

# ST. AGNES PARISH COUNCIL

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# **Environment Committee meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> September 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, Roberson, Clark (ex officio).

Absent: Cllrs Drew, Rodda.

In attendance: L Dunkley, Clerk. 1 member of the public.

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## E36/19 Apologies for absence

**RECEIVED** from Cllr Rodda.

E37/19 Declarations of interest/ Requests for dispensation. None.

E38/19 Public participation. None.

## E39/19 Environment Committee meeting minutes: 9th July 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 Clark/Lane. 5 voted in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Roberson.

#### E40/19 Matters arising from these minutes

**NOTED** any matters arising:

E25/19 – Clerk yet to contact existing tree warden. Clerk to action.

#### E41/19 Unregistered land at Henley Drive, Mt Hawke

**CONSIDERED** the outcome of a site meeting with residents and property owners and **DISCUSSED**. It was felt that there was agreement between all parties that the following should be progressed:

- Placement of a bench on plot outside number 1, with the potential for a memorial plaque to be installed
- Placement of dog waste bin and dog waste penalty signage in the vicinity
- Continuation of current grass cutting maintenance by residents
- No further discussion on benches on plot outside number 3 and 4
- Removal of continuous fence which currently encloses the plot outside number 3 and 4
- Further discussion on, and encouragement for, planting in the plot outside 3 and 4 with local residents
- Strimming of verge on opposite side of Henley Drive near the surgery, so that vegetation is taken back to the tree line to improve the look of the area.

Clerk to pursue.

### E42/19 Dogs on beaches consultation

**RECEIVED** as above from Cornwall Council. There was disagreement among members on whether dog bans should remain in place at Chapel Porth and Porthtowan. **RESOLVED** to respond that the Council agree with the proposals to maintain the existing bans. Cllrs Forbes/Lane. 4 voted in favour, 1 against: Cllr Roberson, 1 abstained: Cllr Clark. Clerk to action.

E43/19 Telephone box removal consultation	
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**RECEIVED** as above from BT and **RESOLVED** to respond that the Council agree to the suggested removal of pay phones at Mount Hawke and Goonbell. Cllrs Lane/Field. Unanimous. Clerk to action.

#### E44/19 Salt bin orders

Information not forthcoming. Deferred. Clerk to chase.

#### E45/19 Allotment inspections

**NOTED** that the above have taken place at Mithian and Mount Hawke. A follow up inspection is due to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> September. The Committee asked for the wording of the initial letter sent out to tenants encouraging them to rectify issues on their plot is softened, as it was felt too stern in the first instance. Clerk to pursue.

### E46/19 Litter campaign

**CONSIDERED** ways to utilise the "No more rubbish excuses" Cornwall Council campaign. It was suggested that the notices can be placed in the Bolster, on noticeboards, in the library and on the Council's website and social media accounts. Clerk to pursue.

#### E47/19 Penwinnick Land legal queries

**RECEIVED** as above and **RESOLVED** to respond to the solicitor's queries – most notably to request that the land may be used for recreational purposes on a temporary basis until the land is needed for burials. Cllrs Clark/Forbes. Unanimous. Clerk to action.

## E48/19 Environmental Management Strategy

**CONSIDERED** as above, including the future maintenance of PROW, the addition of planters and their maintenance, and other matters as appropriate. It was noted that advice from the Clerk to Cllr Forbes stated that it was unlikely that there is an interest to be declared by any Councillor, regardless of the proximity of their address to a public right of way, given that this is a matter in which all parishioners and Councillors will share a collective, rather than a private, interest. **RESOLVED** to create a working group with delegated authority to make recommendations to Full Council – members are Cllrs Ripper, Forbes and the Clerk. Cllrs Lane/Field. Unanimous.

#### E49/19 Handyperson activities

**RECEIVED** a presentation per the above. Thanks were offered by the Committee to the Handyperson and congratulations given on the quality of the work undertaken. **RESOLVED** to make a recommendation to the Human Resource Committee to make the contract of employment permanent, to increase the weekly hours by 8 (to be reviewed by May 2020) and to consider a review of the job description. Cllrs Lane/Roberson. Unanimous. Clerk to action; Clerk to write letter of thanks to Blene for work undertaken, and to C Boan for preparing a presentation.

# E50/19 Notification of meeting/Suggested items for agenda: 12th November 2019

**NOTED** any suggested items for the next Council meeting: Environmental Management Strategy update; Election of Vice Chair; Henley Drive update.

# E51/19 Reports from Council representatives

#### **NOTED** the following reports:

Transport working group – Minutes from 28<sup>th</sup> August will be circulated imminently; these include information on speed signs and proposed TROs. Playing Fields – Porthtowan Play Park now has a newly constituted group to prepare to takeover management. St Agnes Plastic-free group – are inviting all plastic-free businesses to a visit to the Cornwall 'energy recovery centre'.

E52/19 Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960. None.

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