

**Minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022  
at Quethiock Parish Hall at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors: John Blatchford ( Chair ), Vic Welch, Tim Lynch, Steve Hobbs, and Alison Jeffrey. Clerk Matthew Wald.

**Apologies:** Chris Healey

**In attendance:** Several members of the public

**Vote of thanks:**

The Chairman opened by proposing a vote of thanks to former councillor Roy Vass for his service to the Council and the Parish, with which all councillors concurred.

**1. Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Jeffrey said she might have an interest regarding item 10 ( Community Benefit fund )

**2. Appointment of Vice Chairman of Council:**

This was deferred to the AGM

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were approved ( proposed Cllr Jeffrey, seconded Cllr Welch ).

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk reported that:

- i. The Chairman has heard nothing further from Cornwall Council about the cast iron signpost at Blunts;
- ii. The new Trehunist dog bin has arrived, and he will erect it shortly. The cost was about £135 compared to £90 for the previous one bought about eighteen months ago;
- iii. He has heard nothing further about the flooding by the solar farm. It is a little early to chase Cornwall Council for progress just yet;
- iv. He now has the phone number for the school's alarm company ( Kestrel Guards 01209 313125 ). He was asked to ask the school to post this on the door as well;
- v. His draft response to Cornwall Councillor Barry Jordan's request for feedback was approved;
- vi. The Chairman has indicated he will stay on as chairman for the next twelve months to ensure continuity, if he is wanted;
- vii. Cornwall Council has rejected a request to add the new litter bin and dog bin to their waste collection round, citing "budgetary constraints"

## **5. Planning:**

There were no planning applications but Cllr Jeffrey mentioned that a “pre-app” request to Cornwall Council had been made to replace a garage with a bungalow at “Anskybar” ( PA21/03087 ). The response was that it would be outside the NDP area and the Cornwall local plan, and would prejudice road safety for pedestrians.

## **6. Financial:**

6.1 The Clerk reported that:

- (i) As regards precept funds, the council should have cash reserves of about £19700 at the year end.
- (ii) He is trying to collect in a further £3000 ( VAT refund and LMP funds ).
- (iii) There is also £3892 unallocated in the Community Benefit account.

The detail behind these figures is set out in the Appendix attached at the end of these Minutes.

6.2 The Council nominated Cllr Lynch to replace former Cllr Vass as one of the signatories to the bank mandate.

## **7. Jubilee celebrations**

On behalf of some members of the Horticultural Show Committee, Mrs Treeby explained that they are planning a hog roast and possibly a beacon in one of Mr Ruby’s fields off Chapel Hill on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Chris Rouncevall has quoted £650 to cater for 100 people. Mr Ruby has indicated that a field could be made available. They are not intending to charge but they may require those attending to obtain a ticket beforehand. Access would be on foot only but they plan to have arrangements to deliver those unable to walk in by vehicle.

The Clerk reported that Mrs Prudden and others are planning a tea party probably on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at the village hall.

He also reported that the Church is planning the following:

- Cream Teas in the Church on the Friday and Saturday afternoons
- Flower displays in the church
- Photograph display in the church - 70 years of Quethiock life
- Bell ringing, possibly including Handbells
- ( Possibly ) Official launch of the Church Trails leaflet

Cllr Jeffrey proposed that “the Council fund the hog roast in the sum of £650, and would look sympathetically on requests for funding for other Jubilee Celebration events”. Seconded Cllr Welch, and carried unanimously.

Cllr Jeffrey suggested the Council might consider commissioning Jubilee Mugs, perhaps for distribution to the children of the parish. A decision was deferred to the next meeting – councillors to look into this in the meantime.

## **8. “Twenty’s Plenty” for Quethiock**

The Clerk summarised Cornwall Council’s plans to initiate 20mph speed limits in selected areas. The Parish Council is asked to consider whether they would be appropriate in this parish.

Following discussion, the consensus was that 20 mph limits would be desirable in the three villages.

## **9. “Operation London Bridge”**

Seadog have asked for details of any special arrangements to be mentioned on the website in the event of the Sovereign’s death. The consensus was that none were required.

## **10. Community Benefit Fund:**

The Clerk reported a request from Rachel Winstone to meet the £67 cost of a print run of 100 copies of the new leaflet about the history and features of St Hugh’s Church, and two leaflet holders. This was approved ( proposed Cllr Jeffrey, seconded Cllr Welch ).

## **11. Footpaths etc:**

Deferred to next meeting.

## **12. Public Participation:**

Nothing further arose.

## **13. Any Other Business:**

12.1 Cllr Jeffrey suggested it was now time to take down the Remembrance Day wreaths. Agreed without a formal vote.

12.2 Cllr Jeffrey said the bus shelter downpipe needs mending again [ *since dealt with by Cllr Lynch* ].

12.3 Cllr Lynch is in the process of taking over the Quethiock defibrillator from Roy Vass. Clerk to circulate new defibrillator maintenance lists

12.5 Cllr Lynch proposed that the Council look into buying the disused corner plot at the bottom of Chapel Hill to create a village green ( seconded Cllr Welch ). There was a discussion of potential cost. The proposal was then put to the vote and passed: For: Cllrs Blatchford, Lynch, and Welch. Against: Cllrs Jeffrey and Hobbs.

Cllr Jeffrey has details of the planning history and ownership and will pass them to the Clerk.

12.6 The Clerk reported a request from the School for a salt bin outside the school entrance to cover the entrance and/or playground. Estimated cost about £200-250. This was approved ( proposed Cllr Welch, seconded Cllr Jeffrey ).

**14. Co-option of new councillor**

Deferred to next meeting.

**Meeting concluded at about 8.45pm.**

**Next meetings –17<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, at 7.00pm, in the Village Hall.**

Signed Chairman .....

Date .....

## Appendix - finances

### 1. The current cash balances are as follows:

<b><u>i. Business Bank Instant account:</u></b>	<b>£ 2,227.52</b> as at 9 <sup>th</sup> December ( plus 2p interest monthly )
<b><u>ii. Treasurer's ( current ) account:</u></b>	£19,812.81 as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021
<u>Less paid since, or to be paid shortly</u>	Gmail £41.40, Seadog £66.25, salary £410.00
<u>Net</u>	<b>£19,205.16</b>
<b><u>iii. Community Benefit Account:</u></b>	£5,326.46 (of which <b>£3,892.37</b> is unallocated )
<b><u>Total available:</u></b>	<b><u>£25,325.05</u></b>

### 2. Further income and expenditure

We are due a VAT refund of **£2024** and footpath grants for this year and last of which **c. £620** is outstanding.

In addition, we should in due course be able to reclaim a further **£295** in VAT on this year's expenditure so far.

Further budgeted expenditure this year should be about **£1,700**.

### 3. Reserves

These are calculated as follows:

Current account:	£19,205
Business account:	£ 2,227
Less projected expenditure	£(1,700)
<b>Net cash reserves:</b>	<b>£19,732</b>
Add LMP and VAT debtors:	£ 2,644
Add accruing VAT reclaim	£ 295
<b>Total reserves:</b>	<b>£22,674 ( + £3892 unallocated Community Benefit funds )</b>