



Millbrook Parish Council

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P MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE BALCONY ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs H. Wood (Chair), S. Lewis (Vice-Chair), R. Meeson, N. Roberts, B. Taggart,
R. Vincent, P. Polák

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk R. Hamill, County Cllr G. Trubody, 8 members of the public

96) COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT & PUBLIC FORUM

Illegally Parked Campervan in Greenland Car Park – Several Parishioners

A member of the public asked the Council if it would consider installing a height restriction barrier at the entrance to Greenland Car Park, now that the large campervan had been moved. The Chair asked the Clerk to take note of the suggestion and investigate. It was noted that the campervan had not moved far and was now on a public highway in the Parish of Maker with Rame.

Another parishioner echoed the request for a height restriction barrier citing concerns that, as one of the residents of the campervan was still visiting the house where the vehicle had been parked, it is possible that it could return. It was also noted that the excessive noise levels emanating from the aforementioned property had not improved. The Clerk advised that Environmental Protection at Cornwall Council had been contacted; however, a direct response was never received. Action taken to chase them again for a response.

Another member of the public stated that, more often than not, the car park had too many vehicles in it and on a number of occasions had found their vehicle to be blocked in. The parishioner, who was also in favour of a height restriction barrier, stated that they would be willing to fund and install the barrier should the Council not be in a position to fund it. The Chair advised that the Council would investigate the matter.

Traffic & Transport – Mr R Bews

Referring to item 104, Mr Bews stated that he was concerned that costs relating to works at the Tanyard would be too high and would leave little funds remaining for other traffic flow and/or pedestrian safety improvements. He cited an old letter between 2 Clerks and 2 highway engineers where structural works at the Tanyard were ruled out on the grounds of cost.

Mr Bews then stated that he would caution the Council from putting all of its trust in Cormac being the experts. He highlighted a number of Cormac schemes that he felt were either inappropriate or substandard and stated that, in his opinion, they do very little in Millbrook that *does* come up to standard. Cllr Roberts responded, stating that other than Cormac the Council had been unable to find another suitably qualified organisation to provide the required services. She asked that if Mr Bews was aware of another, he pass their information on to the Clerk. Cllr Taggart suggested that the Clerk try Sustrans. Mr Bews then asked if the Council had dismissed trying to resolve the issues around the Tanyard by tackling the illegal parking. Cllr Roberts again responded, stating that on paper implementing new parking restrictions would resolve the issue, but in practice with the level of parking enforcement available, it would not be an effective solution.

Summer Folk Music Concerts in the Tanyard – Mr J Roberts

Referring to item 103, Mr Roberts summarised his request to hold 6 folk music events in the Tanyard on Sunday afternoons during the summer (28/07/19 – 01/09/2019 inclusive), similar to those that had taken place in 2018.



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He stated that the concerts would again hope to raise money for local causes. The Chair confirmed with Mr Roberts that there would again be no drums at the events, though tambourines could not be ruled out.

Partial Draining of the Lake – Several Parishioners

A member of the public asked the Council if it was planning to interfere with the scheduled flushing of the lake. The Clerk responded, stating that this matter had not been formally put before the Council – it had been raised by a member of the public at a previous meeting following observations of what appeared to be increased birdlife whilst works on the tidal barrier were being carried out. He went on to say that having spoken to the Environment Agency, whose decision this would be, their advice was that whilst it may be to the benefit of birdlife, it could also be to the detriment of aquatic life. The parishioner stated that his main concern is the return of a plague of midges, which is currently prevented by the routine flushing of the lake. Cllr Taggart responded, stating that should the Council adopt this, the partial draining would only be temporary during times of peak bird migration. Following much debate, the Chair summarised by stating that nothing had been formally brought to the Council and it would continue to take advice before progressing the matter any further, if at all.

Another parishioner echoed the concerns raised, stating that since the regular flushing of the lake residents around it have been able to live in peace & harmony, but without it, it is unbearable.

A representative of the Model Boat Club also raised concerns regarding this matter, stating that even a partial draining of the lake would prevent them from being able to operate.

County Councillor Report

County Cllr G. Trubody reported that the Northern Belle project had hit its crowdfunding target and that he had personally supported the cause through his community chest to the sum of £1,000. He stated that the vessel was iconic not only in Cremyll & Maker with Rame, but for the whole of the Rame Peninsula.

Cllr Trubody then gave an update on the Rame Peninsula joint Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), stating that it was progressing very well following several meetings with engineers from Cornwall Council Highways Department. He added that the draft proposal was due to go to consultation and if all goes well, works could be programmed in before the start of the summer season. For Millbrook, the only works in the TRO are additional double-yellow lines on The Quay.

Finally, Cllr Trubody touched upon the optional boundary reviews being offered by Cornwall Council, adding that the county review had been completed. He stated that Cornwall Council will be seeking feedback on the matter.

97) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Wilton. The Council unanimously accepted the Councillor's reason for absence. It was reported to the Clerk after the meeting, that the Deputy Clerk had received an email just before the start of the meeting, with apologies from Cllr Edwards. No apologies received from Cllrs Woffenden.

98) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS, GIFTS & DISPENSATIONS IF REQUIRED

None declared.



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99) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A) MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL 15/01/19

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Lewis that the minutes are a true and accurate record. Motion carried unanimously by all members present at the meeting.

100) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & REVIEW OF ACTIONS

A) DEVOLVEMENT OF WEST STREET PLAY PARK AREA

No update.

B) FENCING FOR SHRUBS BY THE LAKE

No update.

C) PARTIAL DRAINING OF THE LAKE DURING PEAK BIRD MIGRATION

The response from the Environment Agency is that whilst a temporary lower water level may be to the benefit of waterfowl and other birds, it could be to the detriment of any aquatic wildlife.

Multiple residents who live around the lake have visited the council office, since the minute of this matter being raised in the public forum was published, to express their grave concerns and strong opposition to this proposal. Their concerns relate to the partial draining resulting in the reintroduction of a "plague of midges" – this is how one resident recalled what it was like before the decision was made to routinely flush the lake in the 1980's.

A resident also wished to point out that, in his opinion, whilst it may have appeared that there was an increase in waterfowl whilst the lake was partially drained, these additional birds had simply relocated from areas of mud on the other side of the tidal barrier towards Hancock Creek.

The Model Boat Club also raised concerns and would object to this proposal.

D) LEAK IN THE PUBLIC DISABLED TOILET

Plumber assessed the Wallgate machine and determined that the leak has damaged a Printed Circuit Board. He has requested further information from Wallgate.

E) PLAY PARK INSPECTIONS

Clerk & Deputy Clerk to attend course in March 2019.

F) NEW BIN FOR THE TRACTOR PARK

New 'Froggo' bin installed 19/02/2019.

G) AIR CONDITIONING UNIT FOR THE COUNCIL OFFICE

Cllr Vincent asked for a quote for opening windows and an awning to be sought as an alternative to an air conditioning unit.

H) REPAIR OF THE NOTICEBOARD AT INSWORKE

Awaiting quote from local contractor.

I) SIGN FOR THE TANYARD

No update.

J) BARBEQUE SLAB OPPOSITE LIME KILN

No update.



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- K) REPLACEMENT OF TENNIS COURT KICKBOARDS**
Awaiting quote from local contractor.
- L) DISABLED BAY FOR VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**
Chased contractor 12/02/19.
- M) REPAINTING OF RED WALKWAY IN VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**
Awaiting quote from local contractor.
- N) REMOVAL OF BOLLARDS IN WEST STREET CAR PARK**
Awaiting quote from local contractor.
- O) NEW FOOTPATH IN THE GRAVEYARD**
Awaiting quote from local contractor.
- P) PROVISION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGER**
Investigating grant funding.

101) FINANCE

- A) APPROVAL & PAYMENT OF BILLS AS PRESENTED AT THE MEETING (APPENDIX A)**
All bills had been previously approved or fall under the Clerk's delegated spend.
- B) MONTHLY BUDGET (APPENDIX B)**
The Council took note of its financial position.

102) DOES THE COUNCIL APPROVE OF THE BLACK PRINCE COMMITTEE'S REQUEST TO LEVEL AN AREA OF THE TANYARD TO FACILITATE THE MAYPOLE DANCING?

It was proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Lewis that the Council approve a temporary level surface only. Motion carried unanimously.

103) DOES THE COUNCIL APPROVE OF THE REQUEST FROM MR ROBERTS TO HAVE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE TANYARD ON SELECTED DATES DURING SUMMER 2019?

Cllr Meeson suggested that the Council again publicises the events well in advance. It was proposed by Cllr Taggart and seconded by Cllr Lewis that, subject to Cllr Meeson's suggestion, the Council approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

104) DOES THE COUNCIL APPROVE OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE COMMISSIONING OF DESIGN SOLUTIONS FOR THE TANYARD CORNER FROM CORMAC AT A COST OF £3500.00?

Cllr Taggart suggested that Cormac be informed of the Council's budget before they design the solutions and Sustrans be contacted. It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Wood that the Council approve the TTWG's recommendation, subject to Cllr Taggart's requests. Motion carried unanimously.

105) DOES THE COUNCIL WISH TO COMMISSION A PROFESSIONAL ASSET VALUATION AT A COST OF £1275.00?

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Meeson that the Council commissions a professional asset valuation at a cost of £1275.00. Motion carried with 1 abstention.



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106) CAPITAL & MAINTENANCE

A) DOES THE COUNCIL WISH TO SEEK GRANT FUNDING FOR OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARK?

It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Taggart that the Council defer to electronic approval for this matter to allow all Councillors to read the Deputy Clerk's report and if approved a working group be formed to progress it. Motion carried unanimously.

B) SUBJECT TO ITEM 106A, DOES THE COUNCIL WISH TO EMPLOY THE DEPUTY CLERK TO SOURCE FUNDING?

It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Taggart that the Council defer to electronic approval for this matter to allow all Councillors to read the Deputy Clerk's report. Motion carried unanimously.

C) DOES THE COUNCIL AGREE TO HAVE AN AREA BY THE LAKE PROFESSIONALLY CUT?

It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Roberts that the Council agree to have an area by the lake professionally cut at a cost of up to £400. Motion carried unanimously.

107) DOES THE COUNCIL APPROVE OF THE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT AS PRESENTED BEING PUT OUT TO TENDER?

The Chair requested that a number of additional areas be added to the contract. It was proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Taggart that, subject to Cllr Wood's request, the Council put the grass cutting contract out to tender. Motion carried unanimously.

108) DOES THE COUNCIL WISH TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FOR A WALLGATE SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE PUBLIC TOILET HANDWASH UNITS AT A COST OF £232.00 PER UNIT PER ANNUM?

It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Meeson that the Council approve the service contract as quoted. Motion carried unanimously.

109) DOES THE COUNCIL SUPPORT THE RAME PENINSULA PUBLIC TRANSPORT USER GROUP'S PROPOSAL TO REQUEST A 'HIGH-RISE' PAVEMENT AT THE PARADE BUS STOP?

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Wood that the Council supports the Rame Peninsula Public Transport User Group's proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:00.

R Hamill, Clerk