

ROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE ROCHE VICTORY HALL

ON WEDNESDAY, 10th MAY 2023 AT 6.30PM

Present	Cllr. D. Inch (Chairman)	Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk)	Cllr. G. Rowe (Vice-Chairman)
	Cllr. M. Edyvean	Cllr. Mrs. S. Tippet	Cllr. B. Kretowicz
	Cllr. Mrs. A. King	Cllr. D. Yelland	Cllr. P. Kent
	Cllr. Mrs. H. Retallick	1 Member of Public	

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
113/23	Welcome and Opening of the 2023 Annual Meeting:- Chairman opened the 2023 Annual Meeting and welcomed all.	
114/23	Apologies:- Councillors M. Taylor, Mrs. L. Harrison, Cornwall Councillor P. Guest	
115/23	Members Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:- None.	
116/23	<p>Annual Report Cornwall Councillor:- Councillor P. Guest sent his report for the Roche and Bugle Division 2022-2023 as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another year older, whether I am another year wiser is open to debate. It has been an eventful year, a lot has been achieved, but, as always, there is so much more to do. • The sad passing of H.M. The Queen and the recent coronation of H.M. The King were two events that attracted worldwide attention. Both were something that I, like many others experienced for the first time. • I attended many commemorative and celebratory civic and local events during these times and was heartened to see the strong community spirit on show throughout. I do not think I have been to church so many times as I have in the last year. • Both the A30 Link Road project and the potential for Lithium mining in the area have progressed this year. Both projects have attracted national and international attention involving interviews and appearances by yours truly on the B.B.C. and R.T.S. (Swiss television). It was a slightly bizarre experience watching the playback of me being dubbed in French. There are many potential economic benefits for our area through these projects and I will keep banging on to put us in the spotlight. • At a 'County level', you will know that I took an active and high-profile part in the devolution deal debate. It is no secret that I was disappointed with the final outcome, but negotiations are ongoing with the Government to secure extra funding for Cornwall. No details are available yet, but as and when there is news, I will let you know. • Work continues on the 'Clay Country Strategy Document' to gain extra recognition and extra support for the Clay country as a whole. Discussions and negotiations are ongoing, specifically on improving transport links and our current health provision. • As you will be aware, our current Community Network panel is changing to a Community Area Partnership. Cornwall has gone from 19 C.N.P.s down to 12 C.A.P.s, although our current area is largely unaffected as we will be staying virtually 'as is' we look forward to welcoming Luxulyan Parish into the fold. 	

At the time of going to press, details have not been finalised, but the aspiration is for our C.A.P. to have increased powers and funding.

- I have been pleased to have been involved in a piece of work supporting young people leaving foster care. Years ago, once they reached their 18th birthday, they were put out on the street and left to fend for themselves. We have come a long way from that scenario and there is now some support in place for them until they are 25. This year, we managed to get the Government to agree to supply all care leavers with bus passes and at the end of this month, I will be speaking in full council in support of a proposal to recognise them as a recognised minority which would attract more support to help them on their way into adulthood.
- Armed Forces week will soon be upon us, although it will primarily be based in Falmouth, activities are planned throughout the County. It will be a chance to celebrate and thank our Forces for all the work they do to keep us safe. I have been heavily involved in the planning of this event and hope to bump into some of you over that week.
- There is a busy year ahead of us locally, the main priorities within the division will include the re-generation of Bugle Skate Park. This has been a major issue within the village for some time now and desperately needs addressing. There is funding available, the next step is to decide what we actually want to do with the area, and to that end, we will be launching a public consultation within the village. Key to the success of the project will be getting the young people of the village involved at all stages. The hope would then be to instil a sense of pride and ownership in the development, this will hopefully lead to a certain amount of self-policing and reduction in anti-social behaviour. The one thing we cannot do is nothing.
- In Roche, discussions continue regarding the Origin 3 development, one particular concern will be the impact this will have on the local infrastructure, i.e., schooling & health provision regardless of the final number of houses built and I meet regularly with certain Council Officers, specifically in the Education department who are monitoring the situation. It is also hoped that some real progress will be seen on the proposed works on the Victory Hall and the proposed devolution of green space to the Parish Council. Unfortunately, the wheels of bureaucracy turn slowly, this is frustrating, but it is hoped that we will see some movement as the year progresses.
- The traffic calming measures planned for Whitemoor and Reperry/Lockengate are being processed, these have taken 2 years to get to the stage we are currently at, and it would be nice to see some work commencing in the near future.
- As we recover from the Covid lockdown, it is good to see us returning to a sense of normality. This year I am looking forward to the Bugle Band contest, the return of carnivals to Roche and Whitemoor to name but a few. I am always keen to support local events and help strengthen the strong sense of community within the Parishes.
- You will be interested to know that this year's Community Chest Fund has just gone live, and I will welcome applications from local groups.
- The day-to-day work will go on, potholes, parking and traffic are perennial problems that I will attempt to keep on top of. Sadly, residents' casework is on the increase.
- We are living through tough times, but I will do my best to help where I can, although, unfortunately, sometimes that means managing expectations about what help is available.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would like to close by thanking you all for the help and support that you have given me over the last year. I am grateful and would not have been able to get as much done without you. So, thank you and I am looking forward to working closely with you in the year ahead. <p>Chairman thanked Cornwall Councillor P. Guest for his report this evening.</p>	
117/23	<p>Annual Report from Police:- No report received.</p>	
118/23	<p>Chairman's Annual Report:- Clerk circulated report prior to the meeting as follows: -</p> <p>Chairman's Report for May 2023 from Councillor Dan Inch.</p> <p>Another Busy Year, as a Council we have worked hard.</p> <p>The A30 Link Road continued as we now start to see progress across the route and light at the end of the tunnel.</p> <p>We have continued to use our Neighbourhood Plan to help us present the right commentary on planning permissions and we have all contributed to the still ongoing application for the 195 houses, I think we would all like to offer our thanks for the additional involvement and work Matthew has undertaken.</p> <p>We have continued to improve our recreation area and have further made enhancements within the car park areas and supported the Cricket and Football teams with safe secure lock ups and additional grass cutting schedules, all of which has been well received and the benefits are clear. The landscaping we conducted in 2021 can now be seen in addition to this area.</p> <p>The Village continues to look well presented; we have a talented team of local hard-working Contractors. The Cemetery, Duck Pond and Playing Field, examples we can be proud of.</p> <p>We have continued to keep on top of all our tree inspections and where needed we have replanted for the future.</p> <p>Community Emergency Plan: We are currently updating, pending details of new Councillors yet to join.</p> <p>Vandalism across the village is definingly a lot less again investing in better facilities for the village, has hopefully helped. And we must remember this when setting our spending plans each year.</p> <p>Other grants and donations: In the last year we supported the development of the Skatepark and surrounding area – I am sure you will all agree this was a wonderful way to use this fund, for the benefit of the whole village. Going forward it would be my recommendation we continue to support with large village projects.</p> <p>My sincere thanks to Members for their dedication and support, I would like to thank you to Councillors Graham Rowe and Michael Edyvean for their additional support – always good to be able to chat thorough concerns and opportunities. Also, thanks to the Litter pickers – your hard work does not go unnoticed excellent job!</p>	

