

Quethiock Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2022
at Quethiock Parish Hall at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Several members of the public

Apologies: None

1. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Jeffrey declared a possible interest in item 5.2 below

2. Minutes of meeting on 18th July 2022

The Council approved the minutes of the previous meeting (proposed Cllr Welch, seconded Cllr Jeffrey)

3. Matters arising from the meeting of 18th July 2022

3.1: The Clerk apologised that he has not yet settled terms of a management agreement with the Village Hall Committee, but it is on his "to do" list. **Action Clerk**

3.2: Defibrillator in Trehunist: The Clerk reported that he has received a quote from Community Heartbeat, the people who supplied the existing ones. If we are going to install one he thinks it makes sense (if only in the interests of standardisation) to use them. It is as follows:

Defibrillator, carry case, "RescueWrist device", Shockbox heated unlocked cabinet, and signage pack: £1555

Delivery £25

Installation by CHT electricians £250 + VAT (£300 inc VAT)

Total: £1880 (inc VAT £50 which should be recoverable)

Optional extras: Ongoing support £135 per annum, training session for up to 50 people £175.

The cabinet is weatherproof so no further enclosure would be required.

The Council resolved to agree to this quote (without the extras) (proposed Cllr Gaskell, seconded Cllr Hobbs), and for such further electrical work as may be necessary to facilitate installation on the Stonemans' wall, to be funded by the Community Benefit Fund.

There was an inconclusive discussion with Andrew and Debbie Stoneman (who were present) about the precise details of the installation, and it was agreed that the Chair would liaise with them about it following the meeting. Meantime, the Clerk was to ask CH for a picture of the installation and its dimensions. **Action Chair and Clerk**

3.3: There had been no developments on the matter of new road signs suggested by Cornwall Councillor Daw at the May meeting (minute 8.3)

3.4: Litter/dog waste bins: The Clerk reported that, as agreed by councillors by email prior to the meeting, he had accepted the quote from Cornwall Council (£55.93 for the remainder of this year ie from 1st October, c. 120 a year ongoing). He is chasing to ensure this is actually in place.

3.5: Telephone boxes: Cllrs Blatchford and Hobbs have repainted the Blunts box. The Clerk and Cllr Gaskell will do the Quethiock box.

3.6: The tables and chairs in the shed adjacent to the village hall had now been tidied up. Cllr Jeffrey added that there is display panel also stored there which is available for community use by anyone.

4. Traffic in Trehunist:

Helen Lister-Hinchliffe (who was present) addressed the council to express concern at traffic speeding through Trehunist. She asked for the council's approval to a "village gateway" sign being erected with a "please slowdown" (or similar) message being erected. The Chair explained that the parish council has no power to erect highway signs without Highways' consent. Councillors however expressed sympathy with the problem and said they would wish to see something done about it. The Clerk explained that the council had asked Cornwall Council to impose a 20mph speed limit in Trehunist, and elsewhere, but the Cornwall Council web page on the subject of 20mph limits indicates that (a) while there are a number of 20 mph schemes in progress, there are none yet in this parish and (b) 20mph limits cannot be imposed where (as is the case in Trehunist and Blunts) the existing limit exceeds 30mph.

The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Highways to see whether they would agree to "slow down" signs being erected. **[now done – response awaited]**

5. Community Benefit Fund

5.1 The Council considered a request to fund a proposed public lavatory which the Church hopes to erect in the churchyard. This project is at an early stage will need various approvals before it can be implemented. While councillors were not averse to the project, they were mindful that the Church had received considerable support from the Community Benefit fund in recent years, and they asked the promoters of the project to first explore other sources of funding, and then ask the council to consider supporting it from the Community Benefit fund, if, and to the extent that, such support is then required.

5.2 The Council considered a request from Mary Ann Parsons that it acquire display panels and associated equipment, for use for "Heritage Displays", at a cost of about £272 plus VAT. The Council unanimously agreed to this (Proposed Cllr Healey, seconded Cllr Gaskell, Cllr Jeffrey not participating in the discussion and abstaining from voting).

5.3 Cllr Lynch has obtained a quote from Seadog IT for creating a "Heritage" webpage and adding material to it of £240 odd. He asked that this be approved and paid for from the Community Benefit fund. This was approved (proposed Cllr Healey, seconded Cllr Gaskell).

6. Planning

There were no applications to consider.

7. Finance

7.1 The Clerk had circulated a summary of the financial position prior to the meeting (see Appendix 1 to these minutes).

7.2 The Council considered the draft Precept budget submitted by the Clerk. The budget totals £9764.50, compared to £9728.06 last year, a minimal increase of only £36.44, or about 7p per parishioner. This was approved by the Council (proposed Cllr Healey, seconded Cllr Hobbs). The budget is Appendix 2 to these minutes.

8. Footpaths and Bridle Paths

The Clerk reported that while progress has been made with the surveys, repair works will need working parties of several people at a time. An appeal for volunteers will be placed on the website and facebook. **[now done]**

9. Land at Den's Meadow, Blunts

At the previous meeting concern had been expressed that the overgrown site represented a fire risk. It has now been cut. The Chair had a site meeting with Andrew George of the Community Land Trust who appeared keen to see the development of the site completed. Further consideration of this issue was deferred to the next meeting.

10. Any other business

10.1: Cllr Welch asked, and council agreed, that the Clerk write to Planning Enforcement asking them to consider the static caravan erected at Trecorme. **Action Clerk**

10.2: The Chairman mentioned that maintenance of the school playing field has now been taken over by Cormac.

10.3: Cllr Gaskell mentioned that he is arranging for the oak tree outside the church wall and his property "Whispering Oak" to be cut back (a) by Western Power as necessary to clear power cables and (b) where it excessively oversails his property.

10.4: Cllr Lynch suggested that there should be an evening entertainment after the Horticultural Show and asked whether it would be appropriate to offer financial support for it from the Community Benefit fund. The Chair said that whether there was such an entertainment, and whether there was a request for funding, would be a matter for the Show Committee, not the council. Any request would be considered if and when it was made but usually there would be an entry charge and indeed it should be a fund-raiser, rather than requiring subsidy.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at about 9.00 pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th November, 7.00pm, in the Village Hall.

Signed ChairmanDated.....

Appendix 1 - Finances:

1. The cash position as at 7th October, the date of the Clerk's report, was as follows:

<u>i. Business Bank Instant account:</u>	£ 2,227.73 as at 9 th August 2022 (plus 7p interest monthly)
<u>ii. Treasurer's (current) account:</u>	£20,175.51 as at 1 st September 2022
<u>Less bills due, cheques drawn but unpaid and STOs due to 10th October</u>	(£1625.03)
<u>Net</u>	£18,550.48
<u>iii. Community Benefit Account:</u>	£6,569.53 as at 26 th July 2022 (of which £6,032.53 was unallocated)
<u>Total available:</u>	<u>£26,810.74</u>

2. On the day of the meeting a bank statement was received which disclosed that in addition the second instalment of the precept/CTS grant, a further **£4574**, has now also been received.

3. Still to come are:

- The LMP payment from 2021-22 £580;
- This year's LMP payment £604;
- A VAT refund – not yet claimed but perhaps £400 odd

Appendix 2 – Approved 2023-24 Precept Budget

	2022-23	2023-24
Income	£	£
Precept	9101.36	9129.26
CTS Grant	46.60	nil
LMP Footpath grant	605.00	635.00
Interest	0.24	0.24
<u>Total</u>	<u>9728.06</u>	<u>9764.50</u>
Expenditure		
Clerk	5220.00	5829.50
Stationery, postage, admin	250.00	200.00
Insurance	265.00	265.00
CALC subscription	300.00	300.00
Footpath maintenance	1000.00	750.00
Audit	300.00	300.00
Asset maintenance etc	700.00	100.00
Quethiock News	173.60	150.00
Gmail account	520.00	500.00
Routine IT support	300.00	300.00
Other IT Support	200.00	300.00
RBL Wreath and donation	50.00	50.00
Defibrillator (provision)	52.00	600.00
Training costs	nil	nil
Signposts	50.00	nil
Waste bin emptying	nil	120
Provision	347.46	nil
<u>Total</u>	<u>9728.06</u>	<u>9764.50</u>