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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting

Madron Parish Council held at Landithy - Thursday 05th May 2022 at 7.15pm

Present:

Cllr V. Peake (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. C. Roberts
Cllr Mrs L. Phillips
Cllr. M. Scoble
Cllr. Roy Mann

Cllr. Richard Mann
Cllr S Bates
Cllr S Elliott
Cllr H. Eddy
Cllr A England

Clerk, Mrs J Ellis, and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies – Were received from Cllr S Clackworthy and Cllr A George.

2. Annual Report of the Chairman – Cllr V Peake gave the following report: ‘As the restrictions of Covid have been slowly lifted it has allowed us to resume our normal way of practice within the council. Thanks to our clerk, Jodie, everything has been kept in good order. The accounts have been signed off with no problems and our finances are really healthy.

The NDP has been submitted to CC after a great deal of reworking of the document. My thanks go to all members who gave up so much of their time to draw up this document. When it’s approved it will give the council a structure in which they can work for greater benefit of the parish. Cornwall Council, whom we have many battles will have to take note of the contents.

The annual donation of a Christmas tree by the parish council was greatly appreciated.

The King George playing fields have had much attention in the form of various improvements. They include a heating system for the shower. Fencing in the play area to help to reduce noise. Hard standing for parking and the planting of trees.

Unfortunately there was an incident where the granite seat was vandalised. This has since been rectified and with the installation of security cameras it will hopefully stop these incidents.

I attended the annual Remembrance Day service and it was wonderful that it could once again be held in the church. The Trafalgar service also took place and my thanks go to our clerk and Councillor Clackworthy and Bates for organising it and helping on the day.

I hope the good working relationship will continue and that the parish will continue to benefit.

On a personal level it has been a pleasure to sit in the chair for the past year. I would like to thank you all for your help and support’.

3. Financial Report from Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer

Clerk reported that all accounts for the financial year 2021-2022 have been completed and audited by Cllrs Scoble and Roberts during the year, and the independent internal audit has been completed. The accounts will be put before the Parish Council this evening, for acceptance before being forwarded to PKF Littlejohn, who is acting on behalf of the Audit Commission, for final approval.

This year the expenditure has exceeded the income by £17499. This does not include VAT that has been received back from HMRC for the 2021/2022 year of £3488.

£13632 was spent on the playing field to install a new parking area that was fit for purpose, a new fence at the far end of the play area, a new boiler system for the heating and CCTV cameras. It’s worthy to note that the playing field did generate income of £3500. PRoW cost the council £2350 more than in 20/21 due to a rise in contractor costs.

During the year we have continued to maintain the PRoW, churchyard cutting, bin emptying, weed spraying and the Neighbourhood Development plan was created.

Reserves of £59063 will be carried forward to 2022-2023. It is important to realise that general costs are continually rising but most of all more responsibilities are being passed to parish councils from Cornwall Council.

There has to be sufficient reserves to meet these needs and any future commitments in the present financial climate or the state of the parish will deteriorate. Now that the pandemic is largely behind us, hopefully the pavilion and playing field can be utilised further and generate a higher income.

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4. To receive questions and comments from members of the public – A parishioner spoke to raise his concerns at the speeding and cars parked on the pavement at Hea road and in and around Heamoor. The cars are parked on double yellow lines and on pavements causing pedestrians to walk in the road which is a real danger. Emergency vehicles if needed would not be able to get through. Cllrs suggested keeping a record of the date, time and registration numbers if possible. Also to Contact Cornwall Councillor Andrew George to ask for his assistance. Cllr Elliott agreed to take back to Penzance TC to raise with the Heamoor representative Cllrs.