stated that he had booked St Johns Church Hall for a public meeting on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 from 2pm-6pm when plans will be displayed, along with the draft traffic calming scheme for the village.</li> </ul> <p>(Seven members of the public left the meeting)</p>	
<b>139</b>	<b>To adopt and sign the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr J Richards, seconded Cllr P Homans and unanimously agreed. Cllr L Rose abstained.	
<b>140</b>	<b>To adopt and sign the Minutes of the Finance &amp; Staffing Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018.</b> The minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee Meeting held on the 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr P Homans, seconded Cllr L Rose and unanimously agreed. The Chairman reminding the Council that committees made recommendations not decisions and asked any Councillor interested in joining this committee to contact her.	
<b>141</b>	<b>Clerks Report – for information only.</b> The Clerk tabled her report stating that along with Cllr A Stacey she had contacted the Delabole Slate magazine to ask why the parish council report was not being published.	Clerk /AS
<b>142</b>	<b>County Councillor report – Cllr D Fairman</b> spoke about the governance review that may look at parish councils be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting. Having spoken to residents of Water Lane they had expressed an interest in maintaining the green space on the corner and install a bench. Cornwall Council would contact the Parish Council on this matter. Cllr Rose asked who would have priority over the 36 spaces provided.	
<b>143</b>	<b>Delabole to Camelford – safe walking route for children attending Sir James Smith School – to agree to pay the consultants fees for attending the hearing in Truro. Response from letter sent to Cornwall Council.</b> Councillors noted that the cost should have been approved prior to the consultant attending the hearing but voted by the majority of six to pay the account, proposed Cllr T Kingdon, seconded Cllr N Turner. Two councillors abstained. Cllr R Lyle stated that some parents had asked for help to pay the charge for the travel costs of their children to attend Sir James Smith School and presented the invoices to the meeting. Cllr L Rose stated that the Parish Council had set a precedent for all children that had been charged and therefore they could not “close the door” on any parents who had not yet passed over their accounts, but wished to do so. Councillors agreed the costs would be paid for the Autumn term only in the hope that Cornwall Council would resolve the matter. The Clerk reiterated her comments made at the last meeting, stating that upon receipt of legal advice she had advised the Council not to enter into this matter financially, paying accounts for individual children’s school transport.	Clerk

144	<p><b>Planning – to receive recommendations from the planning committee and decide on responses to Cornwall Council in respect of planning applications.</b> There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.</p>	
145	<p><b>Play Areas –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Delabole Park – to report on recent work and consider the following:-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>The quotes for the removal of the trees in the area of the skate park site and appoint a contractor.</b> Agreed to defer this matter until the project for the skate park had progressed. The condition of the trees will be monitored.</li> <li>○ <b>To confirm the date for the installation of the new play equipment.</b> Cllr P Homans reported the start date being the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.</li> <li>○ <b>To ask the cricket club what action has been taken to comply with the councils instructions with regards to the permanent removal of the metal posts surrounding the square – Cllr L Rose. Clarification from the Open Spaces Committee.</b> Cllr W Kitto (Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee) had confirmed the metal posts had been replaced with plastic.</li> <li>○ <b>Provision of skate park – to agree to financially support the skate park project with £5,000 from the council funds, if needed (as recommended by the Finance Committee). To receive an update from the Chairman on the scheme and any alternative solutions that differentiates from the original plans.</b> The Chairman stated that the money from the Parish Council could be earmarked to support the grant, if needed. This being the same as the funding given to support the latest equipment installed in St Teath. This was proposed by Cllr J Richards, seconded by Cllr N Turner and unanimously agreed.</li> <li>○ <b>Trees.</b> Cllr P Homans reported that tress, donated by the Woodland Trust were being delivered in November and asked if Councillors wanted any for St Teath.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) <b>St Teath Village Green – to resolve to approve that a container be installed on the village green for the purposes of storing Christmas lights and carnival equipment.</b> Cllrs. W Kitto and R Lyle declared an interest and abstained. It was proposed by Cllr T Kingdon, seconded by Cllr J Richards and agreed by the majority the container be permitted. Two councillors abstained.</li> </ul>	
146	<p><b>Finance &amp; Staffing .</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>To receive and resolve to pay accounts as circulated.</b> Cllr R Lyle had checked and signed the accounts presented. It was proposed by Cllr G Heard, seconded by Cllr P Homans and unanimously agreed the accounts be paid. The Clerk circulated copies of the income and expenditure figures on the new accounting system and stated that she would continue to work with Cllr C Keat to modify various parts of the package. The Chairman stated these were working documents and any questions should be directed to herself or the Clerk. The Chairman thanked Cllr Keat for his work on the new accounting package. The Chairman confirmed that on-line banking was something to be considered in the future. Cllr J Richards stated that Barclays Banks in Bodmin and Padstow were</li> </ul>	Clerk

	<p>closing in January 2019. The branches at Wadebridge, Bude and Launceston were on the list for future closures.</p> <p><b>b) Report from Finance &amp; Staffing Committee on precept for 2019/2020.</b> Councillors were asked to consider the recommendation of the Finance &amp; Staffing Committee (Item F28 of their meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018) to set the precept at £88,683 for the forthcoming year, being no increase from the current year. This was supported, proposed by Cllr T Kingdon, seconded by Cllr G Heard and unanimously agreed.</p>	
<b>147</b>	<p><b>Correspondence - To receive correspondence list - for information only.</b> Noted. Cllr L Rose asked for clarification on the response from the police concerning the speed of traffic through Delabole.</p>	
<b>148</b>	<p><b>To discuss grass cutting in areas of the parish currently carried out by Cormac and decide whether or not the Parish Council would like to investigate the possibility of taking on this work under an Agency Agreement – Rendle Street, Trevilly Lane etc. – update if available. To agree that the Open Spaces Committee take this matter forward.</b> Agreed to defer this item until the new financial year (from April 2019).</p>	
<b>149</b>	<p><b>To discuss Cllr Fairmans proposals to create a car park off Water Lane, Delabole.</b> Discussed under Items 138 and 142 of this meeting.</p>	
<b>150</b>	<p><b>To report on the police response to traffic speeding through Delabole - Clerk</b> Discussed under Item 147 of this meeting.</p>	
<b>151</b>	<p><b>Provision of a bus shelter for Westdowns, Delabole - to consider deferring the installation of a bus shelter until the proposals for a new housing development in this area of the village has been presented and either approved or refused.</b> The Chairman reported on feedback that some residents were unhappy with the proposed location. It was proposed by Cllr G Heard, seconded by Cllr J Richards and agreed by the majority that the bus shelter be fixed. The Chairman abstained.</p>	
<b>152</b>	<p><b>To arrange a public meeting with Wainhomes to allow them to advise the village population of their outline plans to build a housing development at West Downs, Delabole, and the impact this will have on the social structure of the village, school places etc. – Cllr L Rose.</b> Cllr L Rose expressed his opinion that a public meeting should be held to present the scheme to residents and members of the public and made this proposal to the Council. This was seconded by Cllr J Richards and unanimously agreed. Cllr D Fairman stated that the developers were not ready to meet the Parish Council yet, but were happy to meet in the future. Pre-application information was available on the Cornwall Council website.</p>	
<b>153</b>	<p><b>To receive reports from Committees on matters significant for this meeting.</b> None.</p>	
<b>154</b>	<p><b>To arrange dates for Committee Meetings, if required.</b> To be arranged, if required.</p>	
<b>155</b>	<p><b>Items for next agenda – to advise of items for discussion at next meeting – for</b></p>	

	<b>information only.</b> The Chairman reminded Councillors to contact the Clerk within the next two weeks if they have any items for the next agenda.	
<b>156</b>	<b>To advise of date of next Full Council meeting</b> – Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Delabole. Cllr R Lyle presented his apologies for the next three months owing to work commitments away from home.	
<b>157</b>	<b>To close the Meeting.</b> There being no further business for this meeting the Chairman once again thanked Councillor for their continued support and closed the meeting at 8.54pm	