

Draft minutes of Annual Meeting of St. John Parish on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.30pm at St John Village hall.

**Those present-**: Cllr D Richards (Chairman), Cllr Hoskin, Cllr Crane, Cllr Tanner, Cllr Hirst, -Mr Dolton ( member of the public) and Mrs Allen Clerk to St John Parish Council.

**1.123 Apologies for absence.** Cllr Everard. Apologies accepted.

**2.123 Minutes of the previous meeting** 12th May 2022 were reviewed and approved.

**3.123 Matters arising from the previous meeting. N/A.**

**4.123 Chairman's Annual Report 2022/23.**

*"It has been a generally quiet year, we have moved forward with some initiatives and we have been fairly busy dealing with planning applications in St John, Freathy and Tregonhawke.*

#### **Finance**

*We have continued to manage our finances prudently, but various costs this year has necessitated a 5.9% increase to the Council Tax precept for 2023/2024.*

*Our finances have an end of year balance of approximately £4,000 (excluding the Solar Fund account).*

#### **Planning**

*We have dealt with several planning applications for chalet improvements/rebuilds at Freathy and Tregonhawke. There is a growing trend of non-residential owners submitting redevelopment plans that are contrary to the special planning conditions (Article 4).*

*Furthermore, the proposed designs are not appropriate in terms of size and appearance, and would harm the unique nature of these settlements. Consequently, we have objected to several controversial proposals for chalet re-builds.*

*We have also objected to any further hot tubs for reasons of health and safety as well as water consumption and safe discharges on unstable cliffs.*

*There have been several planning applications in St John, including Vanderbans, Brimbles and St John Inn, none of which we have objected to, although we were neutral on the St John Inn application for a new holiday building as we had concerns as to foul drainage proposals on an already developed site.*

#### **Transparency**

*We have continued with proper transparency with updates to our parish website, bulletins in the local newsletters and improved notice board coverage. We intend to fund a new notice board for Tregonhawke this year.*

*We endeavour to be transparent and we encourage open and public opportunity for discussion of planning applications.*

### **Environment**

*We have been active on many issues in the parish in the last year.*

*We have obtained a grant, and together with some PC contribution, have purchased a bus shelter to serve Tregonhawke. This is useful for both residents and visitors to our lovely cliffs.*

*We are pleased to report that double yellow line parking restrictions are now being completed at Tregongantle, and together with SW Coastal Path improvements, safe access to the beach can now be enabled without the dangerous street parking which has prevented safe access for emergency services (and buses) to reach the cliffside communities. We also understand that parking charges in the Tregongantle car park have been reduced.*

*We have pushed CC for new signage at Tregonhawke and this has now been completed.*

*We continue to use Green Thumb to improve grass quality at the memorial garden, and this is certainly a vast improvement to the weeds which predominated there.*

*We have undertaken some work to the “turning area” by the ford, (after liaison with Wildlife Trust) and the rather sad muddy area is somewhat improved, we are monitoring the situation and hope to make further improvements.*

### **Memorial Garden**

*Our only property responsibility is the memorial garden in St John, and we have continued to maintain this through gardening and stone cleaning, and I would like to again thank Cllr Everard for his special efforts in this regard. Our Christmas Tree will now continue to be supplemented by our new floodlights illuminating the church tower.*

### **Solar Fund**

*We have continued to receive regular £3000 contributions, each January, from British Solar Renewables and are delighted that we continue to be able to fund local community projects. The fund in 2023 will be used to improve the community facilities in Freathy.*

### **Section 137 Donations etc**

*We have donated £150 to the Rame Community Fund and £152 towards the St John Defibrillator costs. We have also made £250 donations to both St John and Freathy in respect of both the Jubilee and Coronation celebrations. We were also pleased to host*

*invited guests to St John village hall for the formal reading of the Proclamation of the King's accession, with refreshments provided.*

### **Complaint**

*You should be aware, as it will be recorded on the CC website that a complaint of professional misconduct was lodged against your Chairman in December by a St John resident, this was fully investigated by CC's Legal and Governance department, which found No Case to Answer.*

### **Finally**

*I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all councillors, and especially Roy Hoskin who has attended many external meetings and who ably supports all initiatives in Freathy. I am delighted that John Tanner and Ben Crane have so willingly contributed their time towards engineering a younger PC team.*

*I would as always like to thank Caroline for the solid, outstanding service she has given as Clerk, and Cllr. Kate Ewert who has given the parish much support over the last two years."*

### **5.123 Public forum.**

Concerns were raised by Mr Dolton regarding the recurring problem of pot-hole/ collapsed pipe/ flooding -at the foot of Jacks lane which is clearly a potential hazard for cyclists. Cllr Richards explained that it was being dealt with by Cornwall highways dept and is on their scheme of work. The PC has followed this up with Highways on numerous occasions and are waiting for a copy of the CCTV footage taken.

The parishioners are encouraged to report on the Cornwall council portal.

**Action:** Cllr Ewert to follow up with Cornwall Highways.

**6.123 Finance report.** The management report for 2022/2023 was reviewed and approved unanimously.

**St John Parish Council  
Financial Management Report 31st March 2023**

2021/22 Audited	Including Community Benefit Funding	2022/23 Actual	Budget 2022/23
<b>£</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	
£9,701	Brought Forward	£8,721	£8,721
£6,000	Precept	£8,500	£8,500
£67	CTS Grants	£25	£24
£0	Interest	£6	£0
£5,000	Bus shelter grant	£3,000	£3,000
£250	Other grant		
£1,069	VAT refund	£2,286	£3,000
£3,083	Community Benefit funding	£3,083	£3,083
<b>£15,469</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£16,900</b>	<b>£17,607</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
£1,220	VAT	£2,149	£3,000
£1,666	Clerk Salary	£2,279	£1,900
£362	Clerking expenses	£491	£375
£294	Subscriptions CPD	£275	£300
£708	Grass control/ Footpaths	£970	£800
£3,311	Community benefit projects incl St John ford	£5,851	£6,546
	Precept funded St John turning space.	£847	£837
£0	Tregonhawke noticeboard		
£4,865	Bus shelter	£5,875	£5,875
£80	Hall Rent	£120	£180
£275	Misc RBL wreath Xmas tree Queen posy	£391	£300
£1,428	Election/ reserves		£250
	Chairmans discretionary fund		
£250	Graveyard repairs		£0
£260	St John / Benskins wood and Ford wildlife sign		£0
£208	Website and new email accounts	£285	£350
£400	Jubilee celebration/ Coronation	£452	£428
£90	Audit fee	£75	£75
£100	Computer	£100	£100
£500	Section 137	£302	£250
£251	Insurance	£252	£252
£182	Printing Postage and Stationery	£143	£200
<b>£16,449</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£20,857</b>	<b>£22,018</b>
<b>-£980</b>	<b>Profit/ ( Loss)</b>	<b>-£3,957</b>	<b>-£4,411</b>
<b>£8,721</b>	<b>Cfwd</b>	<b>£4,764</b>	<b>£4,310</b>

	Represented by: -		
	Deposit Account Bank statement	£4,443.99	
	Current Account bank statement	£747.92	
	(less O/s cheques/ O/s Income)	-£427	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,764</b>	
	<b>Community Benefit Fund</b>	<b>£695</b>	
	<b>Total Funds excluding CB fund</b>	<b>£4,069</b>	

**7.123 Public questions and motions.** None.

**8.123 a** It was noted that some of the signage at Tregantle has been removed.

**Action:** Cllr Ewert to report to Cornwall Highways dept.

**8.123 b** It was noted that Lifeguard cover on Whitsand bay will be restricted this season due to financial constraints.

**8.123 c** It was noted that Cllr Ewert is organising a meeting with members of the Parish Council and the Chief planning officer to discuss amending the Article 4 planning regulations for the chalets. Cllr Hoskin and Crane to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

**8.123 d** It was noted that St Johns Inn have made another planning application for holiday accommodation. To be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

**9.123 -Date of next meeting - TBA.**