



ST AGNES PARISH COUNCIL

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Environment Committee meeting – 17th March 2020

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

Present: Cllrs Ripper (Chair), Field, Lane, Rodda, Clark (ex officio).

Absent: Cllr Drew, Forbes, Roberson.

In attendance: C Callaway, Deputy Clerk. No members of the public present.

E90/19 Apologies for absence

RECEIVED from Cllrs Drew and Forbes.

E91/19 Declarations of interest/ Requests for dispensation. None.

E92/19 Public participation. None.

E93/19 Environment Committee meeting minutes: 14th January 2020

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/Rodda. Unanimous. No matters arising **NOTED**.

E94/19 Weed clearance requirements

CONSIDERED options and coverage as above. Agreed that the course of action should be to seek to move away from chemical weed treatment. **Clerk to send out individual ward maps to Cllr Field (Mithian), Cllr Clark (Blackwater), Cllr Roberson (Porthtowan), Cllr Rodda (Mount Hawke) in order to complete a weed check of their respective area.**

E95/19 Traffic Regulation Order consultation

NOTED as above relating to adding double yellow lines to a variety of locations on the highway in the Network Area. Local residents concerns were noted and members wished to thank them for their input. **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to formulate a response to the Cormac consultation to Cllrs Ripper, Brown and Drew. Cllrs Clark/Rodda. Unanimous. **Cllr Ripper to liaise with Cllrs Brown and Drew, then send a response to Cormac within the consultation deadline.**

E96/19 Making of Definitive Map Modification Order – Wheal Friendly

RECEIVED notice as above from Cornwall Council and noted contents.

E97/19 Removal of Recycling Banks by Cornwall Council

RECEIVED notice as above. Agreed to advise members of the public via The Bolster that the Recycling Banks in Trelawny car park will be removed later this year. Agreed that although this will be disappointing news to parishioners, it would mean more car parking spaces becoming available as a result. **Officers to create a poster advising the public of forthcoming removal of Recycling Banks and to use their doorstep collections (which Cornwall Council are increasing) or local recycling centres/banks.**

The Committee agreed to pursue the request from breast cancer charity, Bosom Buddies, to put a small clothing recycling bank at the top end of Trelawny car park later in the year. **Deputy Clerk to progress.**

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E98/19 Handyperson requirements per minute H31/19

CONSIDERED if enough contracted hours are provided by the Council. **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Human Resources Committee that the Council’s Handyperson is offered more contracted hours. Discussion should take place with B Barret regarding increased working hours preference etc. Cllrs Rodda/Clark. Unanimous. **Clerk to pursue.** Noted that the Council’s Handyperson had been praised by members of the public for her work within the parish and her pleasant nature. Agreed that she was an excellent representative of the Parish Council. Request that the Handyperson circulates her weekly work schedule to the Environment Committee in future, as well as the Clerk. **Deputy Clerk to action.**

E99/19 Beaconsfield Play Area per minute E78/19

CONSIDERED the implications per minute E78/19. **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council to take on Beaconsfield Play Area as it is felt to be an important community asset. Cllrs Rodda/Field. Unanimous.

E100/19 Update: Short Cross Mews verge management

RECEIVED a report on progress as above. Agreed to wait for Cormac (Highways & Environment) to respond to the Clerk’s recent email before considering any future action.

E101/19 Update: Planters

RECEIVED a report on progress as above. Materials have now been purchased and work will commence shortly.

E102/19 Update: Tree Warden

RECEIVED a report regarding the past and future work of the above, following a recent meeting with Cllr Ripper, the Clerk and the local Tree Wardens. Noted that the Tree Wardens were very enthusiastic about parish wide tree-planting and have produced a poster for circulation. **Deputy Clerk to circulate poster to all Councillors and amongst the public via all channels.**

E103/19 Update: Rose Garden Committee

This item was deferred to a future meeting as no updates were available at this time.

E104/19 Notification of meeting/Suggested items for agenda: 12th May 2020

NOTED any suggested items for the next Council meeting: Election of Chair and Vice Chair; Environmental Management and Climate Change; Allotment policy review; Cancellation of community litter picks on 4th April; Rose Garden Committee update.

E105/19 Reports from Council representatives

NOTED the following reports: An area of Footpath 41 which runs from the road at Mount Hawke allotments site to the farmer’s field requires either the hedge cutting back , or another foot length of electric fence to be erected to make the footpath wider. **Deputy Clerk to contact landowner at Coosewartha Farm to make request.**

Prince Charles was in the parish last week visiting plastic-free beaches.

New fencing is currently being erected at Mount Hawke Millennium Green, with new fitness and under 5’s equipment to follow next month.

A new bus service called Transport Cornwall has been formed, with a new timetable being effective at the end of this month. The First Bus group will continue to run the 87 service between Truro and St Agnes, which will no longer pass through Goonown/Goonbell. Clerk to write to the Passenger Transport Unit (PTU) to stress the importance of a bus service through Goonown and Goonbell, particularly for the elderly who are not able to walk to the nearest village stop. Include the suggestion a smaller, ‘Hoppa’, type bus. **Clerk to action.**

E106/19 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: Contracts. Cllrs Clark/Field. Unanimous.

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E107/19 PROW Maintenance Contract

CONSIDERED quotations for the 2020 contract as above. **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Iron Orchid for 12 months, with the option to extend the contract if required. Cllrs Rodda/Lane. Unanimous. **Deputy Clerk to respond accordingly to all those who quoted.**

E108/19 Enhanced PROW Improvements Contract

CONSIDERED quotation for works as above. **RESOLVED** to seek more quotations as only one partial quotation received and defer decision to a future meeting. Suggestion to also contact the National Trust for advice to enquire as to who they use for a similar programme of works. Cllrs Field/Rodda. Unanimous. **Clerk to action.**

Meeting closed at 11:20

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