

**Minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2009, at Delabole Methodist Church.
The meeting opened at 7.00pm.**

OPEN SESSION: Five members of the public attended.
J.McDougall, Mr and Mrs Frost and Dr R Gibbons wished to express their concerns about the state of Footpath 28 which runs in front of their houses. The clerk pointed out that this track was not adopted for vehicle use but could understand the worries expressed about the danger to the public walking along this path when the neighbouring farmer transported trailer loads of round bails, unsecured, to and from his adjoining field. The clerk agreed to contact CCC to see if any solution could be found which would make this track way safer by filling in the potholes.
E.Mundy was hopeful of becoming a councillor and was present to observe proceedings.

ATTENDANCE Cllrs. T. Hicks, G. Keat, J. Tidd, E. Jones, (Chairman) W. Arnall, S. Sandercock, A.Stacey, K.Reynolds, L. Henderson, A. Hopkins. P. Hicks, J. Lugg, 8.30pm.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Glenton Brown.

MINUTES. Proposal to accept J. Tidd, seconded W. Arnall.
Accepted and signed.

MATTERS ARISING.

Councillor Keat reported that the Pre-School and St Teath Primary School would be holding fund raising events to help with the cost of supplying play equipment for the younger children on The Green.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Mr Gynn, Trewew Farm, Lanteglos. This was thought to be outside the parish. Subsequent telephone call from NCDC stating that it is within the Parish boundary. Agreed to support the application as a further application was expected which would reposition the building (feed and stock shed).

Mr N. Doidge. Rockhead Delabole. Erection of a garage.
We support this application.

Mr Ian Fuller. 15, High Street, Delabole. Change of use from retail to residential. Although Councillors were sad to see the demise of another retail opportunity, we support this application.

Ms. Helen Fisher. Aarons Cottage, Treburgett. Application for listed buildings consent for recovering roof to replace existing roof-light, to re-cover garage roof, internally to convert the ground floor storage room into gym/study with en-suite bathroom and remove and raise ceilings in kitchen and bedrooms and remove kitchen wall.

Comments the same as on application 2008/01818. We do not support this application. Considered far too radical and would destroy the whole essence of the listed building.

- 2009/ 02/ 02 PCSO REPORT.
PCSO Terry Groves was to meet with the local street ranger with a view to getting the house known as 'Alan's castle' in Pengelly boarded up as in its present condition it was thought to be a danger to youngsters who ventured inside.
He also drew members' attention to the money available for the construction of a 'graffiti shelter' for the young of the village.
Applications have to be in by April.
PCSO would get sufficient Neighbourhood Watch packs for residents of St Teath.
- 2009/ 02/ 03 NCDC MATTERS.
No matters at this time.
- 2009/ 02/ 04 CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS
Clerk read out a letter from G. Brown which set out the dates for completion of the traffic calming measures in Delabole.
- 2009/ 02/ 5a CLERK'S EMPLOYMENT.
From April 1st 2009 the clerk would be employed by this council, PAYE would be deducted and Employers National Insurance paid.
The hourly rate paid in accordance with NALC guidelines at Spinal Point 16 on national pay scales relating to clerk/RFO. Henceforth the clerk would work 87 hours per month and a timesheet would be submitted setting out tasks covered each month.
- 2009/ 02/ 5b FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMEN
The clerk had drawn up a full risk assessment for all matters financial affecting this council and its day to day working.
A draft list of all spending limits was given to councillors to read and consider before discussion at the next meeting. A full and up to date Asset Register had been compiled and circulated to members.
- 2009/ 02/ 5c COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION.
It was with regret that this council accepted the resignation, due to ill health, of Ian Henderson. Enquiries would be made as to whether Emma Mundy, whose letter of application was with the clerk, could be co-opted as a councillor to fill the now vacant seat in the Delabole Ward.

- 2009/ 02/ 06 DELABOLE CEMETERY:
Clerk reported no replies so far received to her letter of 23rd. January in which she appealed to local landowners for any land available in which to create new cemetery for St Teath Parish. The search would continue. All else tidy in Vell Lane at this time.
- 2009/ 02/ 07 PLAYING FIELDS: ALLOTMENTS:
The go ahead was given for the clerk to start the purchase of land in St Teath for allotment use. The allotments in Delabole had still not been ploughed due to cold and wet weather, it was to be hoped that the ploughing would soon be done so allotment holders could get on with setting out the new plot plan and laying weed reducing membrane on paths.
All was well with the playing field and a new lock fitted to the main gate as the previous one has now been lost. One key at Delabole Spar Shop and one available from Jason McDougall.
- 2009/ 02/ 08 WAR MEMORIAL GARDENS:
All tidy at this time. To meet health and safety regulations the millennium clock required BS 7671 electrical distribution board and one suitably IP rated RCD protected double socket outlet. One quotation had been received. Clerk to seek second quote before the work is carried out. Proposed A.Stacey, 2nd L.Henderson. Agreed.
- 2009/ 02/ 09 CARETAKER: HENCEFORTH TO BE KNOWN AS
'CONTRACTOR'
To bring this post into line with employment legislation Jason, current holder, would, from April 1st become fully self-employed in this position. He would purchase all mowers and equipment from the council (at a nominal sum), run, maintain and replace them at his own expense. The mower could be kept in the Parish Council owned shed at a nominal yearly rent. He would be responsible for payment of Income tax and National Insurance. As the current post holder he would be offered £15 per hour and a two year contract with a three month break clause on either side. Terms and hours to be agreed. Ten months (43 weeks) at 32 hours per week and 2 months (9 weeks) at 24 hours per week (to cover essential maintenance during December and January). Total 1592 hours per annum.
S. Sandercock proposed acceptance of these terms, seconded by G.Keat. Agreed unanimously.
- 2009/ 02/ 10 WAYSIDE SEATS:
All seats in good order at this time with the exception of concrete/timber seat at Trewalder which is in need of repair. Trevilly Lane seat needs varnishing again. Jason to be informed.

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PUBLIC FOOTPATHS:

The tenders had been seen by the Chairman, four in all, ranging from £2126 to £2500. The tender was awarded to D.Barrett as it was felt he would have the best knowledge of the footpaths and is a self employed horticulturist. Proposed L.Henderson, 2nd P.Hicks. Agreed. The patch of now dormant Knotweed in Well Street was to be surveyed by S.Sandercock and A. Stacey to determine what course of action should be taken for its eradication. Report findings to clerk.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman had met with the clerk prior to this meeting and updated himself with all correspondence sent by the clerk, and answers received. Due to pressure on time as a result of so many ongoing projects it was proposed that only a précis of these letters would be offered unless the Councillors specifically asked for a reading of the full text. Clerk did read out e-mail from CCC with reference to future work to be carried out in the Allen Valley, date to be notified. St Teath Methodist Church had requested a grant towards the upkeep of their churchyard, clerk to check previous year grant. Proposal to offer similar sum rejected. J.Lugg proposed £150, 2ndG.Keat. Carried.

A request for funding had been received from those wishing to set up an activity club in St Teath for 7-11 yr olds. Grace Keat declared an interest. The money was needed to purchase craft materials etc. A sum of £200 was proposed by J.Lugg, 2nd by A.Stacey 11 for,1 against, carried.

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MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST:

W.Arnall felt more anti dog fouling notices were needed around the village. A.Stacey requested the clerk contact the planning enforcement officer to get the gate put into 'Sure Start' perimeter fence as had been agreed at the planning stage. S.Sandercock asked that the clerk write to the owner of 'Ben View', North Road, St Teath to ascertain whether they had sought and received planning approval for widening the entrance to their property and to request that they now make good the damage done to the existing grass verge by their repeated 'cutting' of the corners on the grass as they exit and enter the property.

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MEETINGS ATTENDED:

A.Hopkins had attended a CDCDT at which NCDC had agreed to consider a change of use for the land owned by them at The Sidings. P.Hicks had attended the Credit Union Meeting, a break- in had occurred at the Camelford office.

The clerk and G.Keat had attended the NCDC Finance meeting in Camelford, the district CALC meeting at the Clease Hall and the CALC AGM and Annual Conference at County Hall.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

St Teath still waiting for NhW packs. PCSO would supply in sufficient quantity for all households in St Teath.

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PARISH PLAN UPDATE.

Final layout now complete, plan has gone to the printers.

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ACCOUNTS.

Accounts for payment.

Cornwall Assn. of Local Councils	AGM&CONF	£46	Chq	2389.
Cwll County Training Ptn.	Course	£20	Chq	2390.
Western Supply	Hardware	£128.80	Chq	2391
EDF Energy	Clock	£2.48	DD.	
Daisy Comms.	Telephone	£33.07	DD.	
Cutting Edge	Parish Maintenance	£192.00	Chq	2392.
South West Wildlife Services	Mole Catcher	£95.00	Chq	2394.

The next meeting of St Teath Parish Council to be held on Monday, March 16th at The Community Centre, St Teath at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.30pm.
Susan J Theobald. Clerk.