



St Giles on the Heath
With Northcott Hamlet Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th June 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr K Hamlyn (Chairman)
Cllr A Curtis
Cllr S Trusler
Cllr E Williams
Cllr A Nicholson
Cllr G Thorne
Cllr L Pugh

In Attendance:

Clerk Kayleigh Walker
District Councillor Philip Hackett
District Councillor Stephen Gibson
R Nicholson
E Hunt
Members of the public: 2

The Chairman welcomed all those present and commenced the meeting.

1 PUBLIC SESSION

1.1 A member of the public attended the meeting to raise questions regarding the playground and whether it is possible to have new equipment installed. The Clerk explained this is an ongoing project, maintenance work is currently being undertaken and when Council has enough funds it will add new equipment.

2 RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Cllr R Atkinson, Cllr S Paulger, County Cllr J Morrish – apologies accepted. The Clerk read an email from the County Cllr which read ‘Sadly I have to be at my work (mole valley) as we are very short of staff for the evening restocking shift. I have signed the ok for your grant and the money should be on its way. Thankfully our roads team are working hard to help mend our highways. There is still a lot to do but things have improved 7 communications from your parish with 3 regarding planning and others on Adult care and Devon county farms. I had full intention of being with you tonight, hope to be at your next meeting.’

2.2 The Chairman declared all declarations of interests are to be raised at the appropriate agenda item.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting held May 23rd 2023 were previously circulated, proposed by Cllr Curtis, seconded by Cllr Trusler and agreed by all as a true record of the meeting, the Chairman signed a copy.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Cllr A Nicholson thanked the Councillors for their kind messages wishing him well with his health and the Chairman commented that it was great to see him back.

4.2 District Cllr Hackett reported that full Council met the previous evening and Inspector Toby Davis advised that he hoped to increase rural policing.

5. RECEIVING CLERKS REPORT AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman sign and Date _____



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- 5.1 Councillors discussed the request from St Giles Social Hub to re-accept the grant for the cost of the hall hire during the Coronation celebrations. Cllr Curtis proposed to grant the £27, Cllr Thorne seconded this and all Cllrs agreed.
- 5.2 Councillors discussed the grant application from St Giles on the Heath Primary School. Cllr Thorne commented that it is a great cause to support and a big part of the community. As per the grants policy the Clerk will keep the application and raise it in January along with all grant applications for the year.
- 5.3 Cllr Williams wished to discuss the possibility of a new website and Parish Council Facebook page. All Cllrs agreed they were a good idea. The Clerk will set up a FB page and look in to the cost of websites. District Cllr Gibson agreed to ask TDC whether they have any website facilities they could share.
- 5.4 Cllr A Nicholson signed the acceptance of office declaration.
- 5.5 Cllr Pugh had received some complaints about the repairs made to the bench near the Pint & Post with regards to it being messy. Council will look at it again and see if anything further can be done.
- 5.6 Cllrs discussed the advice from TDC with regards to repetitive and inappropriate correspondence from the public which was to refer the individual to Devon County Council. The Clerk will approach DCC for their advice.
- 5.7 Cllrs discussed the 20's Plenty campaign and agreed that anything that can be done to help reduce speed in the Village and across the Country is worth being part of. Cllr Trusler proposed that Council join the campaign, Cllr Thorne seconded this and all Cllrs agreed.
- 5.8 Cllrs reviewed the two applications for Co-Option. A vote was held for Co-Option of R Nicholson, all Cllrs voted in favour. A vote was held for Co-Option of E Hunt, Cllrs voted 4 to 3 in favour of Co-Option. Both individuals were welcomed to the Cllr and signed their declaration of office.
6. RECEIVING REPORT OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE
- 6.1 None.
7. REVIEWING PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN
- 7.1 Community Speed Watch – The Clerk read a report from Cllr Atkinson which read ‘2 sessions were held on the 31/05/23 10.00am - 12.00am and 1.00pm - 3.00pm. In total there were 554 car that passed through the village of that number 49 were speeding and have had their details logged on the police computer. This is a small improvement % wise which could be attributed to the sign at the entrance to the village coming from Launceston.’
- 7.2 Defib at Chapmans Well – The Clerk advised that she had written to the tenants of the property several times to seek agreement to connect to their electricity but had not received a response. Further attempts will be made.
- 7.3 County Cllr Morrish has agreed to a £300 grant towards an extra flashing 30 sign however Highways have not yet approved it. Further correspondence is awaited.
8. OAB

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- 8.1 Cllr Hamlyn advised that the Village Connection is not receiving enough content to continue. The bank account has been closed and the funds withdrawn. Some of the funds were granted by the Parish Council so we must ensure it is handled and spent correctly. Cllr Williams will follow this up. Ashwater Community Shop have shown an interest in running a joint newsletter, Cllr Hamlyn will discuss this.
- 8.2 2 East Panson Cottages is still unoccupied and deteriorating. Cllr Hackett confirmed it is likely the responsibility of Westward Housing. The Clerk will write to them.
- 8.3 The wall along the footpath by Little Heath has cracked and is in danger of collapsing. The Clerk will contact TDC to find out who's responsibility it is and what action to take.
- 8.4 District Cllr Gibson reported that Super Intendant Toby Davis expressed the importance of reporting crimes such as vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The more reports that are made in one area the more likely police presence will be.
9. FINANCES
- 9.1 Authorisation of Expenses – Clerk: printer paper £25.80, postage £12.75, Julian Sanders: grass cutting £480.00. Proposed by Cllr Curtis, seconded by Cllr A Nicholson, all agreed.
- 9.2 Current Account as of 17 May 2023 £12238.78.
- 9.3 Monthly budget sheet – for Cllrs information.
10. NEXT MEETING
- 10.1 Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 11th July 2023.

Meeting closed at 20.35

Chairman sign and Date _____