

**GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7.00 pm**Commissioners' Offices, 35 New Road, Laxey****Minutes of the**

Present: Mr S. Ryzak (SR) Chair, Mrs M. Fargher (MF) Vice Chair, Ms M. Christian (MC)  
Mr S. Clague (SC), Mr T. Kenyon (TK). Mr P. Kinnish (PK).

Officers: Mr P. Burgess (PB), Clerk, Mr M. Royle (MR), Deputy Clerk/RFO.

Apologies: Ms. A. Creer (AC), Julie Pinson (JP), Mr J. Smith (JS).

**7.00pm****Public Meeting**

*To open the meeting and request that Members consider this agenda and declare any interest that they may, or may be perceived to have, in its business.*

*MF opened the meeting.*

**08/23.a**

*To discuss rate setting and budgets for YE 2024.*

*The clerks had circulated information prior to the meeting. Several spreadsheets were placed in front of Members on which various budget options were presented. The meeting was advised that the majority of contractors were indicating price increases that were in line with the current & projected rate of inflation. This was due to the economic downturn and the subsequent rise in inflation. The maintenance budget was discussed. It was noted that other bodies such as the NCAS Committee had yet to confirm their budgets. The clerks were instructed to consider raising this budget in the next budget that was presented. In these circumstances it was agreed to postpone rate-setting to a later date in January until the information had been received and all Members were present.*

**Planning:****09/23.a**

To re-consider: 22/01514/B Maughold Church Maughold

Replace existing east glazed screen with new glazed screen which incorporates ventilation to reduce damp build up.

*The Board resolved to issue no objection to this proposal. The clerks were instructed to invite MNH representatives to a meeting to brief the Commissioners on the plans for the Cross House and for the extension of the Village Hall as a presentation centre for the crosses. It was noted that these projects were at properties owned by the church authorities and as such the Commissioners were not permitted to assist with any funding.*

**09/23.b**

To discuss approval decision on: 21/00064/B Conversion of residential care home (class 3.2) to self-contained apartments & a dwelling (class 3.3 and 3.4) with associated parking.

Glen House Residential Home New Road Laxey.

*The Commissioners had been represented at Planning Committee when this application was approved. Because of the restricted size of the site, only six dedicated parking spaces would be provided. The Commissioners had argued that the provision was completely inadequate and would result in further parking pressures and inconvenience in the central Village. The Planning Officer had recommended approval and set aside the usual parking requirements on the basis that parking would always be an issue whatever use the building was put to in the future. It would also ensure that the building did not become derelict and an eyesore in the Village. He also stated that the site was on a major bus route which would be a disincentive to car ownership and added that the new residents would bring additional custom for the local businesses.*

*The consensus was that not enough had been done to find a solution to the parking issues that many Members felt would ensue. The parking situation would be monitored once the development had taken place and further consultation would take place with DEFA, the owners of the Glen approach and Laxey Glen. Enforceable parking restrictions could also be considered.*

**10/23**

**Any Other Urgent Business** *(to be submitted in writing by mid-day the previous Tuesday to the date of the meeting).*  
*No further matters were raised.*

**11/23****Matters in Private**

a)	<b>Laxey Promenade Public Shelter</b> <i>A discussion took place.</i>
	<b>Note: Local Government Act 1985, section 65; Disclosure of Information</b> 'Any member or former member of a local authority who, without the consent of the authority, divulges any information communicated to him in confidence as such member shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1000.'
	Meeting Closed at 8.40pm Date of Next Meeting 01.02.23