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Minutes of the Parish meeting Madron Parish Council held at Landithy - Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7pm

Present:

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

Cllr. V Peake
Cllr C Whitton
Cllr A Thomas
Cllr H. Eddy

Clerk, Mrs J Ellis, Cornwall Councillor A George and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies – Were received from Cllr A England, Cllr S Elliott, Cllr Richard Mann and Cllr S Clackworthy.

2. Annual Report of the Chairman – Cllr Roberts gave the following report:

We have had another busy and varied year. Trafalgar Day celebrations were a success, being expertly organised by the Clerk and Councillor Clackworthy. The rain stayed away until the cones were being collected. Although next year we will have to provide more pasties due to the number of military personnel attending. Thanks must go to the councillors putting out and collecting the cones.

The N D P has gone through the referendum process with 85% in favour and this should be signed off before the autumn. Although it remains to be seen if it holds any weight. We have several planning enforcement cases outstanding but having met with the Head of Enforcement we now understand how these are being dealt with and the restraints they are under.

There are great plans for the playing field with the proposed skate park and new access track. The planning application should be submitted this month with a view to getting permission in July. Thanks must go to the sub-committee and Jodie for her constant trawling for funding streams. It is hoped that these changes will encourage new users, especially after the loss of the local football club.

The fingerposts around the Gulval side of the parish are being refurbished and the original posts will be reinstated shortly.

I would like to thank County Councillor Andrew George for his work this year.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their hard work and regular attendance. Especially those who have stood in for me on various occasions.

My final thanks go to Jodie Ellis, for her knowledge of legal practices and determination to get us the best results available.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Chairman and hope that I have served the office to the best of my ability.

3. Financial Report from Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer

Clerk reported that all accounts for the financial year 2022-2023 have been completed and audited by Cllrs Scoble and Richard Mann 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 BDO Limited, who is acting on behalf of the Audit Commission, for final approval.

This year the expenditure has exceeded the income by £5770. This does not include VAT that has been received back from HMRC for the 2022/2023 year of £3853 in the 23/24 year.

During the year we continued to maintain King George V with grass cutting, play area inspections and utilities to the pavilion. A new pole and CCTV cameras were purchased and installed to monitor anti-social behaviour in the play area. The parish council continued to provide services such as: bin emptying, churchyard grass cutting, weed spraying around the village and maintaining and keeping the website up to date with accessibility legislation.

An additional defibrillator has been installed at King George V thanks to the donation of the Defibrillator from Mousehole FC. The parish has continued to maintain three Defibrillators at Landithy, Trythall and King George V.

The PRoW received a first cut on the gold paths, but unfortunately due to contractor issues no further cuts took place last year.

The Trafalgar event took place in October with the parish council organising and paying for the event including road closures, refreshments and new order of service booklets. A new parish council laptop was purchased during the year.

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In conjunction with Ludgvan parish council 3 new parish signs have been installed during the year. The parish council supported the feast committee by covering the printing costs of the feast leaflets. A village Christmas tree was provided by the council for the parish. The Neighbourhood development plan has been successfully completed after the parish recently voted in favour of it at the referendum.

This council donated £500 to the air ambulance and £200 to the Royal British legion poppy appeal during the year.

Reserves of £56,960 will be carried forward to 2023-2024. 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. The parish council are continuing to improve the facilities at King George V which will hopefully see a skatepark project successfully implemented and the finger posts returned refurbished to the parish.

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