# North Tamerton Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting

Monday 20th July 2020

**The meeting took place via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions**

**1. Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this)

One member of the public was present, who was interested in the Cllr vacancy on the Council.

**1a. To receive County Councillor’s report on Matters Arising**

CCllr Chopak reported that things have quietened down regarding COVID-19 issues at Cornwall Council. The council are currently £2 million pounds over budget due to their COVID-19 response.

The vulnerability of elderly and isolated communities needs to be kept at the forefront of council services at this time and into the winter months.

Cllr Snowden raised the issue of waste collection to CCllr Chopak. Prior to lockdown, the tender that Biffa put in, provided for fortnightly collections of waste and recycling. We’re unlikely to see any changes to services until the New Year due to COVID-19. All residents will receive a wheelie bin in due course. There is a suggestion that rubbish collection may change to 3 weekly in the near future.

**2. The Opening, Councillors present**

The Meeting was opened by the Chair, Cllr Beesley with 5 Councilors present Cllr Gerry, Cllr Snowden, Cllr Ravenscroft, Cllr Willets, Cllr Harper. Clerk – Beth Sachs

**3. Apologies for absence with reasons**

None

**4. Declarations of interest & dispensations**

None

**5. To receive and approve the Minutes of:**

Ordinary Meeting Monday 15th June 2020

It was **resolved** that the Minutes be confirmed as an accurate record.

**Proposed: Cllr Willets Seconded: Cllr Harper unan 20/022**

**6. To receive Clerk’s report on Matters Arising:**

* Casual Vacancy of the Parish Council – to be filled via co-option at the next meeting.
* Unmetered Supply to Phone Box - the Clerk is having difficulty registering the supply as the estimated annual consumption was very small. The Clerk will look at alternative suppliers to EDF.
* Bank Mandate – the bank mandate form will be submitted as soon as the Clerk receives the signed minutes from June. Cllr Gerry and Cllr Snowden will be added as signatories to the Natwest account.
* Clerks Laptop – the Clerk is experiencing issues with the small screen size of the laptop when trying to work on complex spreadsheets. Cllrs agreed to purchase a new laptop and the Clerk will obtain quotes for the next meeting.

**7. Planning**

Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

**7a. To discuss and make a Consultee comment on Application:**

None

**7b. Decisions**

PA20/04518 | Prior approval for a steel-framed building of steel box panel elevations under a reinforced fibre cement roof. | Land At Affaland Road Victory Road, North North Tamerton EX22 6RY. **Prior approval not required.**

PA20/03285 | New dwelling on site of existing agricultural building. | Land South Of Sutton Cottage Boyton Launceston Cornwall PL15 9RN. **Approved**

PA20/04198 | New Machinery Shed and Dry Store | Westcott House North Tamerton Holsworthy EX22 6SF. **Approved**

**8. Portfolio Reports:**

**Transport & Roads –**.A query was raised about the new road signage. CCllr Chopak reported there have been problems with signage and will chase Oliver Jones.

**BCN** –. The next meeting will be focussed on planning and it’s hoped to get a planning officer to attend.

**Parish Hall –**.Nothing to report.

**Planning –** Cllr Willets put forward a different way the Parish Council could deal with planning applications, taking a more neutral stand point. CCllr Chopak suggested this would not be helpful to the planning officers and also weaken the Parish Council position on planning matters. The Cllrs will look into how best to respond as statutory consultee’s and the Clerk will request planning training for Cllrs.

**IT** – Cllrs were encouraged to set up their new parish council email addresses before the next meeting.

**Emergency Plan** – Nothing to report.

**9. Correspondence**

CALC Newsletter – noted

COVID-19 updates from Cornwall Council

**10. Agenda Items**

1. To **resolve** to adopt revised standing orders (text agreed at last meeting)

Cllrs resolved to adopt the new standing orders. The Clerk will make these available on the website.

**Proposed: Cllr Beesley Seconded: Cllr Snowden unan 20/023**

**11. Accounts**

**11a. Balances 30th June 2020**

Current Account £13,560.36

Reserve £5,020.70

**11b. To Approve Accounts for Payment including:**

Clerk Wages Chq £ 107.84

Martin Group Services Printer Ink & Stationary Chq £ 90.47 (VAT 15.08)

**To Note Income**

None

**Proposed: Cllr Gerry Seconded: Cllr Ravenscroft unan 20/024**

**12. Items for September agenda**

Laptop Quotes

Budget

Financial regulations policy

HMRC tax due

Road sign review

Bench quotes

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 21st September 2020**

**The meeting closed at 21:05**