

MADRON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING **MADRON PARISH COUNCIL** **HELD AT LANDITHY COMMUNITY ROOMS** **THURSDAY 03rd MAY 2018 AT 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr V. Peake (Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. C. Roberts
Cllr Mrs L. Phillips
Cllr. M. Scoble
Cllr R. Mann
Cllr. A. Burrows
Cornwall Cllr Mrs. H. Hawkins

Cllr. G. Tanner (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Mrs G. Burlton

Cllr H. Eddy
Cllr I Phillips
Cllr. S. Bates

Clerk, Mrs J Ellis and no members of the public

1. Apologies – Were received from Cllr. Mrs. A. Jenkin and Cllr. S. Elliott.

2. Acceptance of Minutes - The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Madron Community Rooms on 17th April 2017 were unanimously agreed

3. Annual Report of the Chairman – Cllr V Peake gave the following report: ‘At the end of March 2017 three long serving members were lost: Cllrs Pritchard, Bone & Matthews. The three vacancies were filled by Cllr. A. Burrows, Cllr. Mrs. L. Philips and Cllr. R. Mann who has many years’ experience. Cllr. G. Tanner was also welcomed back as a great asset to the council as well as being Vice-Chairman. A major change that also happened was the appointment of the new clerk after the retirement of the previous clerk who had served this council for many years. In his place we appointed Mrs Jodie Ellis who came highly recommended. I hope she is enjoying her role with us and will continue to do so for many years to come. Along with the new appointments on the council we also welcomed two new Cornwall Cllrs Mrs Helen Hawkins and Mr Simon Elliott. It must be a huge learning curve for them as neither has done this type of work before. As well as learning the protocols of their new positions they also have to become familiar with all the changes county introduce. I believe they will be a great asset to Madron Parish Council and that we will have a strong working relationship with them.

I have enjoyed myself this year as chairman and hope that you are happy with the ways in which I have carried out my duties. My thanks go out to all Cllrs for their help and support and hope that we will continue to work together and build a stronger working relationship and thus achieve good results for the parish. Finally to finish the councils finances are in still in a strong position and so will allow us to continue to operate from a healthy position. Thank you very much.

4. Financial Report from Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer

Clerk reported that all accounts for the financial year 2017-2018 have been completed and emailed to councillors. During the year they have been audited by Cllrs Scoble and Tanner on a quarterly basis. These auditing councillors carried out their final audit on 23rd April 2018 and on the following day the independent internal audit was completed by Mr Dave Gallie who has performed this task for this council in recent years. The accounts will be put before the Parish Council this meeting, for acceptance before being forwarded to PKF Littlejohn, who is acting on behalf of the Audit Commission, for final approval. This year the income has exceeded the expenditure by £5030. This does not include VAT that is yet to be received back from HMRC for the 2017/2018 year of £1117.

The Income was £4361 greater this year than 16/17 due to £4,700 higher precept, £400 community chest funding compared to £200 last year and £514 less CTS Grant.

The expenditure amounted to £5103 more than in the previous year. £1853 was spent on Elections compared to zero in 16/17. £797 on reclaimable VAT. New Assets purchased during the year amounted to £2362 for the Defibrillator cabinets and New Bins. Most of the other items increased by smaller amounts

this accounts for the difference. The Council was pleased to pay out £773 to Madron Playing Field Committee in a match funding agreement for the money raised by that committee during the year and also £1000 towards much needed CCTV.

It is worthy of note that the maintenance of bridleways and public footpaths and Bin Emptying is a major item of expenditure - £5257 – but we are able to reclaim PRow costs from County. £47558 was brought forward from last year and £52587 will be carried forward to 2018-2019. 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. We are now responsible for weed spraying and we have been able to obtain this service for £288 this year. We have purchased new bins and will pay for them to be fixed and Biffa to empty them. The transfer of Parc Abnac allotments to the ownership of this council looks unlikely to happen now. We have also been asked to take over the trimming of Madron Churchyard. 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.

5. To receive questions and comments from members of the public – None.