# Minutes of a meeting of Landulph Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Monday 24 July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Landulph Memorial Hall Annexe, Landulph

PRESENT: Councillors M Worth (Chairman), Mrs G Braund, P Braund, Mrs R Cradick, Mrs M Dennis.

Also present: Cornwall Councillor Jesse Foot; Katherine Williams - Clerk to the Council.

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49-17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllrs M Holmes, M Shirlaw.

50-17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA None.

**51-17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (19.6.17)** – agreed.

#### **52-17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) With reference to minute no. 35-17b, it was resolved that the Clerk would enquire with Barclays regarding authorisation for BACS transfer for Councillors [ACTION: Clerk].
- b) With reference to minute no. 41-17, Cllr Dennis advised that she has contacted Ray Hall and is scheduled to meet him on site when he starts the refurbishment work.
- c) With reference to minute no. 46-17a, Cllr Worth confirmed that a WIFI booster has been installed at the Memorial Hall.
- d) With reference to minute no. 46-17d, the Clerk confirmed that she has reported to Cornwall Council about the obscured road signs obscured; however it was reported that the signs on the main approach road coming into the village are still covered and need to be cleaned.
- e) With reference to minute no. 46-217e, the Clerk confirmed that a letter has been sent to John Wright.
- f) With reference to minute no. 46-17f, it was confirmed that a scanned map of the footpaths has been sent to Cllr Shirlaw.
- g) With reference to minute no. 46-17g regarding the flying of the red ensign, an update from Cllr Shirlaw to be received [ACTION: Cllr Shirlaw].

## 53-17 PLANNING - none received

#### 54-17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

It was confirmed that meeting is being held next week with Zoe, to see if the plan is on track, then it will go for a pre-consultation submission.

#### 55-17 OVERGROWN HEDGES

It was confirmed that early next year the Parish Council will send out letters to relevant hedge owners, and a map was being prepared showing the location of the critical key hedges. It was requested that Mr B Richards is added to the list of hedge land-owners.

#### 56-17 SOLAR FUNDING PROPOSALS

No further comments.

# 57-17 PENYOKE RECREATION GROUND REFURBISHMENT, ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT, ROLLING PROGRAMME

There was a discussion on the outstanding unresolved playground refurbishment works, and it was RESOLVED that Ray Hall would replace 5 posts in plastic resin and 1 wooden post for the gate – these will be black in colour; and that galvanised steel legs would be used at the Multi Activity Junior at an extra cost.

#### 58-17 LIFEBUOY

Cllr Worth reported that concerns have been expressed that there is no lifebuoy in the area. There was a discussion on who owns the quay and road as the land ownership is an issue. It was also discussed that if the Parish Council installs a lifebuoy then it may be responsible for annual checks and maintenance. For discussion at the September meeting. [ACTION: Agenda].

#### **59-17 REST CENTRE TRAINING**

Free Rest Centre Training is available, to advise on opening a rest centre in an emergency situation, dates are 11/9, 19/9, 6/10. [ACTION: Any volunteers to contact the Clerk].

**60-17 CORNWALL COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS FOR PLANNING POLICY AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS** An 8-week consultation is open for comments, which ends on Monday 7 August – noted.

## **61-17 PRE-APPLICATION DISCUSSIONS**

It was RESOLVED that this agenda item would be deferred until September. [ACTION: Agenda].

# 62-17 ELECTORAL REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE – BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CORNWALL COUNCILLORS FROM 123 TO 87

It was RESOLVED that Landulph Parish Council would respond that it feels that the current number of Cornwall Councillors (123) works well, and the following response would be sent.

To reduce this number would diminish the good work currently undertaken by Cornwall Councillors.

Cornwall is a large geographical area, and reducing the number of Councillors will mean that each Councillor will have a vast area to represent - geographically as well in the huge number of people each Councillor will represent.

To reduce this number will not allow for fair representation - a Cornwall Councillor will not be able to best serve individual enquiries or issues, and only the most urgent issues will be dealt with.

To reduce this number will also diminish the localism concept - currently Cornwall Councillors regularly attend local Parish Council meetings, which allows for local issues to be discussed directly, and creates an opportunity for Cornwall Councillors to get to know the area and people they represent. The interaction, co-operation and direct communication with Cornwall Councillors will decline, as it will be impossible for them to attend local meetings in their division if their division increases (both geographically and in the number of people they represent).

To reduce this number will also deter a number of people from becoming a Cornwall Councillor. Currently the representation of Cornwall Councillors is a good mix of younger and older people - people from all walks of life. If each Councillor's division increases, and the workload increases dramatically, there is a danger that only older, retired people are available to become Councillors - only those who have the time

to work full time as a Councillor. This could mean that Cornish people are represented by the older generation only, and are not represented by Councillors who reflect all ages.

Therefore Landulph Parish Council would request that the number of Councillors in Cornwall remains at 123.

[ACTION: Clerk to respond].

### **63-17 CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) Vital Signs Questionnaire: noted.

b) Cornwall Council 2017 Off-Street Consolidation Order: noted.

## **64-17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

PAYEE	CHEQUE	REASON	NET	VAT	GROSS
K J Williams	101065	July Salary	233.72	0.00	233.72
HMRC	101066	July Tax	58.60	0.00	58.60
K J Williams	101067	August Salary	233.92	0.00	233.92
HMRC	101068	August Tax	58.40	0.00	58.40
K J Williams		K J Williams post, print June (2nd	7.20	0.00	7.20
	101069	record)			
		Upgrade of LMH fire alarm	2543.00	508.60	3051.60
Abbott Security	101070	system			
Landulph Memorial Hall	<del>101071</del>	WIFI booster at LMH	<del>39.99</del>	0.00	<del>39.99</del>

It was RESOLVED that cheque number 101071 would be cancelled, as the Hall has paid for this item.

## **65-17 CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS**

a) Planning Training dates:

Weds 9/8 5pm Liskeard – Cllrs Braund, Shirlaw and Clerk Tues 15/8 5pm Wadebridge – Cllrs Worth and Dennis Tues 22/8 5pm Camborne

## **66-17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Cllr Worth asked whether there were any thoughts, with reference to the Council being more proactive. Cllr Dennis suggested that a surgery is held once a quarter (on a Saturday, or on a different evening), so that parishioners can meet with and speak with their local parish Councillors. There was also a suggestion of holding a Council stall at a fundraising event already taking place at the hall.
- b) There was a reminder about the funding available in the Youth Fund, and whether any consideration could be given on its' use.
- c) Cllr Cradick asked whether a response has been received from Cornwall Council regarding whether a planning application is required for siting shipping containers. [ACTION: Clerk].
- d) Cllr Braund reported on the hole in the middle of the playing field, and advised that he has met with Highways and the Environmental Agency both advised it is not their responsibility, but that of the landowner (which is the Parish Council). It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact the Council's insurance provider to check whether this is covered; however, if the answer is no from the insurance company, then it was RESOLVED to obtain quotes to get the work completed.

# 67-17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 18 September 2017 at 7.30pm, Landulph Hall Annexe. (Apologies from Cllr Shirlaw).

# 68-17 DATES FOR 2017

16 October, 20 November, 18 December.

# **Public Forum**

Meeting closed at 9.10pm......Chairman