

North Tamerton Parish Council

Monday 22nd April 2024

The meeting of North Tamerton Parish Council was held on the above date at 7:30pm, in Victory Hall.

Councillors Present:

Chair Cllr Snowden, Cllr Britton, Cllr Barriball, Cllr Harper, Cllr Williams.

Also in attendance: Clerk Julie Gray and Cllr N Chopak.

2 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Snowden opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Record and Approve Apologies.

4.24/1:

Cllr Gerry sent her apologies.

Confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

4.24/2:

It was resolved to approve the minutes and ratify all decisions made at the meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024. Proposed Cllr Britton. Seconded Cllr Harper. 4 in favour. 1 abstained, due to not being present at the previous meeting. The Chair, Cllr Snowden, signed them as a correct record.

Declarations.

4.24/3:

- (i) There were no declarations.

Dispensations.

4.24/4:

- (i) There were no dispensation requests.

Matters Arising.

4.24/5:

- (i) The Parish Shoot invite email has been sent out with Cllr Gerry's contact details included.

Public Participation.

4.24/6:

A member of the public spoke in support of Agenda Item 11 – Community Benefit Application. The Parish Hall Committee have discussed how to make North Tamerton more welcoming, as there has been an increase in visitors due to North Tamerton being part of the Tamar Way. There are few places to sit and it is also believed that a water fountain and a dog bin would be helpful. Cllr Chopak may know where the Parish could obtain a free water fountain and will investigate this. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to take on responsibility for the application, as it was to benefit the whole community and not just the Parish Hall.

Report from the Cornwall Councillor.

4.24/7:

There was a full Cornwall Council Meeting last week on the scrutiny committee. From May 2025 the

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Committee will be better balanced and more open and transparent.

Some wheelie bins have been delivered in expectation of the new collections.

The Launceston Recycling Centre has had a few complaints concerning temporary arrangements while the refurbishment is ongoing – mainly with the steps and that there is only one skip.

Unoccupied properties are going to be charged double Council Tax.

Household support for those struggling with Council Tax has been approved.

There is a Suicide Awareness training session at The Parkhouse prior to the Community Area Partnership Meeting on 10th June @ 5.15pm.

Correspondence.

4.24/8: – all correspondence circulated via email.

- (i) Keeping Cornwall Updated.
- (ii) Suicide Awareness Training.
- (iii) The Rural Bulletin.

Planning.

4.24/9:

a) Decision Notices/Updates:

- (i) None

b) Planning Applications/Appeals:

Any late planning applications received will be discussed but not decided under this section.

- (i) None.

To receive oral or written reports and authorise any action.

4.24/10:

a) Chairman / Councillor.

A tree on the Parish grounds has been trimmed to prevent branches impacting the wires / lines.

b) The Clerk.

- The Local Planning Authority will no longer send out neighbour notification letters for planning applications unless they are householder applications. The Council will still publish:
 - application details online
 - site notices for applications
 - press notices, where required by law
- CALC are holding a coffee morning in Poundstock on Thursday 9th May at The Gildhouse, 10.30 am – 12.30pm.
- The Clerk has added new information to the Parish Council website:
 - Registering to vote and photo id requirements;
 - Home upgrade grants;
 - Help with exam stress;
 - Tick awareness;
 - Adoption;
 - Childcare expansion;
 - 'Listening to You' events;
 - New scheme to fund green home improvements;
 - West Cornwall Urgent hospital scheme;
 - Bronze age remains on coast;

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Pharmacy First;
Bowel Cancer awareness;
Primary school offers;
Ovarian cancer.

Community Benefit Application.

4.24/11:

The Community Benefit Fund application for community benches has been taken over by the Parish Council. There needs to be 2 choices and any bench should be wheelchair accessible. The Clerk will source benches to bring to the next meeting and the cost of a dog bin.

Emergency Plan.

4.24/12:

This was deferred until the next meeting.

Grass cutting.

4.24/13:

Last year's contractor cut the grass in March. Although the contract was not renewed the Parish Council unanimously agreed to pay the invoice.

The Parish Council have received a quote for £900 for the grass cutting (April – September), which was accepted by Cornwall Council. The Clerk has notified the contractor.

CALC renewal.

4.24/14:

The renewal cost for membership has increased to £244.85 from £237.71.

It was proposed by Cllr Snowden that the Parish Council renew the membership. Seconded Cllr Britton. Unanimous.

Insurance renewal.

4.24/15:

The renewal for the Parish Council insurance is £214, which is the same as last year's.

It was proposed by Cllr Snowden that the renewal is accepted. Seconded Cllr Williams. Unanimous.

Internal Auditor Appointment.

4.24/16:

It was proposed by Cllr Britton that last year's auditor be appointed. Seconded Cllr Barriball. Unanimous.

Asset Register.

4.24/17:

The asset register was circulated to the Councillors. The Clerk will make amendments and circulate prior to the next meeting.

Annual Accounts.

4.24/18:

Deferred until the next meeting

Parish Matters.

4.24/19:

(i) Garden Fencing.

The fence is falling down in between the hall and the houses. Cllr Williams will make safe and

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investigate some options for replacement.

Finance & Legislation.

4.24/20:

- a) Ratification of payments totalling £1,737.35 as per March-April schedule. It was resolved to ratify the payments.
Proposed Cllr Britton. Seconded Barriball. Unanimous.
- b) To note Bank reconciliations at 1/4/24 of £4,041.50 and £21,934.04.
- c) To note Income & Bank Balances as per the schedule and reconciliations.

Urgent Matters raised with the Chairman since the Agenda was published.

4.24/21:

None.

Date of next meeting and note items from Councillors for the Agenda.

4.24/22:

20th May 2024 @ 7pm – Annual Parish Meeting prior to the Parish Council meeting.

Community Benefit Fund application.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) Act 1960 S1(2) & S1(6)

During the meeting it may arise that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential or special nature of the business to be transacted and the press and public will be instructed to withdraw.

When this arises, the Chair will recommend to consider passing the following resolution: "to resolve that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be discussed, the public are excluded and instructed to withdraw."

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