

Lostwithiel Town Council  
Finance, Staffing & General Purposes Committee Meeting

Wednesday 31 October 2012

A Meeting of the Town Council's Finance, Staffing & General Purposes Committee was held in the Town Clerk's Office on Wednesday 31 October 2012.

Councillors present

The Worshipful the Mayor of Lostwithiel Councillor Mrs G Parsons  
Committee Chairman Councillor C Jewels  
Honoured Burgess Nicholls,  
Councillor J Pegg & Councillor D Robson

In attendance

Town Clerk Sandra Harris

FSGP421/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

FSGP422/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Honoured Burgess Jones, Councillor May & Councillor Sweet.

FSGP423/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

FSGP424/12 MINUTES

The minutes of the Finance, Staffing & General Purposes Committee Meeting of 23 October 2012 were approved and duly signed by the Committee Chairman Councillor Jewels. Proposed Councillor Robson seconded Councillor Pegg. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

FSGP425/12 EDGCUMBE HOUSE - ROOF

Honoured Burgess Jones explained to the Committee the content of a local builder's report regarding the roof. An emergency repair has been undertaken which should keep the water out for the time being. Unfortunately there is no easy internal access to the roof; consequently it is difficult to accurately assess its condition. Honoured Burgess Jones suggested that the Committee considers that it may be necessary to re roof the building in the next couple of years. Honoured Burgess Jones further advised that this could cost in excess of £12,000 plus scaffolding costs and an extra £2,000 to replace internal ceilings. Honoured Burgess Jones will approach another builder and it was proposed by Councillor Pegg and seconded by Councillor Robson that the clerk is instructed to apply for Listed Building Consent for the repair/replacement of the ceiling.

FSGP426/12 BUDGET

It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Pegg that the Finance, Staffing and General Purposes Committee recommends to full Council a Committee budget of £79,680. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

FSGP427/12 CHURCH CLOCK – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Committee was advised that Honoured Burgess Peareth has already corrected the town clock.

#### FSGP428/12 WAR MEMORIAL

It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Pegg that Councillor Robson approaches Cornish Lime to ask if re-pointing the War Memorial can be undertaken free of charge during the Duchy Palace training days. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

#### FSGP429/12 TREE WORKS

The clerk advised the Committee that as a result of a limb falling from one of the trees outside the school an emergency inspection of the trees on the verge outside the school was authorised. It was discovered that one of the trees needed to be felled immediately due to Giant Polypore (*Meripilus giganteus*) fungus fruiting bodies. This is a root decay fungus which can result in the tree being wind thrown. The contractor has removed the top of this tree as an interim measure and will remove the trunk from site as soon as his works schedule allows. (Prior to works being started the diagnosis was also confirmed by a Cornwall Council Tree Officer.)

It was proposed by Councillor Jewels and seconded by Councillor Pegg that the actions authorised by the clerk under her emergency powers are authorised retrospectively. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

#### FSGP430/12 CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### FSGP431/12 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Leases

The Meeting closed at 9pm

Chairman

Date