

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held on 15 February 2022 at 7.30pm there were present:

Councillors – Julian Smith (Chair), Christina Whitty (Deputy Mayor), Kerry Cassidy, Ian Goldsworthy, Annette Lee-Julian, Jane Pascoe.

In attendance – Facilities Manager – Jacqui Orange, PA to Cllr. Lee-Julian – Richard Reardon.

Members of the Public – None present

The Chair opened the meeting and advised those present of housekeeping matters.

398 / 21 - **APOLOGIES** – The Mayor Councillor Simon Cassidy, Councillors Ambler, Powell and Reid.

399 / 21 - **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

400 / 21 – **DEVOLUTION** – A detailed devolution package proposal has been put together for consideration by the Facilities Committee following Parks and Open Spaces Working Group meeting held on 2 February 2022. Councillor Craker had provided some information regarding income related to Westbourne Car park. The estimated income for the first year following devolution of the identified assets is £116,500 against estimated operating costs of £141,900. In the second year estimated income is £133,500 against costs of £130,900. Following discussion by Committee members it was suggested that Westbourne Gardens and West Street Car Park be added to the devolution proposal. It was noted that West Street Car Park was formally used as a petrol filling station and there maybe issues around contamination and site remediation. Some allowance has been made for business rates in the calculations, but more accurate information is needed. Councillor Lee Julian proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the recommendation that the list of priorities for devolution, with income and costs and showing a net deficit to the Town Council, as discussed at the Parks and Open Spaces Working Group meeting held on 2 February 2022, be presented to the Town Council for adoption as the prioritised devolution list for negotiation with Cornwall Council with the addition of West Street Car Park and Westbourne Gardens.

401 / 21 – **PIPEWELL ADJACENT LAND** – A response has been received from Duchy of Cornwall confirming that they do not own the piece of land at Huddy's Court and adjacent to the Pipewell. The land is currently unregistered. The site did not form part of the parcel of land recently sold with Huddy's Court. It is not possible to determine who if anyone has a right of access over the land and whether this is for persons or vehicles. It maybe possible to trace the new owners of Huddy's Court through the Land Registry. Historically part of the site was used for a garage with access. Liskeard Museum may contain historical records and photographs that could provide further information. It is possible that the land belongs to the highways authority as it appears to have been resurfaced and line-marked by highways in the past. The Committee discussed the idea of demolishing the existing low wall to create a garden area that would complement the adjacent Pipewell. The next step is to contact the highways authority and undertake further research at Liskeard Museum regarding aerial photographs and maps.

402 /21 – **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 15 March 2022