

Callington Town Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday 24th April 2018

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Dowdall, Fox and Tagg
Present: Cllr M Smith (Portreeve and Mayor), Cllr Tolman (Deputy Portreeve and Mayor), Cllrs Burrows, Coakley, Gold, Long, Morgan, D Smith and Watson
6 Members of the Public
Town Clerk: Helen Dowdall

PC Frankin spoke about her role, now having a strong emphasis on Safeguarding and working alongside multi-agencies. She went on to explain the 'Thrive' initiative, Threat, Harm, Risk Investigation, Vulnerability and Engagement. The number of PCSOs in the county will be dropping to 150, currently 350.

Cllr Watson asked if there was anything the Council could do? And in response PC Frankin said that funding was the main need.

PC Franklin left the meeting.

2. **Minutes**
The Minutes of the meeting 25th April 2017 were received as a correct record of proceedings. It was noted that under item 4 last year the Saltash Recreational Group was mentioned and we are pleased to confirm that grant funded has now been received for the toddler park project and we hope to get the project completed this summer.

3. Reports

- a) **Portreeves Annual Report.** Cllr M Smith spoke about the year and his family events. We have a new council team and continue to work in harmony. Praise was given to the Chairs for their budgetary controls and for the good progress with projects. It has been recognised that less funding is available and pressure will be put on us to take on more work and services from Cornwall Council.
- b) **Planning Committee Chairman's Report.** Cllr Tolman had circulated her report prior to the meeting. Copy attached.
- c) **Town Hall & Premises Chairman's Report.** Cllr Dowdall had circulated his report prior to the meeting. Copy attached.
- d) **Outside Services Chairman's Report.** Cllr Mrs Gold had circulated her report prior to the meeting. Copy attached.
- e) **Finance & General Purposes Chairman's Report.** Cllr Tagg had circulated his report prior to the meeting. Copy attached.
- f) **Brendon & Huggins Charity.** Mr M Green as Chair of Trustees gave an update on this charity which provides four dwellings in the town. Their annual meeting was held on the 6th April and maintenance issues have been identified and will be completed during the year, but generally all properties are in fine repair.
- g) **Trust for Labouring Poor.** The Clerk gave an update on the allotments that are run by the Labouring Poor but the Town Council do the day to day administration. The finances are in good order. Nothing untoward to report.
- h) **Constabulary.** See above.
- i) **Fire Service.** Cllr Smith reported that the local crew have purchased their fitness equipment.
- j) **Cornwall Council report[Kelly Bray Ward].** Cllr Flashman was not in attendance.
- k) **Cornwall Council report [Callington Ward].** Cllr Long was in attend and had circulated his report prior to the meeting. He spoke about the financial pressures at Cornwall Council and there

being no funding after 2021 from Central Government. The number of Cornwall Councillors will be dropping from 123 to 87.

4. Open Session

A resident suggested that a noticeboard is put at the allotments, with the address and postcode. This is because someone had recently collapsed at the site and the ambulance had difficulty locating the field. This idea would be put on the next Outside Services meeting for consideration, along with other such boards for all our open spaces.

A representative from the Heritage Centre queried a recent water bill for this site. The Clerk explained that the water bill isn't recharged on to the Heritage Centre, but water is used for filling the watering cans (flowers put by the headstone), at the workshop and to fill the water bowsers that water the flower beds in Fore Street. A former employee confirmed it was a metered supply.

Concerns about infrastructure were raised, particularly with the number of large development proposals for the town and the impact on the education and health centre. Cllr Long responded.

Adjacent to Fountain Farm there is an old quarry and there have been some recent tipping on the site. It was confirmed that this had nothing to do with the mining and it has NO legal wildlife preservation orders.

A discussion then followed on the Health Centre and whether their plans to extend will actually come into fruition.

A resident spoke about dogs being sighted at Saltash Road park and made reference to a police dog being on the field. The Clerk would discuss this with the local Police Offices. He went on to report that

expletives had been written on the graffiti wall, and not removed for four days. This would be discussed with the Staff.

And his final comments referred to the loss of trees at Saltash Road park. He asked whether the Council might consider using a stump grinder to remove the remains of the old trees and that they be replenished, for the benefit of everyone.

Cllr Gold spoke about the picnic benches and the aspiration to have some new ones in the toddler area, as some had been vandalised. She also explained that we had planted a number of saplings but sadly on a number of occasions they have been either ripped up or smashed.

There being no other items the meeting was closed at 7.45pm