

DAVIDSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 7th May 2022

Attendees: Andrew McKersie (AM) Will Kingdom (WK) Tony Steed (TS) Phil Potter (PP)
Julie Downton (JD) Mark Wakefield (MW)

Apologies: None

- 1. Election of Chair** – AM advised councillors that he would be moving away from Davidstow in mid-June and would be resigning as a Parish Councillor. Councillors discussed options for a new Chair and Clerk but agreed to defer any decision until the next meeting. AM was asked to continue in the role of Chair for the time being and was proposed by JD and seconded by TS. Councillors agreed.

Councillors also agreed to consider the vacancies for parish councillors at a future meeting.

- 2. Conflicts of Interest** – None advised.

- 3. Minutes of Meeting 7th February** – The minutes were approved.

4. Annual Meeting Requirements

Confirmation of arrangements of insurance – it was confirmed that a policy remained in force with Zurich.

- a. Review of Council Subscriptions** – it was noted that possibly the membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) constituted a subscription.

- b. Review of Council Expenditure** – details of the Council's expenditure had been circulated, showing income of £993 and expenditure of £2791.

- c. Confirmation of date and place for Council meetings** – forward dates were confirmed as the first Monday of the month unless it was a bank holiday in which case it would roll forward to the following Monday. Councillors agreed to consider the venue of future meetings at the next scheduled meeting.

5. Planning

- a. PA22/03027 Proposed new 3-bedroom single story dwelling with outline planning permission; land East of Meadowview, Tremail**

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e. PA22/03873 Construction of an agricultural general-purpose building for storage of fodder – Churchtown Farm, Vicarage Hill, Davidstow

Councillors supported the application.

f. PA22/04143 non-material amendment (NMA1) to condition 2 in respect of decision PA20/02612 dated 24.07.2020, Dairy Crest, Blacka Lane, Davidstow

Councillors were not entirely clear about all the proposed changes but were of a view that they did indeed appear to be minor but agreed to return a 'no comment' response to Cornwall Council and rely on the planning officer's view on the merits of the application.

It was noted that following the commissioning of the solar farm Lightsource has confirmed that it would be making its promised community payment to the Parish Council of £5000.

AM to update Cornwall Council on the Parish Council's view of the applications.

6. Approval of Davidstow Parish Council Accounts 2021/22 –

Councillors approved:

- i) The Certificate of Exemption – AGAR
- ii) The Annual Audit Report
- iii) The Annual Governance Statement
- iv) The Accounting Statement

JD proposed and TS seconded that Councillors approved the Accounts. Councillors agreed and delegated authority to AM and WK to sign the forms, to return them to the government auditor and to post details on the Council's website.

AOB

Camelford Bypass – AM advised that feedback he had received was that the Camelford bypass was looking less likely to be approved because of escalating costs and that Cornwall Council, not central government, would be responsible for any cost overrun.

Cornwall Mayor – The government has announced proposals that could result in the election of a County Mayor, with considerably greater powers than those currently held by Cornwall Council.

Boundary Changes – County Councillor Barry Jordan has confirmed that plans to transfer all Hallworthy into Davidstow were still proceeding.

Caravan – It was noted that a caravan had again been sited in the layby next to the A39, near the tele-communication masts. AM to refer the matter to Cornwall Council

Davidstow Moor – JD advised that there were plans to implement some physical barriers on the moor to prevent unauthorised access in certain areas. Councillors agreed to send a letter of support for the proposals. JD to draft a letter and forward to AM for formal signature on behalf of the Council.

Paragliders – Councillors noted that JD had received several complaints about inappropriate paraglider use on Davidstow Moor.

Military Exercises – JD advised that military exercises were planned to be held on Bodmin Moor over the following week.

Date of next meeting – 6th June 2022, 6pm