

**Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2022
at Quethiock Parish Hall at 7.00pm**

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

In Attendance: Cornwall Councillor Sharon Daw

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest:

None

2. Appointment of Officers

The following were elected:

Chair: John Blatchford (proposed Cllr Lynch, seconded Cllr Healey);
Vice Chair:Chris Healey (proposed Cllr Hobbs, seconded Cllr Gaskell).

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting on 28th March 2022 were approved (proposed Cllr Jeffrey, seconded Cllr Healey).

4. Matters Arising and Clerk's Report:

4.1 Signposts: There was a brief discussion of the recent problem with Cllr Daw. She advised that there have been similar problems in Pillaton.

4.2 The Clerk reported that the new Trehunist dog bin and the new salt bin are on his "to-do" list to install shortly.

4.3 The Clerk reported that he has considered the village hall management agreement. If it amounts to a "lease" it may be necessary to have it settled by solicitors (because it would be "reserved activity" which can only be drafted by a practising solicitor). The Chairman commented that if that is unavoidable he should do so.

4.4 Defibrillator: The Chairman reported that there was enthusiasm for installing a defibrillator in Trehunist amongst its residents. He is awaiting information as to where it might be installed, and how the electricity supply might be arranged.

4.5 Hog Roast and Jubilee Beacon: The Chairman reported that there have been 270 applicants so no further applications can be accepted. He has booked a portable lavatory (cost £207 plus £100 deposit). Mrs Treeby has organised rubbish bins and sheep hurdles to protect the beacon. The Clerk has made the parking signs which she asked for.

4.6 Proposed development at "Anskybar": _Since the last meeting, Mrs Hayden has informed the Clerk that she does not intend to proceed with this.

5.Financial:

5.1: The Clerk had circulated to Cllrs (i) a summary of the current financial position (*copy appended to these minutes*) and (ii) draft accounts for the year 2021-22.

5.2. Cllr Hobbs pointed out a reference to “2019-20” in the Schedule of Variances, which should refer to “2020-21”

5,3 Cllr Jeffrey pointed out the omission of the new dog bin in Trehunist and the new salt bin in Quethiok from the Asset Schedule.

5.4 Subject to these corrections, the Accounts were approved (proposed Cllr Jeffrey, seconded Cllr Healey)

6.Community Benefit Account:

There are no new applications.

7.Planning:

There were no outstanding planning applications.

8. Public Participation:

Cllr Daw raised the following:

8.1 A free annual refill of salt/grit will be available from Cornwall Council for the new bin but will need to be requested.

8.2 What does the Parish Council feel about the idea of a Mayor for Cornwall ? No vote was taken, but the response of councillors was unenthusiastic about the idea.

8.3 There are proposals to create road signs, designed by children, with a road safety message. The Parish Council welcomed the idea. Cllr Daw will contact the school about it.

8.4 Cllr Jeffrey said that Cornwall Council will not take on clearing a new litter bin and new dog waste bin which QPC has installed, even though they are on existing collection routes. They cite (unquantified) “budgetary constraints”. Cllr Daw said she would look into it – the Clerk will copy her the relevant email exchange.

9. Any Other Business:

10.1 Cllr Hobbs and Cllr Blatchford mentioned a caravan which has been parked outside a cottage in Blunts. Agreed however that this is a Highways matter and not yet a cause for concern – they will monitor the situation.

10.2 Cllr Healey mentioned a scheme for improving biodiversity by additional hedge planting with free tree saplings. Could this be done around the school field ? Agreed this is a matter for the school and she will refer details to them.

10.3 There was a discussion of the looming problem of dead and dying trees in hedges. Cornwall Council will deal with trees on its own land, but other landowners will be

responsible for felling (and its cost) and replanting – Cllr Blatchford said much will depend on the effectiveness of the forthcoming ELMS scheme in encouraging farmers to replant.

10.4 Concern was expressed at the state of the cutting of the school playing field. To be kept under review.

10.5 The Clerk was asked to contact the Udys to arrange footpath clearance.

10.6 Concern was expressed that some dogs had been loose on roads. The Clerk was asked to have the following inserted in the next issue of Quethiock News: *“Dogs: Please ensure that dogs do not get loose onto roads – they can be a danger to traffic, themselves, and other livestock.”*

10.7 There was a discussion of the practicalities of a footpath survey, to establish what signs etc are required. The Clerk will circulate maps and a questionnaire. Cllr Daw said that Cornwall Council can supply waymarkers free of charge – the Clerk asked her to send him the email contact details of the relevant department.

10.8 Cllr Jeffrey asked that review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan be put on the agenda for next time.

Meeting concluded at about 9.00pm.

Next meetings – 18th July and 19th September 2022, at 7.00pm, in the Village Hall.

Signed ChairmanDated.....

