

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Philip Martin

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09/23

Minutes of the annual parish meeting held at Sithney School at 7.00pm on Tuesday 02nd May 2023.

Present: - Cllr P Martin, Cllr. M. Tresidder, Cllr Mrs L Penrose, Cllr S Hilditch, Cllr D Cattran, Cllr I Bulavs.

Parish Clerk Mrs. Jodie Ellis, Cornwall Councillor Loveday Jenkin and no members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs McDonald and Ashmore were absent.

2. To receive the annual report from the chairman – Cllr Martin thanked councillors and Cornwall Cllr Jenkin for their hard work during the year. The council has carried out all of the expected services during the year including maintaining the public rights of way across the parish, looking after plover's field and keeping the precept low for parishioners. The clerk has and continues to attend training to enhance her knowledge of keeping financial accounts and legislation up to date. Two new councillors have joined during the year and are welcomed by the parish council. There is now only one vacancy. Sadly, during the year, the nation has lost their Queen, which is a great loss to us all. Cllr Martin would like to see a partnership approach to using buildings in the parish like the Chynhale chapel used and maintained by different groups.

3. To receive the financial report of the clerk as responsible financial officer:

Year End Position - Sithney Parish Council 2022/2023

As at 31/03/2023 the council had an overspend of £2,353 on payment over receipts received. The council tax support grant has now stopped and there will be no further payments. There was a £1000 overspend on salary and expenses due to a salary inflation increase awarded by NALC. The council purchased a new website during the year to ensure accuracy and compliancy which resulted in an overspend of £925.00. A new defibrillator cabinet was purchased due to damage which created an overspend of £700.00, an insurance claim has been submitted for this. All other budget items were on target or had an underspend during the year. During the year this council continued to maintain the many PRoW across the parish, cutting at Plover's Field and maintained the Crowntown and Sithney bus shelters and the notice boards, with the relocation of the Crowntown notice board. A donation was made to the RBL towards its poppy appeal of £200. A queen's tree canopy plaque was purchased and fitted at Plover's Field along with trees planted to mark the Queens canopy.

The council's finances are adequate for the coming year, but it is worthy to note that the council should look further to develop and progress the plans at Plover's Field which could include litter / dog bins.

Reserves:

The Reserves as at 31.03.2023 stand at £30,825. The proposed reserves for the coming year are:

Cornwall Council Services - £8,000

Elections - £1500

Financial Reserves - £4805

Community Projects - £9305

Public Rights of Way - £1000

Plover's Field - £5975

General Reserves - £240

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council finances were adequate for the ensuing year. It was RESOLVED all in favour to accept the report and the reserves allocation.

Donations made under S137:

Royal British Legion	£200
Total	£200

4. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RAISED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE PARISH – None