



ST AGNES PARISH COUNCIL

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Environment and Property Committee meeting – 8th August 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Property Committee, held in the Parish Rooms, 17 Vicarage Rd, St. Agnes, 18:15.

Present: Cllrs Nason (Chair), D Brown, Caddy, Clark (ex-officio), Knight, Prendergast, Rodda, Woolcott

Absent: G Brown (Vice Chair)

In attendance: E Goater, Environment & Property Manager. 1 member of the public

EP52/22 Apologies for absence

RECEIVED from Cllr G Brown (Vice Chair)

EP53/22 Declarations of interest/Request for dispensations. None.

EP54/22 Public participation. Mr Western spoke in relation to item 5 on the agenda. Asking the committee: “How worried are you about the climate and ecological emergency?” and “Given the climate crisis and Cornwall Council’s aim to be carbon neutral by 2030, does the Parish Council have a ‘Climate Action Plan’?”

Mr Western highlighted the importance of both the climate **AND** ecological emergencies respectively.

Mr Western asked a final question to the committee “how confident are you that Cornwall Council could achieve carbon zero status by 2030?” The committee indicated that they have zero confidence that it would be an achievable target for Cornwall Council.

**Cllr Knight joined the meeting 18.18pm*

EP55/22 Environment & Property Committee meeting minutes: 11th July 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Property Committee as above having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved, and signed. Cllrs Rodda/Woolcott. 7 in favour. 1 abstained: Cllr Knight.

EP56/22 Climate emergency

NOTED as above to the questions raised by Mr Western. **RESPONDED** by reading out the scores that had been given on a sliding scale, 5 being extremely worried and 1 being not at all concerned:

“How worried are you about the climate and ecological emergency?”

Out of 10 Cllrs that responded, they responded as follows:

- Four Cllrs gave an overall score to the question of 4,4,5 and 5.
- Climate - Four Cllrs gave a score of 5 – two Cllrs gave a score of 4.
- Ecological – four Cllrs gave a score of 5 – one Cllr a score of 4 and one Cllr a score of 3.

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“Given the climate crisis and Cornwall Council’s aim to be carbon neutral by 2030, does the Parish Council have a ‘Climate Action Plan’?”

Cllr Nason **RESPONDED** stating that the Parish Council usually would wait for the lead on such matters from Cornwall Council however, he would like to propose a motion to develop our own framework for a Climate Emergency Action Plan and not wait for Cornwall Council. Cllr Nason to draft a Climate and Ecological Emergency document for Council approval that would have guiding statements, meaningful targets, and training plans. Cllr Nason highlighted that the Parish Council are already making steps in this regard by implementing succession planting plans. All committee members were strongly in favour. Cllrs D Brown/Rodda. Unanimous. **Cllr Nason to progress.**

EP56/22 Updates from E&P Manager

RECEIVED verbally as above:

- Car Park – Trelawny Road Car Park has generated a turnover of £3,415.10 in July. Ringgo will go live within the next 2 weeks.
- Additional Bins - awaiting quotation from Cormac.
- Library – having investigated the feasibility of an extension to the library this alone will not satisfy the need to house the office staff also. Therefore, the building will need to be demolished and a new purpose built one built in order to accommodate multifunctional use.
- A30 meeting - E&P Manager attended 20th July the meeting with COSTAIN the meeting was a progress update and slide show depicting the final project.
- Vandalism – Crime reference number CR/71131/22 members of the public are encouraged to report graffiti and anti-social behaviour to the police or the E&P Manager. Cllr D Brown suggested an article in the Bolster signposting Parishioners as to where and how to report vandalism.

EP57/22 Cemetery extension field

RECEIVED a report as above. **RESOLVED** to contact the LIC for having benches installed. Investigate the possibility of using the field as a designated natural burial ground at a future meeting. **NOTED** that there needs to be provision for a bin at the cemetery extension field. Cllr D Brown/Rodda Unanimous. **E&P Manager to action.**

EP58/22 Ash Tree removal

RECEIVED a report as above. **RESOLVED** the expenditure of £725 retrospectively for the felling of Ash trees at St Agnes Cemetery. Cllr Rodda/D Brown Unanimous.

EP59/22 Asbestos Survey

RECEIVED a verbal report as above. **RESOLVED** that no action is necessary at this time. Cllr D Brown/Rodda. Unanimous.

EP60/22 Mithian and Mount Hawke allotment leases

RECEIVED documentation as above from Cornwall Council. **RESOLVED** to ratify decision to continue “holding over” allotment leases on an annual basis until further notice (option 2 in email). Cllr Rodda/Woolcott. Unanimous.

EP61/22 Footpath Cutting update

RECEIVED a PROW update as above.

EP62/22 17b Vicarage Road outside area

RECEIVED a report as above. **RESOLVED** to agree to the improvements but instead of using turf a low maintenance alternative such as sedum, camomile or red creeping thyme be used instead. Cllr Rodda/Caddy. Unanimous. **E&P Manager to action.**

EP63/22 Notification of meeting/Suggested items for agenda: 12th September 2022

NOTED any suggested items for the next Committee meeting: Natural burial ground St Agnes.

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EP64/22 Reports from Council representatives

NOTED the following reports:

- Beach Management Groups – St Agnes Marine Conservation Group have been active throughout the summer with planned bio blitz, rock pooling activities and litter picks.

EP65/22 Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960. 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. Cllr Clark/D Brown. Unanimous.

EP66/22 Library Topographical survey quotations

RECEIVED quotations as above. **RESOLVED** to instruct Nationwide to undertake the survey. Cllrs Clark/Rodda. 3 voted in favour. 2 voted against: Cllrs D Brown, Prendergast. 3 abstained: Cllrs Caddy, Knight, Woolcott. **E&P Manager to respond to Desmond Ass.**

EP67/22 Parish Rooms outside clock repairs

RECEIVED quotations as above. **RESOLVED** to explore the option of having a new modern, battery operated dial fitted. Cllrs Woolcott/D Brown. Unanimous. **E&P Manager to pursue.**

EP68/22 Museum Lease extension

RECEIVED quotations as above. **RESOLVED** to instruct Hine Downing unless local solicitors Thurstan Hoskin Solicitors either match the quotation provided or be more competitive. Cllrs D Brown/ Rodda. Unanimous. **E&P Manager to obtain comparable quotation from Thurstan Hoskin and proceed as per the committee's decision.**

EP69/22 Cemetery Maintenance contract

RECEIVED quotations as above. **RESOLVED** to instruct Clive Kalber as above. Cllrs Rodda/D Brown. Unanimous. **E&P Manager to notify.**

Meeting closed at 19.17

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