

CALLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes

25th October 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Before the official proceedings Cllr Mark Smith welcomed everyone and prayers were given by Penny Raynham.

PUBLIC SESSION

Information Point

Mr Green spoke about the Information Service in the foyer, asking whether the Town Council would consider employing someone to assist the public. Cllr Smith responded and explained that the Town Council had considered that option but many of the services from Cornwall Council are now accessible online and their website will become more navigable. Cllr Tolman spoke about her experiences of training many residents in Callington and has agreed to give her time one day a week at the Information Service. The Clerk explained that volunteers are currently being trained and they will be providing support to customers as from the New Year. She also confirmed that access to Stonham Housing and CAB has not been impacted by these changes. The staff from the One Stop Shop are still working in the town at the library.

Bench Seats

Mr Green has noticed that benches have been taken away from the park. Cllr Smith explained that the benches had been vandalism and they will be replaced in due course, although located in slightly different positions in the park to alleviate the previous problems by the stone walling.

Trees

Mr Green has noted that some trees have been taken down and would hope that they are being replaced. Cllr Mrs Tolman explained that for a number of reasons (including disease, security, root problems, CCTV visibility) a variety of tree works had been agreed. Cllr Gist explained that our trees are inspected by Cornwall Council regularly and we need to take the necessary action but would hope that replacement trees are planted in due course. Cllr Denley confirmed that when former trees had been replaced they had sadly been ripped out by the public.

CCTV

Mr Green has noticed that the CCTV cameras have been alleviated and enquired as to how far they can now see and rotate. Cllr Gist explained their coverage.

Zip Wire

Mr Green has visited Tavistock Park and noted how quiet their zip wire is in comparison to the one in Saltash Road park. It was agreed that the matter would be investigated.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Dowdall & Long
PRESENT: Cllrs Mr Smith (Mayor & Portreeve), Mr Denley (Deputy Mayor & Portreeve), Mr Gist, Mr Williams, Mrs Gold, Mrs Tolman, Mrs Cookley, Mr Tagg, Mr Lumley and Mr Harriman

Officer: Helen Dowdall, Town Clerk

Members of the Public: 1

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th September 2016 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings and duly signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING** - None

4. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST** – Cllr Tagg in receipt of payment under Item 8a.

5. **POLICE MATTERS**

Cllr Gist explained that there had been a spate of burglaries in the town in the early hours of Sunday morning. The Police have the matter identified on CCTV coverage.

6. **FIRE MATTERS**

Cllr Smith confirmed that our crew had been busy backing up Devon. Callington Station had also passed their Ops Assurance Audit recently. It was noted that it is St Dominick's turn to have the fire brigade at their Remembrance Service.

7. **REPORTS**

a) Planning Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Harriman seconded by Cllr Gist and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Planning Committee on 18th October 2016 be received.

b) Town Hall & Premises Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Denley seconded by Cllr Gist and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Town Hall & Premises Committee on 11th October 2016 be received.

c) Outside Services Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Tolman seconded by Cllr Harriman and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Outside Services on 11th & 18th October 2016 be received.

d) Finance & General Purposes Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr Gist and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 18th October 2016 be received.

e) Any other reports

Cllr Mrs Gold reminded everyone about the Halloween Disco on Monday and put out a plea for raffle prizes.

Cllr Harriman reminded everyone about the forthcoming British Legion Concert.

f) Reports from Cornwall Councillors. None

g) Reports for Kelly Bray. None

8. FINANCE

A) It was proposed by Cllr Gist seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed (Cllr Tagg abstained) to approve the following payments:

Payments approved 25th October 2016

OS	DD	Kernow Business Messaging	Lone Worker service	£85.00	£17.00	£102.00
OS	9986	R G Julian	Skip hire	£195.00		£195.00
FGP	9987	Zurich	LCAS membership	£95.00	£19.00	£114.00
FGP	9988	Grant Thornton	Audit	£1,000.00	£200.00	£1,200.00
OS/TH	9989	Mrs H Dowdall	Plants/Laptop	£299.07	£59.81	£358.88
FGP	9990	SeaDog	Nov news	£135.00		£135.00
FGP	9991	Cornish Times	Job advert	£189.60	£31.60	£221.20
FGP	9992	Launceston Town Council	Course fees	£18.00		£18.00
TH	9993	British Gas	Unit 11	£386.46	£77.29	£463.75
FGP	9994	Scouts (for Girl Guides)	Unilateral funding	£1,485.00		£1,485.00
FGP	9995	Tavistock News	Job advert	£168.00	£33.60	£201.60
TH	9996	Classic Fire Ltd	Annual Fire Service	£395.00	£79.00	£474.00

TH	9997	Mr M Tagg	Visual Display equip.	£37.45	£7.49	£44.94
OS	9998	T S McMahan	Tree works	£550.00		£550.00
FGP	9999	Festive Lights	Xmas lights	£239.88	£47.98	£287.86
				£5,278.46	£572.77	£5,851.23

B) To receive any concerns regarding the Finances. The Clerk had received the conclusion of audit from Grant Thornton which has been suitably displayed. **Noted.**

C) To receive F&GP proposal of a Precept increase of 1.96% for 2017/2018.

It was proposed by Cllr Gist seconded by Cllr Tagg and agreed unanimously to an increase of 1.96% for 2017/2018 based on the tax base figure for November 2016 (to be provided by Cornwall Council).

9. Update on Unilateral Undertakings

This item was deferred.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS -

- a) Cllr Gist reported that the mayoral chain will be back from the jewelers by the end of the week.
- b) It was noted with regret that the mural in Well Street has now gone.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.26pm. A meeting to form an allotment association was then held.