

**MINUTES OF THE ST NEOT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 9TH JANUARY 2019 AT 7:30PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM,
ST NEOT SOCIAL CLUB, ST NEOT**

Present: Councillors Dr L Jones (Chair), H Bunt, C Smith, P Critchon, O Burrows, A Bellringer, R Berrett and D Lucas.

Cornwall Councillor M Eddy for part of the meeting
Sue Blaxley (Parish Clerk)

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

Public Participation

None

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors G Rogers and N J Ball.

2. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2018, having previously been circulated, were agreed as an accurate record subject to an amendment to minute 8, line 13 changing "could be offered" to "would continue to be offered" and also amending the last line of minute 13 to Sue and Roger Daniel as opposed to Stef and Andy Daniel.

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

4. Kerdroya Project

To receive and consider a presentation on the Kerdroya Project

Will Coleman gave a presentation on the Kerdroya Project.

5. To receive a report on any matters arising from the previous meeting

Councillor C Smith explained that the prices he quoted at the last meeting for the purchase of salt bins and salt were incorrect. He said that one delivery charge of £91.88 plus VAT is levied irrespective of the number of salt bins purchased so that the cost of each salt bin filled with salt is £107.36 plus VAT as opposed to the price quoted at the last meeting of £199.00 plus VAT. In addition, he said that the cost of 1 tonne of salt (to be collected) is £50.50 plus VAT. It was noted

that at the December meeting of the parish council, it was resolved to incur expenditure of £617.00 plus VAT for two large capacity salt bins filled with salt and 40 x 20kg bags salt at £219.00 plus VAT. He said that if five salt bins are purchased and the salt is collected from Bodmin, this will incur expenditure of £679.18 plus VAT. It was noted that this was only £62.18 plus VAT more than agreed at the December meeting of the parish council. The Clerk explained that this matter was not on the agenda for discussion and should therefore be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting of the parish council. She advised that any decision to incur additional expenditure was not permitted under the parish council's standing orders unless the matter was the subject of a separate agenda item. The Chair said that, owing to the time of year and the possibility of inclement weather, it was a prudent course of action to make a resolution at this meeting. It was proposed by Councillor D Lucas and seconded by Councillor Dr L Jones that five salt bins be purchased and a one tonne bag of dumpy salt (which will be retained at Councillor H Bunt's property) at a cost of £679.18 plus VAT. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. It was agreed that the salt bins are to be placed at Ambrose Lake, Carnglaze Bridge, Lampen Bridge, Bush Hill and Tripp Hill.

6. To receive the Chairman's Communications

The Chair read out a letter from the WI saying how pleased they are with the refurbishment of the seat near the school and how nice the signposts look on Goonzion.

7. To answer any questions from Councillors, previously notified to the Clerk

None

8. To receive a report from the Clerk

The Clerk said that during discussions regarding the purchase of additional salt bins and salt (minute number 5), Councillor C Smith had expressed concerns regarding the availability of the Clerk outside of meeting hours. She said that she would put this matter on the February agenda for further discussion.

9. Councillor Surgery at Local Produce Market

To receive feedback from the Councillor surgery on Saturday 5th January 2019 and to appoint a volunteer for the next surgery on Saturday 2nd February 2019

It was noted that Councillor H Bunt had attended the market on Saturday 5th January 2019 and that a parishioner had commented that the tarpaulin on the roof of a property in Lampen Terrace was causing dampness to her property. It

was agreed that this is a matter which needs to be resolved by the parties concerned. He said that he had also received an enquiry as to the possibility of having a community minibus and that he had been informed that several parties are interested in becoming involved. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the February meeting of the parish council. Councillor D Lucas volunteered to attend the market on Saturday 2nd February 2019.

10. To receive reports from -

a) Cornwall Councillor M Eddy

Cornwall Councillor M Eddy said the Community Governance Review is taking place which seeks to ascertain if parish and town councils are happy with the name of their parishes, their boundaries and the structure of their councils. He said that Cornwall Council is campaigning for a Cornish tick box on the census form. He also said that Cornwall Council has been given a deadline of 2025 to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Councillor Dr LJones said that she thought that the planning process could be “greener” in its decisions. Cornwall Councillor M Eddy said that Cornwall Council does implement “green” measures in its housing with the installation of facilities such as air pumps for heating. Cornwall Councillor M Eddy said there is a tree resting on a telephone pole in Lampen Lane which he has reported to the Highways Department. Councillor P Critchon said that there is a tree blocking out the light from a street lamp at the entrance to the playing field in Lampen Lane. Cornwall Councillor M Eddy said he would report this to the Highways Department.

b) Goonzion Commoners

None

b) Bodmin Moor Parishes Group

None

c) Liskeard Looe Community Network Panel

None

11. To authorise the signing of orders for payment, including –

Julie Ball (Toilet and Pavillion cleaning – January) - £188.50

Julie Rowe (Cleaning Cott Yard) - £50.00

Richards Builders Merchants (Building Materials for Doorstep Green) £45.95

EDF Energy (Electricity for Pavillion) - £85.59

It was proposed by Councillor Dr L Jones and seconded by Councillor A L

Bellringer that all of the above orders for payment be authorized. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

12. To receive correspondence from -

a) **Cornwall Council**

None

b) **Others**

None

13. Finance Report

To receive a current financial statement of the accounts and to review income and expenditure against budget

The Clerk reported that this month we have received income of £126.00 from Menheniot Post Office for rental of the Pavillion. The accounts balance at £65,801.94. The Chair signed the cash book.

14. Doorstep Green and Playing Field

To receive and consider a report on any matters arising relating to Doorstep Green and the Playing Field

Councillor O Burrows said that he had compiled an inventory of the owners of the benches in Doorstep Green. The Chair said there was no need to add them to the asset register as the parish council do not own them. Councillor C Smith said that, at some stage, the flower container will need replacing. It was noted that the memorial bench to Cyril Bradbury is beyond repair. It was proposed by Councillor Dr L Jones and seconded by Councillor D Lucas that attempts be made to contact the family to ascertain if they would like to replace the bench but if no contact with them can be made, a new bench be purchased up to the value of £400 and that the plaque for Cyril Bradbury can be installed on the new bench. All Councillors voted in favour of that proposal. Councillor O Burrows said that Colin Alford will progress with the works to the amphitheatre and the wall around the chess set as agreed at the last meeting. Councillor C Smith reported that the rubbers are breaking down on two of the pieces of fitness equipment and that he is pursuing the matter with Schoolscapes. He said that the re-seeded grass in front of the goal is growing well and the goal will be reinstated before February half term. He said that he had asked Schoolscapes to provide a quotation for a 16m x 18m all-weather surface in front of the goal area. He said the quotation was £8,290 plus VAT. It was noted that an all-weather surface does require maintenance. Councillor C Smith said that he had emailed some options for play

equipment for the 9 to 13 age group to all councillors. Councillor P Critchon commented that it may be a good idea to ask the children who attend the youth club and youth room as to their preferences. Councillor D Lucas said that publicity for the new fitness equipment was a condition of the funding for the equipment. He said that he would put an item in the next edition of St Neot News.

15. Toilets and Car Park in St Neot

To consider action to be taken in respect of inconsiderate parking in the car park

It was agreed that the inconsiderate parking in the car park relates to the area on the right-hand side of the entrance by the grass verge. Various options were discussed: official stickers on the windscreens of offending vehicles, removing a section of grass and create a parking space, no parking painted on the ground, keep clear painted on the ground or a yellow hatched area on the ground. It was agreed that a personal approach in tackling the offending motorists is the best way forward. It was proposed by Councillor D Lucas and seconded by Councillor Dr L Jones that the Clerk obtains a quotation from Cormac to paint "No Parking" on the ground in yellow writing inside a yellow hatched box. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

To receive and consider a report on any other matters arising relating to the toilets and car park in St Neot

None

16. Cott Yard

To receive and consider a report on any matters arising relating to Cott Yard

Councillor C Smith explained that the heating was not working and that the engineer had attended the site and mended a low pressure fault. He said the outside lights were not working but have now been repaired. Also, the light outside Heather Taylor's suite has now been fixed. The Clerk said she had dealt with a query regarding the use of the communal kitchen area and was also resolving an outstanding issue with the RTI payments.

17. Grass Cutting Contracts 2019/20

To receive and consider quotations for the grass cutting contract for 2019/20

The Clerk reported that she had sought quotations from Lanhydrock Garden

Services, Glenn Humphries Landscaping, Cormac and the Lawn Ranger. Two quotations had been received which were opened in the meeting: one from Lanhydrock Gardening Services in the sum of £180 per cut and one from The Lawn Ranger in the sum of £180 per cut. Councillors considered both companies and given the detail provided in the Lanhydrock Gardening Services quotation, their professional approach and that they had been recommended as good contractors, it was proposed by Councillor A Bellringer and seconded by Councillor Dr L Jones that the quotation submitted by Lanhydrock Gardening Services be accepted. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

18. Dog Faeces Bins

To consider the purchase and location of dog faeces bins

It was suggested that those who do not pick up dog faeces may be children who are walking dogs or visitors as opposed to adult residents of the parish. The Chair said that two recent incidents of dog fouling had been reported to her. It was noted that there had been no feedback from the article in St Neot News asking parishioners for suggestions as to where to locate the dog faeces bins. Councillor P Critchon suggested that another article be put in St Neot News. Councillors O Burrows and A L Bellringer said that additional bins are not required as they do not consider there to be a problem with dog fouling. Some discussion took place regarding the location of additional bins if they are to be purchased. Locations included between the school and Loveny Close, opposite the London Inn and Lampen Lane. It was agreed that a copy of the laminated notice from Cornwall Council which is posted in Lampen Lane and which is essentially a warning form Cornwall Council regarding dog fouling and informing parishioners that there is a Dog warden in operation be put in the next edition of St Neot News. It was also agreed that the matter would be discussed again at the February meeting of the parish council.

19. Co-option

To receive and consider applications for co-option onto the parish council

None

20. Date of next meeting

To agree the date of the next meeting on Wednesday 13th February 2019

The next meeting of the St Neot Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 commencing at 7:30pm in the St Neot Village Institute, St Neot.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9:30pm.