

ROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE ROCHE VICTORY HALL LARGE COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM

ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY 2019 AT 6.30PM

Present	Cllr. P. Ames (Chairman)	Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk)	Cllr. D. Inch (Vice-Chairman)
	Cllr. B. Higman	Cllr. M. Edyvean	Cllr. G. Rowe
	Cllr. Mrs. J. Oxenham	Cllr. P. Jones	Cllr. Mrs. J. Norris
	Cwll. Cllr. J. Wood	PCSO Jamie Ward	5 Members of Public

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
102/19	Welcome and Opening of the 2019 Annual Meeting:- Chairman opened the 2019 Annual Meeting and welcomed all.	
103/19	Apologies:- Councillors Mrs. I. Northey, Mrs. S. Tippet	
104/19	Members Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:- None.	
105/19	<p>Annual Report from Cornwall Councillor:- Annual Report received from Cornwall Councillor J. Wood circulated as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking back it has been another eventful and difficult year. Despite it being emphasised to us that we must be strategic in our role and that should be a priority we all find that local case work and parochial issues take a disproportionate amount of our time. The majority of my case work has to remain confidential it can be both frustrating and very rewarding when problems are either resolved or diminished. Ant-social behaviour especially 'neighbour wars' is so difficult to overcome. I still find it difficult to understand selfish behaviour that has a total disregard for its impact on others. The loss of our PCSO has made matters worse with other Councillors I continue to lobby the Commissioner and our MP for compensatory 'police presence' in our community. Front line services some of the responsibilities now delegated to Parish and Town Council are being delivered. The majority of Councillors have risen to the challenge. I am saddened that so many of the public do not understand that their local Councillors are volunteers. The County Council no longer has the 'back room' staff that it had years ago consequently enquiries do take longer. With the greater use of emails comes greater pressure, I all too often find that I am spending too much time staring at a faceless screen answering emails. Here in Cornwall we have major under-funding issues which brings with it a series of problems. Poor public health provision, poor dental services, increasing number of over seventies/eighties, dementia, air quality, low wages, expensive housing, fuel poverty and the fact that more people are retiring to Cornwall unaware of our overstretched underfunded hospital and public transport. These problems impact in some way on our residents even our schools are underfunded (lowest in the country) and locals cannot always get their children into their local school. It is not all doom and gloom. With a fair wind and a little luck work will start in early 2020 on the new road so there will be light at the end of the tunnel. 	

	<p>The complimentary measures (village restoration) will soon be reaching a stage where we can hold a public meeting outlining proposals. The Parish Councils are working together to find a way forward on Dental Provision. Cornwall Councillor John Wood – Roche Division Cornwall Council</p> <p>Chairman thanked Cornwall Councillor J. Wood for his annual report.</p>	
106/19	<p>Neighbourhood Beat Manager's Annual Report:- PCSO Jamie Ward reported the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They no longer deliver annual or monthly reports to Parish Councils on a regular basis. • Current Policing Model – at St. Austell is in keeping with new system called Project Genesis. Neighbourhood Team patches have been dissolved. Once the new system is available to all it should help in the long-term. It is going well so far over the last 8-10 months. He found the new system to be beneficial. • Councillor B. Higman reported it is not the point of contact, it is things are not being picked up, i.e. when PCSO Steve Tibbles was in the village, he would meet people and youngsters, before anything happens. It is a preventative on the ground system that would be better for our Parish and not a point of contact system. He totally agrees with the Councillors in this respect that it would be better to have PCSO's in the villages. • Councillor J. Wood reported there was an incident last week and he attended himself and reported to the police and was informed there was no police car in the area, he then had to tell the resident to call the police. He felt concerned that he was in danger. PCSO Jamie Ward confirmed if there was a fear of danger to immediately call 999. There are currently 5 Officers and an Inspector on in any one day. There is generally more logged calls than they can attend. Any 999 calls get pushed further up the list if received. <p>Chairman thanked PCSO Jamie Ward for his report to the Parish Council.</p>	
107/19	<p>Chairman's Annual Report:- Clerk circulated prior to the meeting a report from Councillor P. Ames as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath to Victoria : Being considered as part of the A30 Link Road, more public consultation expected to be held. • Neighbourhood Plan : No immediate plans yet to review. • Playing Field : Having spent £80,250.00 plus Vat in the previous year, it is very frustrating to see so much vandalism, including Arson. Members are looking at Security options including CCTV. • Public Toilets : Vandalism continues as an ongoing problem. • Tennis Courts : The rusty old flood lighting has been removed; Members are considering various options. • We have 2 new Members, Councillor Mrs Jane Norris and Councillor Paul Jones. • Other grants and donations this year total £3,408.60, we continue to invite applications from groups and individuals. • Members have been keen to keep expenditure under control; this has allowed us to declare no increase in our Precept for the current Financial Year. • The Village continues to look smart again, we have some very hard working Contractors. The Cemetery is just one example they can be proud of. • My sincere thanks to Members for their dedication and support, and finally, my sincere thanks again to our Clerk, Julie Burdon, she does a brilliant job, which can be challenging. <p>Peter Ames-Chairman to Roche Parish Council.</p>	

108/19	<p>Confirmation of Annual Parish Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th May 2018:- Resolved the Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th May 2018 as circulated and approved on the 13th June 2018 be confirmed (Proposed: Councillor B. Higman; Seconded: Councillor J. Wood)</p> <p>Councillor J. Wood expressed thanks from the whole Parish Council to the Parish Clerk.</p>	
109/19	<p>Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th May 2018:- None.</p> <p>There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 6.42pm</p>	

Signature:

Chairman

Date: 12th June 2019