

# ROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

### IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE ROCHE VICTORY HALL

ON MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 AT 6.30PM

Present	Cllr. D. Inch (Chairman)	Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk)	Cllr. G. Rowe (Vice-Chairman)
	Cllr. M. Edvyeane	Cllr. D. Yelland	Cllr. Mrs. H. Retallick
	Cllr. P. Jones	Cllr. Mrs. S. Tippet	Cllr. Mrs. L. Harrison
	Cllr. Mrs. A. King	PCSO S. Tibbles	Cwll. Cllr. P. Guest
	Tom Naylor - Lithium	John Vine – Lithium	4 Members of Public

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
125/22	<b>Welcome and Opening of the 2022 Annual Meeting:-</b> Chairman opened the 2022 Annual Meeting and welcomed all.	
126/22	<b>Apologies:-</b> Councillor M. Taylor.	
127/22	<b>Members Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:-</b> None.	
128/22	<p><b>Annual Report Cornwall Councillor:-</b> Councillor P. Guest reported as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been a year since the local elections, and from a personal perspective, I do not know where the time has gone. It has been a busy old time, I know what I signed up for and I would not have it any other way.</li> <li>• I would like to start this report by thanking the Chairman and the Clerk as well you the Parish Councillors for making me feel welcome in my new role, for all your help, advice and guidance. It has been invaluable.</li> <li>• I now sit on various committees and outside bodies, it has been a steep learning curve and I will continue to work hard especially in the areas of Children &amp; Families, Adult Education and skills training for people to improve their life prospects. Another subject that I am currently in the learning stage with and hope to make some positive change in over the next year is disability access in general.</li> <li>• A major piece of work which I have undertaken along with the 3 other Clay Country Councillors is to produce a strategy document which gets the Clay Country recognised as an entity in its own right. Too often in the past the major towns in Cornwall have attracted the funding and economic investment. Why shouldn't the Clay Country be treated exactly the same, after all, our combined population exceeds most towns in Cornwall.</li> <li>• The bulk of my work has quite rightly been residents casework, as I have said before, the reason that I stood for election in the first place was to help local people and try and improve their general quality of life.</li> <li>• I have built up a close working relationship with both the Chairman and the Clerk, attended local events and tried to support community initiatives where I could. As I am sure you will all agree the skatepark project has been a roaring success.</li> </ul>	

	<p>This is tribute to the hard work and enthusiasm of not only you the Parish Council but also my predecessor John Wood. I cannot claim any credit for it, apart from the painting and decoration carried out by Mollie and her team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision (or lack of) bus services in and around the village is currently on the radar. I have involved our local MP in this and it is hoped that in the following weeks some progress will be made.</li> <li>• The major event looming on the horizon will be the start of the A30 Link Road to St .Austell, there will be disruption, but, hopefully long term Roche will benefit from this project. Although it has been hit with various delays such as the pandemic, legal issues, rising costs etc, it is going ahead.</li> <li>• There are other exciting projects in the pipeline and it is hoped these will start to progress in the coming years.</li> <li>• Shortly, this years Community chest funds will be come available. I am keen to hear from any local community organisations that may benefit.</li> <li>• The provision of a Youth Club is still something I would like to see in the village. I have made some contacts with Youth Organisations and am currently speaking to a Councillor who has successfully established a club in Truro.</li> <li>• As the ruling administration in Cornwall, we have had to take some tough but necessary decisions in our first year in office. There will be some more to come, but the aspiration in our second year is to start putting in place our plans for a thriving Cornwall making it a brilliant place to grow up in, a safe and prosperous county for all.</li> <li>• It may well be that in order to deliver on some of our major plans, we will have to have a Directly Elected Leader who will have access to extra funding and powers. As we speak, the full details have not been released. We currently do not know what extra powers a D.E.L. and Council will have or how much money is in the pot. Until that information is available, I personally do not feel I can make a considered decision on wether we go for the extra devolved powers and funding or stay as we are. There are economic, legislative and democratic implications whichever path we as a County choose to go down and I am sure this debate will dominate the headlines in the coming months. I have prepared a briefing paper and if you would like a copy, please get in touch.</li> <li>• That in summary is a whistle-stop tour of my first year working for you, once again, thank you for all your support and here's to a fruitful and positive year to come.</li> </ul> <p><a href="mailto:Cllr.peter.guest@cornwall.gov.uk">Cllr.peter.guest@cornwall.gov.uk</a> Chairman thanked Cornwall Councillor P. Guest for his report this evening.</p>	
128/22	<p><b>Annual Report from Police:-</b> Report received as follows from PCSO S. Tibbles as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crimes up in the Parish by 7.5% but this is to be expected after the lockdown being lifted.</li> <li>• The St. Austell Neighbourhood Team have two extra new Beat Managers, New Sergeant, New Inspector.</li> <li>• ASB reports is down 27.6%</li> <li>• The St. Astell Neighbourhood Team has been split into 3 sub sectors.</li> </ul>	

	<p>These are the three Network Panels but the China Clay Network Panel has also Mevagissey, along to Portholland and up to Grampound attached to it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sub Sector is covered by 2 x PCSO and 3 NBM.</li> <li>• They no longer have staff to have a nominated Officer for each parish unfortunately, there are changing times. There are only five officers for this whole area.</li> <li>• Crime has gone down but we will have to see what the future holds.</li> <li>• Chairman appreciated this and understands, as long as we are able to have regular contact with the police if needed.</li> <li>• Skatepark is packed tonight and it has great potential and a credit to the village.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman thanked PCSO S. Tibbles for his report this evening.</p>	
129/22	<p><b>Chairman's Annual Report:-</b> Clerk circulated prior to the meeting a report from Councillor Dan Inch as follows: - Chairman's Report for May 2022 from Councillor D. Inch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What a difference in a year. As a Council we have worked hard, supported by Julie Burdon, our Parish Clerk.</li> <li>• The A30 Link Road, we have worked hand in hand with the entire process and are now waiting for final confirmation.</li> <li>• We had a vision to develop our hard court area, we already have a great grassed park area, which is well supported, but we have now complimented this with a skatepark, a project that has been delivered over a very short period of time, and in budget, just goes to show, what we can achieve, when working together and supporting each other. We are in the final stages on finishing the area, with tarmac, white lines and shrubs.</li> <li>• The Village continues to look fresh; we have some very hard-working Contractors. The Cemetery and Playing Field, examples we can be proud of. We took the decision to take control of the Duck Pond area and from this we will improve this area for the Village.</li> <li>• We are now in the early stages of looking at planting trees in the park and football fields area, a project which will leave a lifetime improvement to us all.</li> <li>• We had a busy year on tree safety – removing trees in danger of falling and also replacing with new trees</li> <li>• Community Emergency Plan: We are currently updating, pending details of new Councillors yet to join.</li> <li>• Vandalism across the village has appeared to be reduced during the last year, which is great to see, investing in better facilities for the village, has hopefully helped.</li> <li>• 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 great way to use this fund, for the benefit of the whole village.</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plan: No immediate plans yet to review. But we need to be very mindful of all future planning applications or interests.</li> <li>• 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 through concerns and opportunities. Also, thanks to the Litter pickers – excellent job!</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• And finally, my sincere thanks again to our Clerk, Julie Burdon, she does a brilliant job, which can be challenging.</li></ul> Dan Inch - Chairman to Roche Parish Council.	
<b>130/22</b>	There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 6.42pm	

Signature: .....  
Chairman

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022