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Minutes of Warleggan Parish Meeting of Thursday 15 December 2016 at the Jubilee Hall, Mount

Important note: the following is a transcription of the draft minutes for the above meeting, and may contain errors or omissions. The surnames of the people mentioned in the minutes are not given in this transcript (check Parish Clerk's copy for full details). If you wish to advise of any such errors or omissions, make your observations at the next parish meeting, when the minutes will be read out.

Present / Apologies - see Parish Clerk's copy of the minutes for list of those (8 people) recorded as attending, and of the (1) apologies received.

The minutes of the Parish Meeting of 20 October 2016 were read and agreed as a true record, as was the planning subcommittee meeting of 3 November 2016.

Matters Arising

1. Defibrillator for the Jubilee Hall. The defibrillator is now in place and the system is operational. Training has occurred. Mrs Di W will ask Mrs Gill K if she is coordinating the ten respondents and will request that information is put in the parish newsletter.
2. Bodmin Moor Commons Council has received our donation of £100. Mrs Pat P explained that Mrs D Watson (County Councillor) has written to Mr Bart Bissow of Cornwall Council requesting a 40 mph speed limit for moorland areas. Signs are likely to be expensive and we would be likely to be requested to make a contribution.
3. Parish light on Mount crossroads. Mr Richard J has cleaned the sensor and it is believed to be in working order.
4. Chapel Bank Farm update: the application was turned down by the planning department but we have requested that it goes to appeal before the County Planning Meeting. It was agreed to ask Mr John K to speak on behalf of the parish planning sub-committee. His local knowledge and that of planning policies and the aims of the farm were thought to be invaluable in the situation. We agreed to offer Mr John K expenses for this.
5. Mr Andy M expressed his view that the Parish's constitution and code of conduct for officers of the Planning Sub-Committee had the effect of discriminating against members of the planning sub-committee when they made applications for themselves, as demonstrated in recent applications by Mrs Di W and Mr Geoff S. When non-members of the planning sub-committee have applications before our sub-committee, they may remain for the duration of the deliberations with the understanding that they do not speak once sub-committee has started its deliberations. Members of the sub-committee have to leave after the initial presentation of the application and do not witness the sub-committee in session. Whilst there are pros and cons for the applicant being present during deliberations, there does appear to be an inequality as to whether they are a sub-committee member or not. (Exclusion is based upon the [Warleggan Parish Meeting Code of](#)

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Conduct for Officers and Sub-Committee Members Section 11 sub-section (ii) on Prejudicial Interest which states:

“You must declare a Prejudicial Interest at the outset and leave the room unless the public are allowed to speak, give evidence or answer questions about the matter. In that case you can attend the meeting for that purpose but must leave the room immediately you have finished speaking or when the Meeting so decides.”)

Now raised, it is hoped that consideration of the issue will reviewed at a later date and a minor amendment to our constitution may be made to clarify the issue.

6. The Clerk has been given a letter from Mr Geoff S regarding the planning sub-committee meeting of £ November 2016, which was read to the meeting (see letter at end of minutes). Unfortunately Mr Geoff S was unable to attend due to another meeting but those present reviewed the issues raised:
 - i. The Chair giving their opinion at meetings: This was seen as a matter of personal style and the example given at the previous meeting by Mr John K of Cornwall Council Chairman Mr B Bissow doing the same at meetings he chairs as supportive of the practice.
 - ii. Perceived pre-meeting decisions made at the Friday Shop: By taking planning applications for display before those attending Village Greens was seen as improving knowledge within the community, but those present denied coming with pre-planned opinions/decisions.
 - iii. Caravan planning application: Whilst Mr Geoff S in his letter uses the term ‘temporary’, this was not used on the night of the application and the talk of decking and screening by trees gave the impression of a more permanent arrangement.
 - iv. Sporadic development within an AONB used in our reason for refusal of this application, yet other applications are supported. The meeting felt that they review each application on its merit, and recent support for the development within an AONB was justified. It was stated that planning policies support businesses which support village shops and local businesses.

Any other business

1. Parish Precept for 2017/18: Mr Andy M explained that we have £3,901.01 in our account. We have made commitments as follows:
 - a. Defibrillator annual monitoring fee: - £295 + VAT
 - b. BT internet connection: approx £50 + VAT
 - c. 18-month internet connection with unlimited broadband: approx £486
 - d. Wifi router approx £10

Hence current deposits less commitments gives approximately £3,000. Our regular expenditure for Chairperson’s expenses, Clerk/Treasurer expenses, parish website, reading room light, parish newsletter donation, hire of hall costs and defibrillator

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monitoring amounts to about £1,000. Following discussion it was agreed to maintain our parish precept at £1,100 for the financial year 2017/18.

2. Planning Application for the 'construction of extension' at Callaway Cottage, Warleggan. After a discussion it was unanimously supported 6-0. The supporting statement was: 'We support this application as it is sympathetic to the existing development and its scale is appropriate to its surroundings'.

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