

Forrabury & Minster Parish Council



Minutes : 27th March 2014

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Present Cllr Ferrett, Cllr Hockin, Cllr Irving Little, Cllr Chater, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Rodda, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Haddy, Cllr Smith

19.01 Apologies – Cllr Martin

19.02 Declarations of Interest

Nothing declared

19.03 Public Participation – 3 members of the public present

Mr Findlay raised concern over the location of the proposed activity equipment (Skateboard ramp) with regard to rules and regulations concerning distances etc. from football field and other play equipment. Also older children can be inclined to intimidate younger children using the play equipment, National Trust lease implications, sewage pipeline and fencing off the skate ramp area.

19.04 ‘Parish Fund’ & Car Park/Public Convenience

Because of the close link between the fund and the car park/toilets the discussion covered both agenda items.

Sarah Sims and Scott Sharples from Cornwall Council attended the meeting to explain to the council the term ‘Parish Fund’ and how it could be used. Parish Fund is a term used to identify the additional 50p increase in the first hour car park rate imposed last September. Cornwall Council estimate this could be worth £12,000 per annum.

The Car Park toilets currently cost approximately £20,000 to operate; there is a grant of £15,000 available for the financial year 2014-15 and the revenue from charging is likely to be £4-5,000 per annum after collection costs etc. with regard to the toilets options a) Parish council take them on or b) Cornwall Council continue to operate them. The Councillors asked about the allocation of the parish fund, would it be held by Cornwall Council, would it rollover if not spent in financial year or can it be released to the Parish Council. Sarah Sims and Scott Sharples would take this away and investigate. With regard to the Public Toilets - Cllr Hockin proposed Cornwall Council continue to operate the toilets for financial year 2014-15. Seconded by Cllr Chater. All in favour. **Resolved.**

Cllr Irving little advised that the street furniture in the car park have not been maintained and are unfit for purpose.

19.05 Castle Site

Scott Sharples advised the Parish Council to check there are no other landowners between the Castle Site and National Trust land. Confirm with Environment agency regarding bridging the water course. Ensure the right contractors are used and any work is done safely. Cornwall Council who currently manage the site are unlikely to have maintenance of the site high on their agenda. Cllr Rodda outlined the Parish Councils high level plans for the site. Scott gave Cllr Rodda some contact names for the EA and Japanese Knotweed control. First action need to be with EA re bridging the watercourse.

Adrian Prescott (Clerk)

Signed Chairman.....*DJ. Ferrett*

