



ST. AGNES PARISH COUNCIL

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Environment Committee meeting – 14th May 2019

Minutes of the meeting of Environment Committee, held in the Parish Rooms, 17 Vicarage Rd, St. Agnes, 09:45.

Present: Cllrs Ripper (Chair), Field, Forbes, Lane, Rodda.

Absent: Cllrs Drew, Roberson.

In attendance: L Dunkley, Clerk. 0 members of the public.

E1/19 Election of Chair

ELECTED Cllr Ripper as Chair of the Committee for 2019/20. Cllrs Rodda/Lane. Unanimous.

E2/19 Apologies for absence

RECEIVED from Cllrs Drew, Roberson, Clark (ex officio).

E3/19 Declarations of interest/ Requests for dispensation. None.

E4/19 Public participation. None.

E5/19 Environment Committee meeting minutes: 12th March 2019

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee as above having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs Forbes/Lane. Unanimous.

E6/19 Matters Arising from these minutes.

E90/18 Cllr Rodda has sent out new Parish Litter Pick posters.

E99/18 Dog warden query raised over Porthtown beach ownership and the dog restriction. It has been clarified that the dog restriction applies to the entirety of Porthtown beach regardless of ownership. Thanks were offered to Cllr Ripper from the Committee for his work on this.

E7/19 Polytunnel policy at Allotments

Reviewed as above. The Committee felt that polytunnels allow relatively cheap and flexible production of food; the rural setting of the allotments was not thought to be too disturbed by them. **RESOLVED** to change the policy to allow polytunnel use at the Council's allotments for a maximum size of 5m x 3m, in the colour green or clear. Requests for bigger sizes will be taken to the Committee. Cllrs Forbes/Lane. 3 voted in favour, 2 abstained: Cllrs Field, Rodda. **Clerk to pursue.**

E8/19 Cemetery inspection detail per E93/18

RECEIVED a report on the nature of the cemetery inspections and how to best approach them and **CONSIDERED**. Agreed that inspections will take place three times per annum by the Officer alongside another Member if the Committee.

E9/19 Maintenance and use of telephone boxes at Mithian and St Agnes

CONSIDERED as above per minute E58/18, E77/18 & E98/18. Cllr Ripper reported that the consensus of the working group was that the St Agnes telephone box should be used to display parish photographs and artwork, and not as an

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'information point'. **Clerk & Cllr Ripper to liaise & pursue.** Cllr Field reported that the consensus in Mithian is that the telephone box should be fitted with a defibrillator; the Village Association to own and maintain. **Cllr Field to pursue.**

E10/19 Misuse of Bridleways/footpaths: 4-point plan

RECEIVED an update as above. The document was taken to the North Coast Cluster Group which gave its support. The police liaison group meets again on 17th June in Lanner. It is envisaged that this will be pursued at that meeting.

E11/19 Unregistered land at Henley Drive, Mt Hawke

RECEIVED information as above and **CONSIDERED** the Committee's approach. The Committee felt that the land should be for public use and not private use. The Clerk was instructed to request legal advice on the Parish Council's options for registering and/or managing the land. **Cllr Rodda and Clerk to pursue.**

E12/19 Cornwall Council Environmental Policies and Guidance

RECEIVED as above from Cornwall Council and **CONSIDERED** in relation to Parish Council strategy. The Committee welcomed the strategies outlined and felt that the Council could integrate these with future projects.

E13/19 Update: "Copper Gate" Penwinnick Road development

RECEIVED as above. Cllr Ripper reported that: 'half-height' kerbs will be installed on some of the new road, and that planning permission will be required; the gifted field will have a path installed and be planted with wild flowers; there will be pedestrian access through hedge from the cemetery; drainage soakaway will be constructed at the top of field adjacent to the boundary near the site of the cemetery shelter. There was a query over playground provision at the field. **Clerk to query with Sanctuary Housing.** Shared spaces are thought to bring benefits to the community and Cllr Forbes expressed disappointment that the installation of kerbs will reverse the shared space plan at the development.

E14/19 St Agnes Rose Garden update

RECEIVED as above. A Committee from within the community has not been formed to maintain the garden, and the land-owner (housing association) has indicated that it will remove them and return to grass if they are not maintained. **Clerk to write to land-owner to arrange a site meeting in June.**

E15/19 Beaconsfield Play Area Committee update

RECEIVED as above. Cllr Forbes reported that the Committee have an electronic copy of a constitution though it is unclear if the committee has met to consider.

E16/19 Notification of meeting/Suggested items for agenda: 9th July 2019

NOTED: Tree Warden survey report; PROW.

E17/18 Reports from Council representatives.

Transport WG: Cllr Forbes reported his resignation as Chair of the group, and that a 'to-do' list to bring the speed-sign project to fruition has been produced. Mt Hawke Playing Field: Cllr Rodda reported that they are in the process of raising funds for play equipment.

E18/19 Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw during the discussion for the following items: Quotations. Cllrs Rodda/Lane. Unanimous.

E19/19 Weed clearance

RECEIVED a quote as above and **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Cormac and treat weeds in St Agnes in 2019 as a pilot scheme with a view to potentially rolling out across the Parish in future years. Cllrs Field/Lane. Unanimous. **Clerk to action.**

Meeting closed at 11:30.

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