Quethiock Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd March 2025

At Quethiock Parish Hall at 7pm

Before the Parish Council Meeting the local Police Beat Manager, Phillipa (Pip) Davey came to the Parish Hall to meet the public and give an update. There are two Beat Managers covering Saltash and the large surrounding rural area including Quethiock. The reported crime rate is low here and two incidents of machinery thefts from local farms had been reported recently.

PC Davey also said it was worth reporting near miss vehicle incidents to 101 or 101 online along with any other non-urgent matters. The local police contact is 18225 @ dc.police.uk. Highway and County Council problems should be reported to those authorities. The Beat Manager said her job is also to liaise with the local community to resolve any concerns. Sadly, although well publicised only two members of the community attended the Police Meeting.

The Parish Council Meeting

Present: Councillors: John Blatchford (Chair), John Warren, Tim Lynch, Vic Welch, Steve Hobbs, Chris Healey and Alison Jeffrey.

Apologies: Matthew Wald, Clerk

In Attendance: Adam Sturtridge , Lib Dem and Andrew Budd, Conservative, two prospective councillors for Lynher District.

1. Declarations of Interest: None

2. Minutes of meeting held on 13th January 2025: The Council approved the draft minutes of the previous meeting (proposed Cllr Healey, seconded Cllr Welch.

3. Matters Arising from meeting held on 13th January 2025

3.1 Blunts 30mph limit. No progress reported

3.2 Cast Iron signpost at Blunts. Cllr Warren said he had some of the materials and the Clerk had the rest. It was noted that it must be two people to do the painting at the junction.

3.3 Quethiock News. As the Clerk couldn't attend and he knows the progress of the change over to emailing the majority of the Newsletter, this was put on hold.

3.4 Parish Hall Wi-fi. This will be discussed at the Hall Committee AGM on 17th March.

3.5 Gate at Trecorme on footpath. The Clerk was going to discuss with the landowner before making an official report to Cornwall Council, if necessary.

4. Planning:

4.1 Planning Application PA25/01307 relating to lowering the crown of a TPO oak at Jjerom was approved.

4.2 There was further discussion regarding possible unpermitted development at Trehunsey Meadow Stables and possibly the adjoining field immediately to the south along the Venn to Treweese Road. This is to be kept under review as such possible unpermitted development seems to be increasing in the Parish.

5. Parish Hall:

Cllr Jeffrey had received an update from the Hall Treasurer, Jane Harris Wood. The finances were c £7,800 and not changed since the last report to QPC in January. The full financial statement will be available at the Hall Committee AGM to be held on 17th March. The Hall was being used on a regular basis by groups such as History, Craft, Art, Pilates and the WI. The Breakfast Morning held by the Kent Family was a great success and the regular Church's Ploughmans and Puddings Lunches draws in people from beyond Quethiock and also helps the Hall's Funds. Upcoming events will be a Pub Quiz on 14th March, The Easter Market on 12th April and the Horticultural Show Coffee Morning on 27th April. Future events will be discussed at the Hall's AGM.

6. Community Area Partnership: Nothing to report as their meeting to be held on 4th March.

7. Community Benefit Fund Projects: No requests made.

8. Financial Report: As the Clerk was absent, there was no update and no bank statement for an update is available until the middle of the month.

9. Any other business:

9.1: Cllr Jeffrey brought up the tarmacking of the road in front of Pleasant Ridge and Outspan, in Quethiock. Some residents had been concerned that this narrowed the public highway. The Clerk had put in a query to Highways W252113495 and the result came back as 'Reported Defect/Enquiry has been closed. Cllr Warren pointed out that the area had been much improved.

9.2: Cllr Jeffrey said she had been approached by parishioners about the possible need, maybe in the near future, for 'civil defence' contingency plans, and to think about what roles the Parish Council and other Councils might have to play in such an emergency.

A token of appreciation was presented to Cllr Vic Welch for 25 years of service to QPC and the Community with all good wishes in his 'retirement'.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 8.15pm

Next Meeting and AGM: Monday 19th May 2025 at 7pm in the Parish Hall

Signed Chairman……Dated…….