

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of the Meeting of Fowey Town Council Environment Committee held in the Town Hall Office on Wednesday 31st October 2012 at 3.00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Cllr T Vincent

Present:- Cllr Jane Vincent (Chairman), Cllr Katharine Alexander, Cllr Ruth Finlay, Cllr Tony Vincent (Minute Secretary)

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| 1. Apologies for absence | None |
| 2. Declaration of Interests | |
| a. Pecuniary | None |
| b. Non Pecuniary | None |

3. Public Questions

The Town Clerk had sent an email to the Chairman of the Committee from Mr Ron Hicks of Park Road asking if the Committee could supply information in regard to trees in the garden below his boundary which are now above the height that he believes they should be. After discussion it was felt that, as we had no contact with appropriate officers in Cornwall Council, Mr Hicks should contact his neighbour in the first instance, and if the dispute could not be resolved by negotiation, perhaps through his solicitor. Mrs Vincent agreed to look at the boundary and report back to the Committee as to whether it was a Council matter, and if so, then check the budget to see if we would have to do it.

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2012

Proposed by Cllr Finlay and seconded by Cllr Alexander it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held on 6th August 2012 were approved.

5. Matters Arising – for report only

Due to bad weather and holidays Cllr Mr Vincent had still to paint the gate of the Grammar School Gardens

6. Review of 2012/2013 Budget

Purpose: To review the 2012/2013 budget

Cllr Mrs Vincent was due to meet Mr Roger White on 3rd November to discuss further planting in the Grammar School Garden, Hanson Drive and Piggy Lane Triangle. She had also been asked to contact him in regard to removing excessive growth from the areas in New Road Hill which are maintained by the “Fowey in Bloom” Committee.

Cllr Mrs Vincent would do a risk assessment on the Grammar School Garden, etc. Councillors Alexander and Finlay requested the copies of the checklist. Councillor Alexander was in contact with the Lanhydrock Contractors to find out if they proposed to raise their their wage for the work that they were contracted to do.

7. Budget 2013/2014

Purpose: To prepare and agree (by resolution) the 2013/2014 budget for submission to the Finance Committee

Mr White stated that he would need to increase his costs in line with inflation at 2.5%. However, as he now has the equipment to be able to maintain the trees on the cliff, the Committee felt that this extra cost would be offset by the fact that there would no longer be a need to call in specialists to control this growth.

Lanhydrock Garden Services stated that they would not be increasing their quote for the next financial year.

Cllr Finlay asked if Highways could be approached with a view of putting plants on the opposite side of Hanson Drive from Hydrangea Row. Cllr Mrs Vincent agreed to do this.

The Fowey in Bloom Committee requested that Mr White would prune back the shrubs at the foot of New Road Hill, as the growth was a safety hazard for traffic wishing to drive from Hanson Drive to Lostwithiel Street.

There may also be expenses incurred for checking and possible removing ivy growing on “The Pretty Bus-stop”

It being decided that the expenditure of the Committee in the next financial year would be no more than in this year, proposed by Cllr Alexander and seconded by Cllr Finlay, it was RESOLVED that the budget remain at £8,000.and a request for this sum to be submitted to the Finance Committee.

8. To receive Reports (if any) from Members of the Committee

Purpose: To receive reports (if any) on matters not covered in the agenda
None.

9. Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed