

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STITHIANS PARISH MEETING
HELD AT THE STITHIANS CENTRE ON TUESDAY 25th APRIL 2017
COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Present were Cllr P Blease(Chairman), Cllr B Gilbert, Cllr W Thomas, Cllr Mrs J Thomas, Cllr Mrs T Lucioni, Cllr Mrs R Wood, Cllr Mrs G Scott, Cllr Mrs V Kavanagh, Cllr P Sims and the Clerk.

Members of the Public present were Mr & Mrs John & Diane Bell, Kim Hill, James Biscoe, Claire Dower, Imogen Dower, Daniel Sylvester, Mr & Mrs Rod & Madeleine Davis, Brian Piper, Ray Brown and Judith Street.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr J Burley who had a work commitment and Cllr H Jones who was on holiday.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2016 as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr W Thomas. None of the other Councillors present had been at the previous meeting.

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The Chairman duly signed the Minutes as a true record of the proceedings.

3 OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented to the meeting his Outgoing Chairman's report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

RESOLVED

1. That the Report including the Attendance Record of Members for the previous year be duly noted.

2. That the full report be carried on the Council's web-site as soon as possible following this meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Gilbert, seconded by Cllr Mrs Scott and carried unanimously.

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4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1.1 Rod Davis was concerned at the recent increase in indiscriminate parking causing problems. He particularly mentioned New Road, outside the shop and parking on the actual bus stop all of which were causing problems for buses, dangerous parking at junctions and on corners and ignoring the notice at Gribbas Corner.

4.1.2 The Chairman advised that some instances had been addressed and asked for any further ones to be reported to the Parish Council.

4.1.3 The Clerk advised that the police would take action if they were informed of registration numbers of offending vehicles.

4.2.1 Cllr Gilbert mentioned the possibility of time-limited parking outside the Stithians Centre. The difficulty of policing was mentioned but it was pointed out that doing it once and issuing tickets stayed in the memory for some time.

4.2.2 Diane Bell pointed out that teachers were the worst offenders and

the Chairman advised that the school had been approached but with little effect.

4.3 James Biscoe asked how much had been spent on the refurbishment of the toilets. The Chairman advised that it was approximately £10,000. The Clerk agreed to furnish him with a spreadsheet detailing all the costs incurred.

4.4 He also asked about the layout of the new cemetery and the clerk advised that graves were to be in a linear rather than radial layout. Mr Biscoe pointed out that the usual practice was for graves to face east.

4.5 Mr Biscoe asked about progress with the Modification Order for Footpath 25 in Kennall Vale and the Clerk advised that Cornwall Council had a considerable backlog of applications. Mr Biscoe advised that there was a mechanism whereby the secretary of State could require a Council to set a date for the application to be considered. He agreed to forward details to the Clerk.

4.6 Kim Hill was concerned about debris at the edge of the road near the new Hendra Development causing pedestrians to walk away from the edge of the road and the fact that the "Slow" sign had been obliterated. The Clerk agreed to raise the matter with the Cormac Area Manager.

4.7.1 Dan Sylvester was concerned about speeding in general throughout the village and mentioned the "Twenty is Plenty" campaign which Cornwall Councillor John Thomas had signed up to.

4.7.2 He and others were of the opinion that Flashing warning signs could be a useful deterrent which had worked well in other areas. The Clerk agreed to ask the Cormac Area manager what the cost of such signs was likely to be.

4.8 Ray Brown asked if there was any intention to repeat the previous "Tidy Your Frontage" campaign. The Chairman advised that it was a possibility.

4.9 Diane Bell praised the Parish Council for what she said had been a wonderful year in which a lot of splendid work had been undertaken. Cllr Mrs Rita Wood echoed these sentiments saying that she had only been a Councillor since September but the passion and camaraderie of Members was wonderful – a sentiment echoed by some other Members.

4.10.1 Judith Street thanked the Parish Council for erecting the signs on the tennis court footpath permitting dogs on leads.

4.10.2 There was considerable discussion over dogs and James Biscoe pointed out that whereas dogs were not permitted in the Old Playing Field they should keep to the footpath in the New Playing Field and be on leads.

Rod Davis asked about the future of the post office facility in the shop if and when it changed hands.

The Chairman advised that it was an unknown quantity but thought it likely that a new owner would wish to retain it in order to create as much footfall as possible.

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Stithians Centre.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked those attending and the meeting closed at 20.40.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

..... Chairman

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