Rackenford & Creacombe Parish

Annual Parish Electors' Meeting

28th May 2024

All Electors are invited to the Annual Meeting
at 7pm in Rackenford School.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting held 23 May 2023
3. Chairman's Report for 2023/24
4. Parish Council Finance report for 2023/24
5. School Report for 2023/24
6. Any other Reports from Local Groups
7. Any other matters raised by parishioners
8. Closure of meeting

Graham Lamb
Chairman of Rackenford Parish Council

Annual Parish Electors' Meeting

23rd May 2023 @ 7.00pm

MINUTES

Attendees: Graham Lamb; Sarah Child; Jenny Cox; Fred Phillips; Peter Jones; Ian Lucas; Scott Ware; Jeremy Yabsley & 2 members of the public

1. **Election of Chairman for the meeting**
   Graham Lamb was elected to chair the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting held 3rd May 2022**
   The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record and were signed as such.

3. **Chairman's Report for 2022/23**
   Graham Lamb reported that:
   - The year was business as usual with Rob Martin, the parish clerk, keeping on top of the Council's administration items.
   - The Common is looking better by the year, thanks to the regular maintenance work by Ed Nicholson.
   - The removal of the conifers has improved the look of the common, with thanks to the Phillips team for that.
   - The Stonelands Cross application was refused in no small part due to the amount of information unearthed by Cllr. Lucas.
   - The Coles Yard application was passed in disregard to the Village Plan, thanks to the clerk for trying to get some fundamental answers on this from the planners.
   - The parish council became an events organisation, running three events on the common to celebrate the
     a) Queen's Jubilee,
     b) Fireworks Night, and
     c) The King's Coronation

     in conjunction with the PTA and the shop. Each event was a resounding success. There are too many people to thank but Cllrs. Jones, Lucas and Warne must get a mention.

4. **Parish Council Finance report for 2022/23**

   The Parish Clerk gave the following report:
   - The Parish Council started the financial year with reserves of £31,822, of which the General Reserve to cover every day expenditure was £12,868.
   - The Earmarked Reserves still contained £2,435 DCF grant received for the purchase of a Gazebo and a Gas Barbecue.
   - In summary, the parish council received receipts totaling £23,085 of which £13,300 was precept, £4,600 income from the Jubilee celebrations, and £1,100 in VAT refunds.
   - The payments side of the equation totalled £15,151, which included £1,174 in VAT paid, which has been reclaimed and received in the current year.
   - The overall net receipt was a total of £7,934, increasing the overall level of reserves

to £39,756 with the General Reserve increasing by £4,136 to £17,004.

- The importance of knowing where the finances are all through the year has continued to be important in ensuring the successful management of the parish council affairs.

5. **School Report for 2022/23**

   Sarah Childs reported on the school:

   As for most schools, the after-effects of Covid still meant unusual amounts of sickness and absences for both staff and children. The head of school remained on long term sick leave, but Emily Budden has now been welcomed as acting head teacher giving a return to stability. Numbers dropped slightly and fewer children are moving up from Little Angels in September. Reorganisation has to be planned to match reduced finances, but Rackenford children will still be in below average size classes and enjoying the wide range of activities indoor and out.

6. **Any other Reports from Local Groups**
   Cllr. Lucas reported that the shop was seeing no dramatic changes, despite the effects of high inflation levels, although it was hard to be certain.

7. **Any other matters raised by parishioners**
   No matters were raised.

8. **Closure of meeting**
   The meeting closed at 7.18pm.

RACKENFORD PARISH COUNCIL
FINAL ACCOUNTS 2023/2024

Receipts & Payments Account

2022/2023 Outturn £		2023/2024 Outturn £
	RECEIPTS	
13,300.00	Precept	15,000.00
3,135.00	Grants	-
-	DAA Lighting Donations	-
-	Community Building Donations	-
4,600.00	Jubilee/Coronation Events Income	1,897.00
-	PROW Grant	-
950.00	Interest & Other Income	400.00
1,099.80	VAT Refund	2,049.92
23,084.80	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**	**19,346.92**
	PAYMENTS	
3,225.00	Common Maintenance	-
-	Grass Mowing	-
101.85	Playground Inspection	78.50
810.00	Common Playground Project	-
-	Sports Equipment	1,055.76
-	Hard Court maintenance	12,000.00
405.00	Salt spreading / snow ploughing	900.00
175.00	Trinity Well	-
382.87	Audit fees	225.00
4,301.65	Clerk Salary	4,587.82
208.65	Clerk Expenses	180.00
42.96	Website & IT services	1,106.00
888.56	Insurance	937.98
-	School Room hire	-
163.99	Memberships/subscriptions	202.00
-	Air Ambulance Landing Lights	-
	Election	-
2,412.10	Jubilee/Coronation Expenditure	967.10
500.83	PROW Expenditues	-
	Defibrillator	1,800.00
	Gazebo & Barbecue	1,775.60
358.33	Non Section 137 Grants & Other	395.00
-	S137 grants & other	-
1,173.77	VAT Expenditure	3,994.84
15,150.56	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**	**30,205.60**
	RESERVES	
31,821.57	**Balance 1st April**	**39,755.81**
23,084.80	Plus Receipts	19,346.92
(15,150.56)	Less Payments	(30,205.60)
39,755.81	**Balance 31st March**	**28,897.13**

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Reserves Balances
As at 31st March 2024

Description	**Balance 31st March 2023**	Budget Transfer	Income	Expenditure	**Balance 31st March 2024**
	£	£	£	£	**£**
Earmarked Reserves					
Hard Court	**10,133.56**	-	-	10,133.56	-
Computer Replacement	**-**	-	-	-	-
Defibrillator	**1,400.00**	-	-	1,400.00	-
DAA Grant	**-**				-
DAA Donations	**-**	-			-
DCF grant	**2,435.00**	-	-	2,435.00	-
Winter Maintenance	**1,595.00**	-	2,000.00	900.00	**2,695.00**
Community Events	**929.90**		1,897.00	967.10	**1,859.80**
Community Building	**5,000.00**	-	-	-	**5,000.00**
General Reserve	**18,262.35**	-	-	-	**19,342.33**
Total Reserves	**39,755.81**	**-**	**15,449.92**	**14,369.94**	**28,897.13**