

Minutes of a **Meeting** of **St Austell Bay Parish Council's Regatta Committee** held on **Wednesday 12th March 2025** at **2.00pm** in **The Pattern Hall, Charlestown Road.**

Present: Cllrs Bill and Sue Leach (StABPC), Terry Butler, John Fowler, Sue Facey (RC), Julie Larter (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Sandie Bailey

2. Minutes of a meeting of St Austell Bay Parish Council's Regatta Committee held on 10 July 2024

Accepted as a true record of the meeting

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Update on Discussions held between the Parish Council and Cornwall Council

Cormac put the design work for football pitch improvements out to tender and had devised a plan, which was shared and was acceptable to all.

The deadline for the S106 money for improvements to the field had passed. JL had spoken to Peter Crawford from Wain Homes and asked if the company would be willing to extend the deadline and the directors declined, meaning the money has to be returned to the company. Members felt Cornwall Council had been tardy in monitoring the money. Cllr James Mustoe is to speak to Cornwall Council about this.

Cornwall Council would like the parish council to take over responsibility for the field from themselves. This would most likely be in the form of a management agreement with a rider that the parish council would have no liability for any problems arising out of the flooding issue. Cllr Bill Leach and JL have been having regular discussions with Cornwall Council's devolution team and Open Space Officer regarding this. CC is unable to say how much they spend on maintaining the field as it does not disaggregate its open space budget. It is unlikely CC will provide any funding towards running costs but will explore whether some sort of devolution package can be offered and it is also exploring whether there are any other avenues of funding for improvements to the football pitch. JL calculates that it will cost in the region of £8500 pa to maintain the field.

Should the PC not enter into a management agreement, CC has stated that it will start charging for events on land it owns, which would have implications for the regatta.

TB will report back to the Regatta Committee.

JF has made arrangements with Cormac for them to undertake grass cutting and hedge trimming prior to the regatta.

6. Update from the Regatta Committee on Regatta Week 2025

There is uncertainty whether some events will be able to be held on the harbour due to ongoing lock gate works. It is hoped a decision will be made in the next week or so.

Cllr Sue Leach said that there was uncertainty about the VE Day commemoration event also and JL has emailed Charlene at the harbour for clarification.

7. Matters for Further Consideration

Cllr Bill Leach has stressed to CC that it must liaise with the Regatta Committee regarding any transfer of management to the parish council

JF raised the issue, previously discussed, about moving the storage container closer to the hedge. JL said that if the PC does become responsible for the field, appropriate planning permission (if required) would have to be sought.

The meeting finished at 3.45pm

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