ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th MAY 2015 AT ST. ALLEN CHURCH

Present:

Cllr. McCulloch Chairman

Cllr .Littler

Cllr. Hare

Cllr. Hicks

Cllr. Wootton

Miss J. Ritchie (Clerk)

In Attendance:

Cllr. Eathorne-Gibbons 1 member of the public

- 1) No Declaration of Interest was made for this evening's meeting.
- 2) The minutes of the previous AGM on 19th May 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 3) There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 4) The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

The Parish Council has had another good year, with great support from the community. The main expense this year has been maintenance: the footpaths, playing field upkeep and village cleaning are now consolidated into one contract, which was awarded to Team Maintenance Services.

This year the Parish Council has donated £500 towards the village fete and £200 towards foods and refreshments at the Christmas Carols evening. Proceeds from the Village Fetes in 2013 and 2014 (£1135.00) has been transferred to the newly-formed Village Improvement Group and the Parish Council wishes this new committee well in its venture and it is hoped that they will, in time, take on the village planting projects.

The Parish Council supported a Parish Survey which shows that residents do not want the continued industrialisation of the Parish with solar and wind farms.

New heritage-style Zelah name signs are being designed as an enhancement for the Parish

The granite block for the Jubilee Garden has now been inscribed and placed in situ.

The Parish Council has been in contact with the Forestry Commission during its replanting scheme at Idless Woods and asked that the planting out along the main walkways could include a variety of flowering trees; this suggestion was accepted.

The Playing Field has been tidied and new trees planted. The Village Improvement Group has been involved in this project. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Eathorne-Gibbons for the support he has given us towards this from his community grant.

The A30 dualling from Chiverton to Carland Cross will affect St. Allen more than the surrounding Parishes. We have advised the designers of the areas we would like the new road to address, in particular the access points at Henver Lane, Church Lane and Two Burrow Hill.

Thanks was given to Cllr. Chivers, who retired after 13 years on the Parish Council. During this time he served as representative for the Playing Field and his knowledge and experience will be missed.

Thanks to all Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their continued service and to Mark O'Brien and Guy Thomas at Cornwall Council Development for their advice and attending our meetings.

5) Accounts were presented for the financial year ending 31st March 2015 and were approved (signed by Chairman, co-signed by Clerk). They have already been approved by the internal auditor. The accounts for year ending 31st March 2015 show a total balance of £26,185.89. Total income for 2014/15 is £16,712.85 and expenditure is £17,095.31.

The internal auditor recommended a review of our Governance statements in the coming year. It was agreed to address these at one per month.

6) Election of Officers

Chairman: Cllr. McCulloch (proposed Cllr. Littler, seconded Cllr. Hare, carried unanimously).

Vice Chairman: Cllr. Littler (proposed Cllr. McCulloch, seconded Cllr. Hare, carried unanimously)

Planning Committee: all Cllrs. to be responsible for planning matters – elected en bloc. (proposed Cllr. McCulloch, seconded Cllr. Littler, carried unanimously)

Councillor responsible for roads: all Cllrs. to be responsible for road matters – elected en bloc.

(proposed Cllr. Hicks, seconded Cllr. Wootton, carried unanimously).

Councillor responsible for playing field: Cllr. Hare (proposed Cllr. Wootton, seconded Cllr. Hicks, carried unanimously).

Councillor responsible for footpaths: Cllr. Wootton (proposed Cllr. Hare, seconded Cllr. Littler, carried unanimously).

Representatives: North Coast Cluster Group - 1) Cllr. Littler; 2) Cllr. Hare.

Community Network Panel - Cllr. McCulloch. Village Improvement Group - Cllr. Hare.

There was no other business.

Signed	 	 	
Dated			