

St. Teath Parish Council.
 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th February 2013.
 Delabole Methodist Church Room.
 The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. E. Jones, Chairman, G. Keat, A. Stacey, L. Rose, P. Hicks, P. Clark, S. Sandercock, J. Lugg, J. Tidd, G. Aston, A. Hopkins, A, Woollard.

Members of the public present: Mr S Crooks and Mr G Burrell, Delabole Cricket Club.
 Mrs M Gameson to observe.

In Attendance: Mrs S Theobald. Clerk / RFO / Minute Taker.

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| 2013-02-01 | <p>Apologies: None.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Jones and Clark declared a Non Registerable Interest (Minute ref: 2013-02-01) and left the meeting. Cllr. Hopkins took over the Chairmanship at this point. All remaining Councillors were granted (by Clerk's authority minute ref: 2012-11-06) dispensation for this one meeting as one of the persons under discussion was known to them on a personal level. Dispensation forms copied and filed, originals forwarded to The Monitoring Officer, Cornwall Council, Truro.</p> <p>Gifts in excess of £50: None.</p> <p>At the suggestion of the Chairman, Cllr Jones, Item 1 on the agenda was moved for discussion before the Public Session.</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7pm.</p> <p>Parish and Footpath maintenance Contracts: The clerk had sent out four requests for details of the Parish Maintenance Contract and received three replies. Two applications for details of the footpath maintenance contract had been sent out and one tender had been received. The clerk opened Tender 'A', for footpath maintenance. Tenders 1, 2, and 3 were opened, for Parish maintenance, Councillors were asked to study all four tenders. Tender 'A' for footpath maintenance was unanimously awarded without further discussion. Proposal to accept tender 'A' from Cllr. Rose and seconded by Cllr. Hicks Comments on Tender 1, 2 and 3 followed. Cllr. Woollard. Tender No.3 was from a person living locally, this would be advantageous should an emergency arise. Tender No. 1 was not local and therefore the contractor might not be relied upon to attend in an emergency, would be more likely to have a set rota of days on which they would be in the parish. Tender No.2 gave sparse detail of contractor's understanding of the nature of duties required and was lacking in detail as to overall yearly price for services delivered. Cllr. Rose. Tender No.3 appeared to be the most expensive, tender no.2 was sparse on detail and tender no.1 was a very professional presentation. Cllr. Tidd. Felt that tender no.3 was too expensive and that a cheaper option should be considered. Cllr. Keat. Was of the opinion that tender no.1 was set out in a professional way which would suggest a professional service could be expected.</p> | |

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| | <p>Cllr. Aston. Tender no.1 looked professional but did not guarantee satisfactory service delivery. Tender no.3 is local, therefore familiar with the area and well acquainted with the expectations of this council.</p> <p>Cllr. Stacey offered no comment.</p> <p>Cllr. Sandercock pointed out that the work of all three applicants was unknown and that only time would tell if a wise choice had been made. Tender no.3 had, in his opinion, a slight edge as it was from a local person.</p> <p>Cllr. Hicks. Was not happy about tender no.2, tender no.3 would be favoured as the person had proven local knowledge but nothing was known about tender no.1.</p> <p>Cllr. Lugg. Employing any one of the three would, perforce, have to be a gamble but on balance he felt that tender no.2 was poorly presented, no.3 had the slight advantage of being local and nothing was known about tender no.1.</p> <p>Cllr. Woollard proposed that Tender 3 be awarded, this was seconded by Cllr. Hicks and a show of hands was called for.</p> <p>Resolved that Tender no.3 be awarded. 6 votes for, 1 against with two abstentions.</p> <p>Cllr. Hopkins adjourned the meeting at this point to allow the Public Session to take place. Time 7.40pm.</p> <p>Cllrs. Jones and Clark returned and Cllr. Jones took the Chair.</p> <p>Public Session:</p> <p>Mr Crooks again requested that this Council should purchase an 'all weather strip' to allow cricket practice all the year round and enable Delabole Cricket Club to obtain 'Club Status'. Mr Crooks was confident of receiving a substantial grant towards the cost of this strip and asked that the parish council would make a further grant to cover any shortfall in funds raised by club members. A 'permission to play' would be drawn up to show terms and conditions under which such permission would be granted over the next 25 years. Detail to be discussed by Councillors and Cricket Club given a copy for their consideration which it was to be hoped would lead to agreement on both sides.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Crooks and Mr Burrell for their attendance and for witnessing the Tendering process.</p> <p>The meeting of Full Council was now reconvened. Time: 8pm.</p> | |
| 2013-02-02 | <p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>PA13/00804. Replacement extensions to side and rear of bungalow. 5, Atlantic Road, Delabole. Council supported this application.</p> <p>PA13/00969. Erection of 1no. 50kw wind turbine (hub height 24.6m, 34.2m to blade tip) including access track and ancillary kiosk. Land N/E of Trekee Bungalow, Trekee Lane, St Teath.</p> <p>As this application was close to an AONB, AGLV, access roads were narrow and there would be a need to carry all component parts through an already congested Delabole, Council could not support this application.</p> | |
| 2013-02-03 | <p>Decisions Received: None at this time.</p> | |
| 2013-02-04 | <p>Accounts: Salaries and Services supplied to the value of £4897.69, Administration and Materials of £1295.82 was scheduled for payment. A total of £30,313.97 in all accounts was verified by reconciliation.</p> | |
| 2013-02-05 | <p>Administration:</p> <p>It was resolved that the clerk should be authorised to spend up to a maximum of £500 to replace the computer currently used to carry out her duties for this</p> | |

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| <p>2013-02-06</p> | <p>Council. Unanimous.</p> <p>Cornwall Council Matters: Cllr. Lugg reported that the Highways budget for Cornwall had been cut by 81%. As a result of this, repairs and maintenance would be even more severely hit in future. Councillors expressed their serious concerns that the roads in our area would degrade to an even greater extent in future as a result of an even poorer standard of maintenance. 42,000 houses would be built in Cornwall over the next 20 years. Councillors questioned whether appropriate infrastructure would also be put in place to support the ever increasing population and whether sufficient jobs would be created to support these householders.</p> | |
| <p>2013-02-07</p> | <p>Police Report: None at this time. Again concern was expressed at the lack of any police presence, or reports being produced, despite repeated invitations from the clerk to attend these meetings. It was strongly felt that answers should be sought from the new police commissioner, Tony Hogg. It was resolved that the Chairman would write to Mr Hogg and invite him to explain his policy for future police cover in North Cornwall, especially throughout this and neighbouring parishes. .</p> | |
| <p>2013-02-08</p> | <p>Correspondence: A letter had been received from the St Teath Jubilee Committee assuring this council that all relevant permissions had been obtained to place two 'feature' stones at the entrance to St Teath village. Furthermore, the committee was happy to make a substantial donation towards the cost of these stones and asking St Teath PC to make a donation to meet the shortfall in their funds. The question was asked 'who' and 'how' such 'feature' stones would be insured against theft or damage and to cover any personal injury suffered by anyone coming into contact with these stones as a result of a road traffic accident. The Clerk would investigate.</p> | |
| <p>2013-02-09</p> | <p>Meeting Attended: Cllr. Woollard had attended an evening of training in the Code of Conduct. Informative but not well organised. Cllr. Hicks had attended a Credit Union meeting at which it was reported that The Kernow Credit Union was the only CU in Cornwall still operating since Cornwall Community Banking had gone into liquidation.</p> | |
| <p>2013-02-10</p> | <p>Matters of Public Interest: Cllr. Rose requested that public opinion be sought as to the need for a recycling point in Delabole now that all household had fortnightly doorstep collection. It was Cllr. Rose's feeling that the presence of these recycling bins coupled with the now out of date sign which was the cause of so much rubbish being dumped at this site. It was agreed to seek public opinion on the matter via Notices placed on the notice boards and in the Delabole Slate. The matter to be discussed further in April. Cllr. Jones made it clear he would not seek re election as Chairman of this Council at the PC AGM. Cllr. Hicks was not seeking re election to the PC at the next election and Cllr. Hopkins felt the need to resign from the PC for personal reasons.</p> | |

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| | <p>All Councillors were urged to recruit new councillors for the May elections.</p> <p>Cllr Stacey reported a un named residents concerns about personal safety if they were required to clean a road sign, clear a drain or pick up litter outside their property. It was felt common sense should prevail.</p> <p>Cllr. Keat brought to Council's attention the appalling state of the grass verge in North Road as a consequence of spectators, and players, cars being parked all along it. It was agreed a letter should be sent requesting the football club reinstate the grass verge and make it clear to all concerned that no parking was to be allowed on this grass again.</p> <p>Cllr. Woollard urged close scrutiny of the terms of any grant awarded to Delabole Cricket Club to see that it was administered within the guidelines set out, thus avoiding any breach of terms which could result in the loss of such an award.</p> <p>Cllr. Lugg requested all councillors to give some thought to ways in which this Council could commemorate the outbreak of war in 1914.</p> <p>Cllr. Woollard complained that notification of forthcoming meetings and events was not being passed to councillors quickly enough to give them sufficient time to organise their diary.</p> <p>Cllr. Hopkins reported another loose manhole cover outside 15, West Downs.</p> <p>Cllr. Stacey reported repairs were needed to tiles on the roof of the tractor shed.</p> <p>Cllr. Hicks invited all Councillors to meet at her house after the April meeting for an 'end of term' social gathering.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.</p> <p>Next meeting will be held at St Teath Community Centre on March 18th starting at 7pm.</p> | |
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