

## St Teath Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of St Teath Parish Council held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 in the Community Room, St Teath at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Cllrs. Lyle (Chairman), T Kingdon (Vice Chairman), P Homans, J Richards, G Heard, A Stacey, C Keat, L Rose, N Turner, D French,

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

Item No		Action by
1	<b>To receive apologies for absence.</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs. W Kitto, G Ellis.	
2	<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 £25.00</b> None declared at this stage of the meeting.	
3	<p><b>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).</b> The Chairman welcomed the members of the public and invited them to address the Council, if they so wished.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parishioners expressed their views on Agenda Item 7e) PA19/06975 and raised their objections for a scheme to build 24 affordable dwellings on land to the rear of Brookfield, North Road, St Teath. The objections were noted along with the concerns relating to the design of the homes, the traffic, access, lack of local amenities in the village and the infrastructure. The Chairman encouraged the public to submit their comments directly to Cornwall Council planning. A lady stated that the highway traffic survey needed to be carried out on a working / school day to give a true representation of the traffic flow in the village. Residents felt the village status would be lost if large developments were created. Cllr D Fairman spoke about the Cornwall Local Plan and the government target for 52,000 new homes to be built in the county. The numbers on the housing register for the parish were questioned. Cllr N Turner felt the date and times of the recent public consultation were inconvenient for working people. The Chairman asked that the results of the consultation be published.</li> <li>○ A resident reported on the traffic passing through Delabole and the excess speed of many vehicles including agricultural tractors. The flashing speed advisory sign at West Downs had not been in place this summer. Rumble strips in other parishes appeared to be very effective.</li> <li>○ A parent asked for the Council's help once again in supporting the cost for the concessionary bus passes for the new children in Delable that were due to start Sir James Smith school in Camelford and had been refused the free school transport.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(Cllr T Kingdon arrived at 7.25pm)</p>	

4	<p><b>To adopt and sign the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.</b> The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr L Rose, seconded Cllr J Richards and unanimously agreed.</p>	
5	<p><b>Clerks Report – for information only.</b> Councillors noted the Clerks report. The traffic warden service had now been reinstated in Delabole, and the new notice boards had been fitted.</p>	
6	<p><b>County Councillor Report – Cllr D Fairman.</b> Cllr Fairman reported on the closure of Delabole Post Office and the attempts that had been made to try and relocate this facility in the village. Plans were being discussed to bring a mobile post office to the village once a week. Cllr Farman notified the meeting about the Governance Review Stage 2 and the forthcoming meeting in October where the future of St Teath Parish Council would be discussed. It was also confirmed that Cornwall Council had committed £6 million to the Camelford bypass.</p>	
7	<p><b>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.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>PA19/03178 Mr J Vague, 15A Tethadene, St Teath – Conservatory and extension above sitting room and covered area at the side of house.</b> The Council resolved to support this application; proposed Cllr N Turner, seconded Cllr P Homans and unanimously agreed.</li> <li>b) <b>PA19/05439 Mr J Feldtman, Delabole Post Office , 51 High Street, Delabole – Change of use from post office to private house.</b> Support – proposed Cllr P Homans, seconded Cllr N Turner and unanimously agreed.</li> <li>c) <b>PA19/06133 Miss E George, Range View, Treligga, Delabole – Works to trees in Conservation Area, namely fell scots pine trees T1 and T2; reduce the ask tree T3 by 4 metres.</b> Resolved to make “no comment”.</li> <li>d) <b>PA19/06460 Mr &amp; Mrs S Davey, Land South East of Home Farm, Delabole – Providing a caravan / mobile home on land which is offset from an approved building site for occupation during construction of the dwelling.</b> Unanimously agreed to support, proposed Cllr P Homans, and seconded by Cllr L Rose.</li> <li>e) <b>PA19/06975 N/A Gilbert &amp; Goode, Land to the rear of Brookfield, North Road, St Teath – Erection of 24 affordable dwellings and associated works.</b> The Parish Council object to this application. There are no amenities in the village to support another housing development of this size, the road network is inadequate for additional traffic, the road past the school is already considered unsafe owing to the volume and speed of vehicles. The infrastructure and sewage system cannot sustain more dwellings. There is insufficient public transport, and local doctors surgeries and dentists cannot accommodate any more patients. The proposal should have less than 24 dwellings for this exception site. Proposed Cllr P Homans, seconded Cllr J Richards and unanimously agreed.</li> </ul>	

	<p>f) <b>PA19/06700 Mr N Cline, Little Dinnabroad, St Teath – replacement dwelling and lookout building to replace the existing derelict barn with variation of condition 4 of application PA16/11877 dated 01/03/2017.</b> (Condition 4 on the original application being - The 'Lookout' as identified on plan EL-02 hereby approved shall only be occupied by members of the family or non-paying guests of the main unit 'known as Little Dinnabroad' and shall not be used, sold or let at any time as a separate residential unit of accommodation. <b>Reason:</b> The creation of a separate unit of accommodation in this location would be undesirable due to the countryside location within an AONB contrary to the aims and intentions of policies 3 and 7 of the Cornwall Council Local Plan 2016 and paragraphs 17 and 55 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012). Resolved to make “no comment, proposed Cllr P Homans, seconded Cllr L Rose and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>g) <b>Pa19/07140 May Developments Ltd, land rear of 6 Rockhead Street, Delabole – Application for outline planning permission with some matters reserved for the construction of one dwelling (access only).</b> The Parish Council object to another dwelling and the access proposals on this site. Proposed Cllr P Homans, seconded Cllr N Turner and unanimously agreed.</p>	
8	<p><b>Play Areas:-</b></p> <p>a) <b>Delabole Park – to report on matters requiring attention.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Reports from weekly inspections, and identify any work required.</b> Cllr P Homans reported on recent inspection highlighting the dog fouling in the children’s play area and dogs being allowed to roam in the park. The Clerk notified the Council that she had now attended the required training to enable her to complete and submit incident report forms to Cornwall Council for dog fouling, littering and fly tipping to enable Cornwall Council to serve automatic fines.</li> <li>○ <b>To note that Schoolscales have carried out the work in replacing the surfacing under the items of play equipment, as quoted. To resolve to pay the account received.</b> The Chairman stated this Item was deferred to a closed session at the end of this meeting.</li> <li>○ <b>To receive comments from the Open Spaces Committee on matters identified in the ROSPA inspection report – repairs to the equipment at St Teath Village Green and the condition of the play items on this site.</b> The Clerk reported that Cllr W Kitto had met an employee from Schoolscales on site and the parts required to carry out the repairs identified in the ROSPA report had been ordered from the company. Some repairs had already been completed.</li> <li>○ <b>Memorial Bench –</b> Cllr J Richards had been contacted by the family of a Delabole man who was tragically killed by a hit and run driver after St Teath carnival requesting permission to place a memorial bench in Delabole Park. It was proposed by Cllr J Richards , seconded by Cllr R Lyle and unanimously agreed this request be granted. It was proposed by Cllr P Homans, seconded by Cllr N Turner and unanimously agreed the bench is purchased an</li> </ul>	Clerk

	<p>installed by the Parish Council and a donation received from the family should they wish to contribute. Cllr J Richards to contact the family and decide on a location. On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman had given consent for the family to place a flower vase on the St Teath slate sign as you enter the village from Delabole.</p>	JR
9	<p><b>Finance / Staffing:</b></p> <p>a) <b>To receive and resolve to pay accounts as circulated.</b> The accounts had been verified prior to the start of the meeting by the Chairman and verified by the Vice Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr L Rose, seconded by Cllr N Turner and unanimously agreed the accounts be paid. The bank account balances were also presented.</p> <p>b) <b>To consider requests for annual donations from St Johns Church, Delabole and St Teath Methodist Church for the upkeep of the churchyard and cemetery; and decide on the amount to be given.</b> Having received confirmation from the Clerk when the last donations were given, it was decided to defer this matter until the meeting in December 2019.</p>	
10	<p><b>Correspondence – to receive correspondence list – for information only.</b> The contents of the list were noted. It was proposed by Cllr C Keat, seconded by Cllr D French and supported by the majority of nine that £1,000 be donated to Camelford Leisure Centre, a centre that provided various recreational facilities for all ages and abilities and locally available. Cllr L Rose did not support this proposal.</p>	
11	<p><b>Footpaths –</b></p> <p>a) <b>To receive information on any unrecorded paths within the parish and resolve whether or not to register these by the deadline in 2020.</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p>b) <b>To report on the trimming work completed, the inspection of footpaths and identify work required.</b> The paths were being trimmed and good comments were being received on the work being carried out by the contractor.</p>	
12	<p><b>Delabole Cemetery – to open quotations to extend the path and appoint a contractor.</b> The Chairman opened three quotation for the work priced as per the specification issued.</p> <p>Quote A = £ 8,618.00 plus vat  Quote B = £ 3,152.50 plus Vat  Quote C = £ 3,648.25 plus Vat</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr N Turner, seconded by Cllr P Homans and unanimously agreed to accept Quote B. The Clerk will inform contractors.</p>	Clerk
13	<p><b>Delabole Millennium Clock – to consider the quote from Smiths of Derby and resolve to carry out the repairs required to the clock, and enter into an annual service contract or decide to remove the clock from the tower.</b> It was proposed by Cllr P Homans, seconded by Cllr A Stacey and unanimously agreed that the quote from Smiths of Derby be accepted and the company be instructed to carry out the repairs and the first annual service.</p>	Clerk

14	<p><b>Parish Council website – to discuss the management and costs for the current website; to look at costs to replace the current website and resolve to make a decision for the future.</b> The Chairman asked Cllr C Keat to give a resume of the current website and how it was working. The item was then deferred and the Clerk was asked to clarify that the Council were out of contract with the existing provider and bring costs for an alternative option to the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
15	<p><b>To resolve to investigate the options of a Neighbourhood Plan for St Teath parish.</b> Item deferred.</p>	
16	<p><b>To resolve to look at creating a Climate Emergency plan for the parish.</b> Item deferred.</p>	
17	<p><b>Speeding of traffic through Delabole and resolve to investigate options that could be implemented as soon as possible to control speed of vehicles past the school. To report on the school crossing patrol at Delabole and consider making a donation towards the cost of this service.</b> The speed of traffic passing through the village was an ongoing problem. The local community speed watch team received no action from the limited police resources. The Clerk had contacted a local company about the speed of tractors and this issue had been addressed. The Clerk will contact other companies, when incidents occur. It was noted that Cornwall Council had withdrawn the funding to support the school crossing patrol in Delabole three years ago and other sources of funding had been found during the past two years. It was proposed by Cllr P Homans, seconded by Cllr T Kingdon and agreed by the majority that the Parish Council contributes £1,300 (one thousand three hundred pounds) per year, for two years to ensure this vital service continues. Cllr J Richards abstained.</p>	
18	<p><b>St Teath Village Green – to receive a request that dogs be allowed on the Village Green during organised events (and the ban lifted at these times).</b> The Clerk presented the contents of a letter received. It was agreed by the majority of seven that the ban be lifted on organised events, and that dogs be permitted to enter onto the village green but must be kept under control; proposed by Cllr R Lyle, seconded by Cllr T Kingdon. Cllrs. A Stacey, P Homans and J Richards abstained.</p>	
19	<p><b>Cornwall Council concessionary bus passes for children in Delabole attending Sir James Smith School, Camelford – to report on the outcome of the ombudsman’s report and the future of this transport. To consider underwriting any future charges for children unable to obtain a bus pass.</b> The Clerk reminded the Council of the legal advice received from CALC and reported at the September 2018 and October 2018 meetings. The Chairman stated that the families affected by this matter in 2018 had now been issued bus passes following the outcome of the Ombudsman’s report. The problem now arose with new children due to start St James Smith School this term. The route had not changed and the Chairman was meeting Cllr Geoff Brown (Cornwall Council and portfolio holder for transport) on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Cllr D Fairman reported that a motion was being discussed at next week’s Cornwall Council meeting to appeal the decision not to issue new bus passes. It was proposed by Cllr N Turner, seconded by Cllr J Richards and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council pays the accounts for the Autumn term for up to 12 children.</p>	

20	<b>To receive reports from Committees on matters significant for this meeting.</b> No reports for this meeting.	
21	<b>To arrange dates for Committee Meetings, if required.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Finance &amp; Staffing Committee</b> – The Clerk will liaise with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and arrange a date for a committee meeting.</li> </ul>	
22	<b>Structure of Committees within the Council, how these are working and resolve whether or not to change (all Councillors are permitted to attend committee meetings but those not on the committee are non-voting members. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are members of all committees).</b> It was proposed by Cllr P Homans, seconded by Cllr L Rose and agreed by the majority of seven that the structure of the committees remains the same. There was one abstention, and Cllrs R Lyle and C Keat did not support this decision. Cllr A Stacey suggested that committee meetings be held on a separate evening and not immediately before a full council meeting.	
23	<b>Items for the next agenda – to advise of items for discussion at the next meeting – for information only.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Governance Review and the future of St Teath Parish Council. The Chairman reminded Councillors of Stage 2 of the review soon to be carried out.</li> <li>○ Planting at Slate Close, Delabole. Cllr Fairman offered to contact Delabole Quarry.</li> <li>○ To add the emptying of the bins at St Teath playing field to the grass cutting / maintenance contract.</li> </ul>	
24	<b>To advise on the date for the next Full Council meeting – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at Delabole.</b>	
25	<b>To close the Meeting.</b> There being no further business for this meeting, at 8.45pm the Chairman asked Councillors to remain for a closed session to discuss Agenda <b>Item 8 – (To note that Schoolscapes have carried out the work in replacing the surfacing under the items of play equipment, as quoted. To resolve to pay the account received)</b> and thanked the public for attending.  The Chairman reported on the scenario of events in relation to the Parish Councils actions and that of Schoolscapes over the past few weeks. The work having been approved, put on hold and then completed. It was proposed by Cllr T Kingdon, seconded by Cllr P Homans and agreed by the majority to pay the account for this work and learn from the experience. Cllrs. A Stacey and C Keat abstained.  The meeting closed at 8.55pm.	

Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Signed: