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Environment and Property Committee meeting – 13th February 2023

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, G Brown, Clark, Rodda, Woolcott.

Absent: Cllr Caddy.

In attendance: L Dunkley, Clerk. Cllr Kimberley and 3 members of the public.

EP143/22 Apologies for absence

RECEIVED from Cllr Caddy.

EP144/22 Declarations of interest/Request for dispensations. None.

EP145/22 Public participation.

S Basnett spoke in relation to Item 6 on the agenda: Tree pruning request.

J Wilson spoke regarding flooding matters and accessibility through St Agnes cemetery and reiterated a request for “Safe way to school” signage at Penwinnick Road. **E&P Manager to investigate.**

EP146/22 Environment & Property Committee meeting minutes: 9th January 2023

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/Clark 5 in favour. 1 abstained: Cllr G Brown.

EP147/22 Updates from E&P manager

RECEIVED verbally as above:

- Car Park - Trelawny Road Car Park has generated a turnover of £1,260.90 in January.
- Library project – The application for year 1 funding has been submitted and we are awaiting a decision.
- Cemetery Shelter – A meeting was held with Sanctuary Housing and Classic builders, the project is underway and aims to be completed by the beginning of summer 2023 incorporating a shelter and soakaway in St Agnes Cemetery.

EP148/22 Garden of Rest – Tree pruning request

RECEIVED a request as above. The Committee noted that there was no legal requirement to undertake any works though it was felt prudent to do so to ensure the PROW and adjacent building were not impacted by branches.

RESOLVED to undertake the work (cutting back to the boundary) at the expense of the Council, subject to a reasonable quote coming forward. Cllrs Rodda/G Brown. Unanimous. **E&P Manager to action.**

EP149/22 St Agnes Bolster Festival – Request for use of Trelawny Road Car Park

RECEIVED a request as above. **RESOLVED** to grant permission. Cllrs Clark/Rodda. Unanimous **E&P Manager to respond.**

EP150/22 Southwest Water wastewater discharges

NOTED that an update had been requested but not forthcoming from SWW. Item deferred. **E&P Manager to pursue.**

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EP151/22 Porthtowan public toilets tiling repair

RESOLVED to retrospectively approve urgent repair works as above. Cllrs Clark/Rodda. Unanimous

EP152/22 LMP Agreement 2023-24

RESOLVED to accept the LMP agreement for PROW and SWCP grant and to undertake PROW works per previous years. Cllrs D Brown/Rodda. Unanimous. **Clerk to respond.**

EP153/22 CNP Highways recommendations

DISCUSSED the CNP Highways recommendations. The Committee felt that the option without the flat to road hump is preferable as it will be equally effective and does not have the perceived negative impacts such as noise, emergency services, emissions, wear and tear on vehicles, and cost. **Clerk to respond.**

EP154/22 Notification of meeting/Suggested items for agenda: 13th March 2023

NOTED any suggested items for the next Committee meeting: Carbon Audit, South West Water update, Litter Picks, Signage at Garden of Rest and Beaconsfield play area (updates), Platinum Paddock commemorative project, update of Garden of Rest trees (per item 6), Resolution on allotment extension site and quotes.

EP155/22 Reports from Council representatives

NOTED the following reports:

- Beach Management Groups – Cllr Nason attended the “Your Shore Network” conference and gave a talk on the role of the Parish Council. Thanks were given to the Council for their role in provision of a water fountain at Porthtowan. Cornwall Wildlife Trust are looking to produce [“Cornwall’s Charter of the Sea”](#) and an online survey. There have been significant recent marine sightings including fin whales, humpback whales, and baby turtles. Guidance is available from [British Divers Marine Life Rescue](#) about what to do when finding stranded animals.
- Playing field groups – swings have arrived for Beaconsfield play area and are due to be installed ASAP. The recent litter pick took place at Beaconsfield play area. Blackwater play park has had new equipment installed and many trees/shrubs planted. A self-closing gate for Mount Hawk play area is being procured.
- Blackwater Village Trust – 5 litter pickers took part at Blackwater, 4/5 bags of rubbish collected.
- Mount Hawke VCA – will have a meeting on 16th February to discuss a wooden shelter being put on the Green; 7 people attended the litter pick. The idea that schools may want to get involved in litter picking was raised. **E&P Manager and Children’s & Community Outreach Assistant to liaise regarding school involvement.**

EP156/22 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 G Brown/Rodda. Unanimous.

EP157/22 PROW 2023-2024

CONSIDERED a report as above and **RECEIVED** quotations. **RESOLVED** to make recommendation to Full Council in March to bring PROW in-house from April 2023. Cllrs D Brown/Rodda. Unanimous. **Clerk to action.**

EP158/22 Open Spaces contract 2023

RECEIVED quotations as above. **RESOLVED** to appoint M Dalby for a 2 year contract. Cllrs Rodda/Woolcott. Unanimous. **E&P Manager to action.**

EP159/22 Allotment land Mount Hawke

CONSIDERED two sites for allotment extension at Mount Hawke and the costs of a geophysical survey at each. **RESOLVED** to defer a decision on which contractor to appoint and which site to survey until a third quotation is forthcoming. Cllrs Clark/Rodda. Unanimous. **E&P Manager to action**

Meeting closed at 19:10.

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