



Ruan Lanihorne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Ruan Lanihorne Parish Council held at Ruan Reading Room on Friday 22nd November 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: J Adams, G. Cairns, P Farr, C Martin (Chairman), S Paull & T Robinson

In Attendance: Tomas Hill (Clerk)

113/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dundon submitted her apologies due to the change to the scheduled meeting date.

Cllr Farr proposed, Cllr Adams seconded and the Council **resolved** to accept Cllr Dundon's apology.

114/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

115/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

116/24 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Not present.

117/24 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Cairns proposed, Cllr Adams seconded and the Council **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

118/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Per 30/24, the salt bin has been installed.

119/24 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Councillors had received an invitation from Nev Meek – President of the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies to Truro Cathedral on Wednesday 4th December 2024 featuring Carols of the Roseland. The Council were thanked for the financial support provided for the Roseland Carol Project.

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120/24 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Paull reported that only one of the salt bins had been topped up.

The Ruan High Lanes sign had been damaged and this was repaired following report.

121/24 DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllr Paull had spoken to a resident who thought that the defibrillator does not need replacement until the defibrillator no longer holds a charge.

The matter would be considered further at the next meeting.

122/24 COMMUNITY CAPACITY FUND

Councillors had received the ecological report for the public open space adjacent to the Reading Room and discussed initial thoughts.

The Clerk explained that 'Gain Consultancy' were unable to complete the design work having obtained a Cornwall Council commission but 'Mei Loci' had been approached and were able to assist.

Cllr Adams proposed, Cllr Robinson seconded and the Council **resolved** to engage Mei Loci Landscape Architects.

123/24 REACT WORKING GROUP

Cllr Robinson introduced the Climate and Environment Action Plan report that had been produced by the Working Group. The Working Group were thanked for their efforts.

Cllr Farr proposed, Cllr Cairns seconded and the Council **resolved** to adopt the report.

124/24 READING ROOM

The windows and door had recently been painted by volunteers.

Cllr Farr proposed, Cllr Adams seconded and the Council **resolved** a vote of thanks to the volunteers.

125/24 READING ROOM

Following the energy audit for the Reading Room, the Clerk impressed upon the Council potential future grant applications for carbon reduction noting the high energy (electricity) costs despite the recent renovations. The Clerk asked the Council to proactively consider viable options (if any) to reduce energy costs.

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Councillors felt that both air source and ground source heat pumps would be unviable but wanted to know if solar panels were a viable option.

Cllr Robinson proposed, Cllr Martin seconded and the Council **resolved** to obtain quotations for solar panels.

126/24 TABLE TENNIS TABLES

The storage of the table tennis tables was discussed and a solution would hopefully be found.

127/24 BUDGET

Councillors discussed the draft 2025/2026 budget in depth.

Cllr Adams proposed, Cllr Robinson seconded and the Council **resolved** to set the 2025/2026 budget at £11,150.00.

Cllr Paull asked for his name to be recorded as voting against the proposal.

128/24 PRECEPT

As a consequence of the setting of the 2025/2026 budget, the precept figure within the budget was £9,750.00. This represented an increase of £1.91 per annum or 3.35% for a Band D property.

Cllr Adams proposed, Cllr Robinson seconded and the Council **resolved** a precept of £9,750.00 for 2025/2026.

Cllr Paull asked for his name to be recorded as voting against the proposal.

129/24 FINANCE

The Clerk presented a budget monitoring report dated the 22nd November 2024 which was duly noted.

Cllr Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Adams and the Council **resolved** to sign payments per the November budget monitoring report inset box entitled 'payments for authorisation' to the total sum of £2,300.16.

130/24 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

None.

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131/24 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Defibrillators
Financial Regulations
Table Tennis table(s)
Website

The meeting closed at 21:20.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair