

North Tamerton Parish Council

Monday 28th October 2024

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

Councillors Present:

Chair Cllr Williams, Vice-chair Cllr Barriball, Cllr Britton, Cllr Harper.

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

7 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Williams opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Resignation.

10.24/105:

Cllr Gerry has resigned and the vacancy has been advertised.

Record and Approve Apologies.

10.24/106:

All Councillors were in attendance.

Confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

10.24/107:

It was resolved to amend the start time to 7.55 and at minute number 9.24/93 to delete the word 'applicants' and replace with 'Tamerton Times'; and at the end of the paragraph to add 'and it was suggested the Church application was amended'. It was then resolved to approve the minutes and ratify all decisions made at the meeting held on Monday 23rd September 2024. 3 in favour. 1 abstained, due to not being present at the previous meeting. The Chair, Cllr Williams, signed them as a correct record.

Declarations.

10.24/108:

- (i) Cllr Harper declared an interest in Agenda Item 15(i) Grant Application, Church.

Dispensations.

10.24/109:

- (i) There were no dispensation requests.

Matters Arising.

10.24/110:

- (i) The Clerk received a response concerning the bridge upkeep. The bridge is inspected regularly on a two-year cycle. The removal of the vegetation is not something Cornwall Council undertake from their limited budget unless it is causing a safety issue to the public or damage to the bridge. Highways has requested further information from the Partnership Officer about this location, due to the narrow carriageway putting potential volunteers adjacent to high-speed traffic. Tamerton bridge is a Grade II Listed historic bridge and to preserve and not damage the pointing on the structure the vegetation should not be pulled out and only pruned back to avoid damage. When work is undertaken by a Cormac gang, the vegetation is normally pruned and then sprayed with a herbicide to reduce the potential for damage.

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Public Participation.

10.24/111:

Members of the public spoke in support of Agenda Item 15(i) Grant Application.

Report from Cornwall Councillor.

10.24/112:

Concerning Tamwerton bridge Cllr Chopak states if there are any volunteers to maintain the bridge a site meeting can be arranged with the Partnership Officer.

The new refuse bins and days will begin next week.

There is going to be a Cornwall Council meeting to decide a vote of no confidence in the leader of Cornwall Council.

Cornwall Council have a £63 million deficit. There are issues around health care and dentistry.

Elections will be held in May.

Correspondence.

10.24/113: – all correspondence circulated via email.

- (i) Request for CBF Clarification.
- (ii) Keeping Cornwall Updated.
- (iii) NALC Website.
- (iv) Cornwall Council Budget Update Invite.
- (v) The Rural Bulletins.
- (vi) LGA Personal Safety for Councillors Event.
- (vii) Action Notes: CAP 9th September.
- (viii) CCFF Annual Conference Info.
- (ix) Town & Parish Council Newsletter.
- (i) Local Council Planning Training.
- (ii) CALC AGM Invite.

Planning.

10.24/114:

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.

10.24/115:

a) Chairman / Councillor.

There was nothing to report this month.

b) The Clerk.

- A new national salary increase has been agreed – this will apply to the next payment list and is backdated to April.
- The Clerk has added new information to the Parish Council website.

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- By 2027 all telephones, both business and residential, will be replaced with Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) systems. The Clerk will send the workshop to Councillors and add to the February agenda.

Quarterly Financial Check: Jul – Sep 2024.

10.24/116:

The financial paperwork was supplied to Cllr Britton.

Budget Review: April – September 2024.

10.24/117:

The budget report was circulated to Councillors and noted.

Grant Policy.

10.24/118:

It was agreed to defer the review of the policy until the January meeting.

Grant Application:

10.24/119:

(i) Church

The application was circulated to Councillors. Cllr Harper has paperwork that shows the Parish are responsible for the graveyard and she will supply this to the Council within the next 2 weeks. As the Parish Council are responsible and not the Church, section 3.6 of the policy does not apply.

It was unanimously agreed that £2,700 be awarded from the Community Benefit Fund to make health and safety rectifications of stoneworks by parishioners.

Parish Matters.

10.24/120:

(i) Poppy Collection.

Cllr Britton has received the collection tins from the Royal British Legion. She will request that a tin be placed in the Church.

Cllr Barriball has obtained the wreath.

(ii) Flower Boxes.

There is £42.65 remaining for the planter from the Community Chest grant. Cllr Barriball will purchase bulbs for the planters.

(iii) Christmas Tree and Decorations.

There is a community group that wish to obtain a Christmas tree and lights.

Cllr Britton will inform them of the grant application process.

(iv) Dog Bin.

The Clerk emailed the Cornwall Council Waste Officer concerning the installation.

It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the contract. The Clerk will contact the Cornwall Council confirming installation and will add the ongoing maintenance to the budget for next year.

Finance & Legislation.

10.24/121:

- a) Ratification of payments totalling £1280.88 as per September – October schedule. It was resolved to ratify the payments.

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Proposed Cllr Britton. Seconded Cllr Barriball. Unanimous.

b) To note Bank reconciliations at 1/10/24 of £6,717.50 and £19,232.90.

c) To note Income & Bank Balances as per the schedule and reconciliations.

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

10.24/122:

There were no new issues raised since the agenda was published.

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

10.24/123:

18th November 2024 @ 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 21.17pm

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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