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Rackenford & Creacombe Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 17 January 2023 at 7.30pm held in Rackenford School.

Members Present: Parish Councillors Graham Lamb (Chairman); Sarah Child; Fred Phillips; Ian Lucas; Jenny Cox & Stewart Warne

Also Present: District & County Councillor Jeremy Yabsley

In attendance: Rob Martin, Clerk

Eight members of the general public:

MINUTES

2223-67 APOLOGIES
Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Peter Jones and Tamsin Hyland.

2223-68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY)
There were no declarations of Interest.

2223-69 MINUTES
On a proposal by Cllr. Warne, seconded by Cllr.Cox it was **Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st November 2022 were approved.

2223-70 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE
The clerk reported that:

- He was back from his necessary break in December, for all of his parishes.
- He had handed his notice in to Lapford Parish Council, effective from the end of May 2023 in order to concentrate on the other three councils, including Rackenford.
- He remarked on the NDDC refusal of application 74775, Stonelands Cross, as Cllr. Lucas had done a lot of work o the detail which had proved to be effective. He would expect, however, that this project will reappear either as an appeal, or as a new application in the future.
- He had passed the access information to the online banking system to Cllrs Warne and Hyland at this meeting. The system was now working and he would bring its modus operandi to the next meeting.
- He had eventually completed work needed by the Pensions Regulator to re-submit information which had been delayed because it was still being sent to Wendy Sweet.

The Chairman suspended the Parish Council meeting to hear presentations, reports from District and County Councillors and take questions from members of the public.

2223-71 PUBLIC AND OTHER BODIES' SESSION
A member of the public spoke in relation to application 76433, considered by the parish

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council under minute 2223-82 below.
The problem was the need to do some alterations to the property, but a condition put on the permission for 59915 was that permitted development rights had been removed. The current application was for the removal of this condition to allow the alterations to be undertaken.

District & County Cllr. Jeremy Yabsley asked whether the parish council had ideas about what the section 106 finance for the Coles Yard development could be spent on. Councillors were confused because they had no idea that this application had been accepted, as it was not in accordance with the built up area boundary policy within the Local Plan. Cllr. Yabsley would go back and indicate that the shop/hall project should be included.

The clerk would ask the planning officer for clarification of the status of the application.

The Chairman to reconvene the meeting

2223-72 THE COMMON

a) Tree Surgery
Nothing further

b) Other Common Responsibilities
No work has been done because the ground conditions are too wet.

2223-73 POTENTIAL MEETING ROOM/SHOP EXTENSION

The Chairman had sent a pre-application submission and there would be nothing to report until such time as a response is received.

2223-74 GAZEBO & BARBECUE

The Chairman questioned whether the grant funds had been received yet and the clerk responded by saying that the grant agreement needed to be signed by a councillor that evening following which it would be returned and the money will be received.

2223-75 DEFIBRILLATOR

Nothing further to add.

2223-76 SALARY WITH EFFECT FROM 1st APRIL 2022

On a proposal by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Child it was **Resolved** to pay the revised salary level as from 1st April 2022 at £16.64 per hour in accordance with the salary award agreed by the NALC and NJC. This resulted in a gross monthly payment of £533.92 in December 2022 to include back-pay and £360.59 per month from January to March 2023.

2223-77 KING CHARLES III CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

This was progressing and it was decided to await a more detailed update from Cllr. Jones at the next meeting.

2223-78 2023-2024 BUDGET & PRECEPT

The clerk had circulated a report to councillors, some details of which he explained. The

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budget as shown included one-off items such as the defibrillator contract renewal and the May 2023 election and the tax base had increased over the current year. Various options were presented along with their effect on the council taxpayer and the General Reserve.

Cllr. Child stated that there was a surplus resulting from the fireworks event of around £500 which could be used towards the Coronation celebration. The clerk would set up an Events earmarked reserve for this sum when it was received.

The clerk suggested that a standstill budget, excluding one-off items, would be a total of £14,680, an increase of 5.6% in band D charge from £92.38 to £97.56 for the year.

On a proposal by Cllr. Warne, seconded by Cllr. Child it was **Resolved** to set the precept requirement for 2023/24 at £15,000, resulting in a Band D charge of £99.73.

2223-79 BANK RECONCILIATION

The bank reconciliation as at 31st December 2022 was **Adopted**

2223-80 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS TO DATE COMPARED TO BUDGET

The statement of Receipts and Payments compared to Budgets for the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st December 2022 was **Noted.**

2223-81 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

On a proposal by the Cllr. Warne, seconded by Cllr.Cox, it was **Resolved** to approve the following payments.

Payee	Services	Amount £	Payment No.
2022/2023			
Rackenford Parish Council	Transfer to Online Account	40,000.00	735
RJ Martin	Salary December 2022	427.12	736
HMRC	Tax Deduction December 2022	106.80	737
RJ Martin	**Salary January 2023**	**288.39**	**2223-01**
HMRC	**Tax Deduction January 2023**	**72.20**	**2223-01**
RJ Martin	**Salary February 2023**	**288.59**	**2224-04**
HMRC	**Tax Deduction February 2023**	**72.00**	**2224-04**
RJ Martin	**Dropbox Subscription**	**95.88**	**2223-02**
L Godfrey	**Replacement for Lost Cheque 700**	**654.00**	**2223-02**
G Lamb	**NDDC Planning Pre-app Fee**	**70.00**	**2223-03**

2223-82 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) To consider the following Planning Applications and to agree comments:

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Reference	Location	Proposal
76433	Corner House Rackenford Tiverton Devon EX16 8DS	Removal of condition 8 (removal of permitted development rights) attached to planning permission 59915 (outline application for erection of three dwellings) **Decision: Support**

b) Planning Decisions since the last meeting

Reference	Location	Proposal	NDC Decision
None			

c) Planning Appeals since the last Meeting

Reference	Location	Proposal	Date of Appeal/Decision
None			

2223-83 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) Chairman's Report – the Chairman had nothing further to add.

b) Reports from Other Councillors

Cllr. Lucas reported that businesses with BT contracts were going to be required to move to fibre, requiring a change of telephones

Cllr. Phillips outlined where the potholes and drainage problems were and he was informed that these should be put on the DCC website. There were also a number of hedges that needed cutting back, for which the Chairman and Cllr. Phillips would drive around to see where they are.

2223-84 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meetings of Rackenford & Creacombe Parish Council is Tuesday 7th March 2023, at 7.30pm in Rackenford School.

2223-85 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman's Signature:

Date: 7/03/23