

Minutes of the Meeting of Ruan Lanihorne Parish Council held at Ruan Reading Room on Tuesday 23rd July 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: J Adams, G. Cairns, A Dundon, P Farr, C

Martin (Chairman), S Paull & T Robinson

In Attendance: Tomas Hill (Clerk) and Cllr Julian German CC

77/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

78/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

79/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

80/24 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr German CC updated the Council concerning the road closure at Porters which would take longer than anticipated due to additional works over a longer stretch of highway. Cllr German CC would also try to arrange a site meeting with an engineer and members of the Council.

81/24 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Robinson proposed, Cllr Cairns seconded and the Council **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

82/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Per 65/24, the Certificate of Exemption had been submitted to the External Auditors.

83/24 CORRESPONDENCE

As per usual, the Clerk had circulated various correspondence to Councillors between meetings.

The Clerk highlighted that a road closure under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A had been approved for the Summer BBQ on 10th August 2024 between 11:00 to 18:00 hours.

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84/24 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Paull stated the all of the cutting of the public rights of way per the schedule had been undertaken.

85/24 DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr Paull reported that residents at both Treworga and Ruan High Lanes would be happy to contribute towards the cost of defibrillators and might be able to raise approximately £250.00 per hamlet.

The Council will wait to see what monies are raised in the first instance.

86/24 ASSET CHECKS

All assets were reported to be in good condition. Cllr Martin had re-stained the bench outside of the Reading Room.

Cllr Martin proposed, Cllr Adams seconded and the Council **resolved** a vote of thanks to Mrs Cairns for the hanging baskets outside of the Reading Room.

87/24 RUAN READING ROOM

The Chair highlighted that the Reading Room windows and door needed repainting. Cllr Paull felt that a voluntary working party could be identified.

The Chair would contact the builder concerning potential issues with the tanking of the wall and the newly installed railings.

Cllr Cairns proposed, Cllr Dundon seconded and the Council **resolved** a budget of £100.00 for painting related materials.

88/24 COMMUNITY CAPACITY FUND

The Clerk explained that unfortunately Pring Associates would no longer undertake the consultancy work. The Clerk had liaised with an alternative consultant, 'Gain Conultancy' and thanked Cllr German CC for his assistance.

Cllr Dundon proposed, Cllr Adams seconded and the Council **resolved** to engage 'Gain Consultancy'.

89/24 REACT WORKING GROUP

The working group had met and Cllr Robinson would circulate a draft document to Councillors.

90/24 CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

The Clerk explained the benefits of a Chairman's allowance which would, for example, enable small gifts and refreshments to be provided to volunteers.

Cllr Adams proposed, Cllr Robinson seconded and the Council **resolved** an allowance of £100.00 with virement from the pension budget.

91/24 CLERK'S TEN-YEAR SERVICE

Councillors noted the Clerk's dedicated ten-year service to the Council.

92/24 FINANCE

The Clerk presented a monthly budget monitoring report dated the 23rd July 2024 which was duly noted.

Cllr Cairns proposed, seconded by Cllr Paull and the Council **resolved** to open an instant access account with a £10,000.00 deposit.

Cllr Adams proposed, seconded by Cllr Farr and the Council **resolved** to sign payments per the July budget monitoring report inset box entitled 'payments for authorisation' to the total sum of £389.66.

93/24 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Robinson gave a brief update from the Roseland and Truro Community Area Partnership meeting.

94/24 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following matters are to be included as an agenda item at the next meeting:

Defibrillators
Draft Climate Action Plan

95/24 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Cllr Robinson proposed, Cllr Adams seconded and the Council **resolved** that, due to the confidential nature of the following item, the press and public will be excluded from the meeting) under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

96/24 CLERK'S CONTRACT

Cllr Farr proposed, Cllr Dundon seconded and the Council **resolved** to award an increase to SPC 14 with associated 2024-2025 NALC National Salary award back payments.

The meeting closed at 21:00.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair

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