

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 04th April 2018 in the Reading Room, Widegates

Present: Cllr Tracy Chudleigh, Cllr John Collings, Cllr Roger Dennis, Cllr Stuart Hutchins, Cllr John Kitson, Cllr Valerie Olver, Cllr Clive Pearn, Cllr Pat Taroni,

In attendance: Cllr Richard Pugh (Cornwall Councillor), Rob Larter (Parish Clerk), and 5 member of the public.

Apologies for Absence

Cllr Graham Tamblyn.

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It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 05th April 2017 were an accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman's Report

I would like to start by thanking you all for coming this evening.

It has been an eventful year both for the Parish Council and the parish as a whole.

I would to thank my fellow Councillors for their hard work on behalf of the parish and for the support and help they have given me in my first year as the chair.

We have sadly said goodbye to Cllr Bill Matthews, who has now moved to Saltash. His knowledge of parish life will be sorely missed. We wish him well.

Also, Cllr Peter Harding has recently come off the council, for health reasons, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

We welcome Cllr John Collings to the council.

Our Clerk, Lynne Sutton retired to summer climes and we welcome Rob Larter as, first our Locum Clerk and now, the Parish Clerk. The Clerks job is a very important role within the parish, long gone are the days of the clerk just being a typist! Today's Clerk carries out many vital roles within and for the council.

Thanks go to our County Councillor Richard Pugh who has been helpful on many occasions, helping us with vital and important projects, and problems, within our parish.

We are pleased that the thorny problem of the War Memorial has been resolved and, with its listing with English Heritage, it means this most important snapshot of history, and a vital link to the past, will be protected for years to come.

It is wonderful to see an increase in Parish Groups, please give them your continual support.

Plans for the children's play area gather pace. You will hear more about that in a minute. The council continues to work closely with the highways agency to try and improve the quality and the safety of the parish roads. If you spot a problem let one of us know or contact Cornwall Council direct.

Like so many small rural communities we face a juggling act of balancing the need for housing and avoiding over development. We will work hard to get the balance right.

We will meet the challenges head on, looking after the parish, especially as central government devolve more powers down to us.

Our aim is a vibrant forward looking community, but one that keeps its links to the past.

Thank you.

Community Groups

Cllr Kitson said a few words on behalf of the Play Area Group which included:

- A great deal of effort has been made to secure a suitable area.
- There will be a need to raise a large amount of money to support the project, moving forward.
- We believe that it is very important to get it right first time, ensuring that we can purchase quality equipment that will last for many years.

Open Forum

A member of the community was concerned about the condition of Bolventor Lane opposite Wringworthy Cottages. Although some work has been completed, it is a right mess. There are still large potholes that have not been addressed and the road edges have worn away over time and been left untreated. A request was made for Cllr Pugh to pursue this further, which he agreed to do.

Cllr Chudleigh invited members of the public to the parish council meeting that was to start shortly.

Meeting closed at 7:20pm.

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